

should be submitted within seven days after placement of the CBP data on the record of the inquiry.

Commerce intends to establish a schedule for questionnaire responses after respondent selection. A company's failure to completely respond to Commerce's requests for information may result in the application of partial or total facts available, pursuant to section 776(a) of the