

6300, Washington, DC 20416 with the subject line: "Regional Innovation Cluster Quarterly and Annual Reporting"

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Alison Evans, Innovation Ecosystem Strategist, (202) 856-7386, *alison.evans@sba.gov*, or Shauniece Carter, Interim Agency Clearance Officer, (202) 921-2198, *Shauniece.Carter@sba.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a new collection for the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) Regional Innovation Cluster (RIC) Program. This data collection is an online form to be completed by the administrators of SBA-funded RICs. The form enables SBA to track cluster membership, small businesses served, types of small business assistance, and small business outcomes.

Through the RIC Program, the SBA invests regional clusters—geographic concentrations of interconnected companies, specialized suppliers, academic institutions, service providers, and associated organizations with a specific industry focus—throughout the United States that span a variety of industries, ranging from energy and manufacturing to advanced defense technologies. The standardized metrics collection enables SBA to rigorously track amount and type of small business support across individual RICs and review programmatic outcomes.

**Solicitation of Public Comments**

SBA is requesting comments on (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the agency to properly perform its functions; (b) whether the burden estimates are accurate; (c) whether there are ways to minimize the burden, including through the use of automated techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) whether there are ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information.

**Summary of Information Collection**

*PRA Number:* New Data collection.

(1) *Title:* Regional Innovation Cluster Quarterly and Annual Reporting.

*Description of Respondents:* Regional Innovation Cluster administrators (contractors).

*Total Estimated Annual Responses:* 80.

*Total Estimated Annual Hour Burden:* 400.

**Shauniece Carter,**

*Interim Agency Clearance Officer.*

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**[Disaster Declaration #21262 and #21263; INDIANA Disaster Number IN-20014]**

**Administrative Disaster Declaration of a Rural Area for the State of Indiana**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is a notice of an Administrative disaster declaration of a rural area for the State of Indiana dated August 28, 2025.

*Incident:* Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding.

**DATES:** Issued on August 28, 2025.

*Incident Period:* March 30, 2025 through April 9, 2025.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* October 27, 2025.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date:* May 28, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Visit the MySBA Loan Portal at <https://lending.sba.gov> to apply for a disaster assistance loan.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Talarico, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that as a result of the Administrator's disaster declaration of a rural area, applications for disaster loans may be submitted online using the MySBA Loan Portal <https://lending.sba.gov> or other locally announced locations. Please contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center by email at *disastercustomerservice@sba.gov* or by phone at 1-800-659-2955 for further assistance.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

*Primary Counties:* Owen

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Homeowners with Credit Available Elsewhere .....	5.500
Homeowners without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.750
Businesses with Credit Available Elsewhere .....	8.000
Businesses without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere ...	3.625
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.625

	Percent
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Business and Small Agricultural Cooperatives without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.625

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 21262C and for economic injury is 212630.

The State which received an EIDL Declaration is Indiana.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

**James Stallings,**

*Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience.*

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**Data Collection Available for Public Comments**

**ACTION:** 60-Day notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Small Business Administration (SBA) intends to request approval, from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the collection of information described below. The Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) requires federal agencies to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information before submission to OMB, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice complies with that requirement.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before November 3, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Send all comments to Alison Evans, Office of Investment and Innovation, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6300, Washington, DC 20416 with the subject line: "Regional Innovation Cluster Onboarding."

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a new collection for the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) Regional Innovation Cluster (RIC) Program. This data collection is an online form to be completed by small business and partner organization members of RICs funded through SBA.

The form enables SBA to track membership of RICs.

Through the RIC Program, the SBA invests regional clusters—geographic concentrations of interconnected companies, specialized suppliers, academic institutions, service providers, and associated organizations with a specific industry focus—throughout the United States that span a variety of industries, ranging from energy and manufacturing to advanced defense technologies. The standardized membership information will enable SBA to more rigorously track small business support across individual RICs and the overall program.

#### Solicitation of Public Comments

SBA is requesting comments on (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the agency to properly perform its functions; (b) whether the burden estimates are accurate; (c) whether there are ways to minimize the burden, including through the use of automated techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) whether there are ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information.

#### Summary of Information Collection

*PRA Number:* New data collection.

(1) *Title:* Regional Innovation Cluster Membership Onboarding Form.

*Description of Respondents:* Small business concerns and partner organizations who are members of Regional Innovation Clusters.

*Total Estimated Annual Responses:* 3,250.

*Total Estimated Annual Hour Burden:* 344.5.

**Shauniece Carter,**

*Interim Agency Clearance Officer.*

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## SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

[Docket No: SSA-2025-0322]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages requiring clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Public Law 104-13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, effective October 1, 1995. This notice includes one new information collection, and revisions of OMB-approved information collections.

SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; the need for the information;

its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility, and clarity; and ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Mail, email, or fax your comments and recommendations on the information collection(s) to the OMB Desk Officer and SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following addresses or fax numbers.

(OMB) Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Desk Officer for SSA.

(SSA) Social Security Administration, OLCA, Attn: Reports Clearance Director, Mail Stop 3253 Altmeyer, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235, Fax: 833-410-1631, Email address: [OR.Reports.Clearance@ssa.gov](mailto:OR.Reports.Clearance@ssa.gov).

Or you may submit your comments online through <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAmain> by clicking on Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments and choosing to click on one of SSA's published items. Please reference Docket ID Number [SSA-2025-0322] in your submitted response.

I. The information collections below are pending at SSA. SSA will submit them to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. To be sure we consider your comments, we must receive them no later than November 3, 2025. Individuals can obtain copies of the collection instrument by writing to the above email address.

1. *Ticket to Work Program Evaluation—0960-NEW.* In compliance with the Ticket to Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999 (Pub. L. 106-170), Section 101(d)(4)(A), SSA is contracting with Mathematica to conduct an independent evaluation to assess (1) the effects of the program on work outcomes and self-sufficiency, and (2) their cost effectiveness.

#### Background

The Ticket Act established supports designed to increase the availability of and access to employment services for adults with disabilities receiving Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI), hereafter referred to as Ticketholders.<sup>1</sup> Among the supports created by the Ticket Act were three programs:

- *Ticket To Work (TTW).* The TTW program established an alternative system for providing employment services to disabled SSI recipients and SSDI beneficiaries. Under TTW, Ticketholders can obtain vocational rehabilitation, employment services, or

other support services from SSA-approved Employment Networks (ENs) or state vocational rehabilitation (VR) agencies. SSA pays ENs or VR agencies if the Ticketholders they serve work and earn above specified amounts.

- *Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA).* SSA awards cooperative agreements to community-based organizations to provide expertise and counseling that helps disabled SSI recipients and SSDI beneficiaries understand how their earnings affect their disability benefits, with a goal of helping beneficiaries successfully transition to work.

- *Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security (PABSS).* SSA awards grants to Protection & Advocacy (P&A) agencies in states, territories, and tribal communities to provide legal-based advocacy services for SSI and SSDI beneficiaries who want to work. PABSS grantees offer services to help remove barriers to employment, including helping beneficiaries secure TTW and other employment-related services; helping beneficiaries understand issues with their disability benefits; and helping to protect beneficiaries' legal rights to employment, transportation, and housing.

#### Purpose of the Evaluation

To comply with *Public Law 106-170*, the evaluation will document the extent to which Ticket Act programs are effective, meaning that they achieve their legislative intent: to allow individuals with disabilities to seek the services necessary to obtain and retain employment and reduce their dependency on cash benefit programs. The evaluation findings on these components will support SSA's understanding of:

- (1) Whether the programs achieve their legislative intent;
- (2) The factors contributing to this achievement or lack thereof, and
- (3) Opportunities for improvement of the programs' efficiency and effectiveness.

The evaluation will also document the cost effectiveness of Ticket Act programs as currently structured, identifying opportunities to deliver the same outcomes at lower costs or improve outcomes with additional investments.

As SSA implemented many changes to the Ticket Act programs since our last comprehensive evaluation in 2013, we are also conducting this evaluation to assess these revisions to the programs, including:

- The increased prevalence of remote service delivery, which makes services

<sup>1</sup>Throughout this document, "Ticketholders" broadly refers to working-age disabled SSI and SSDI beneficiaries who are eligible for services created by the Ticket Act.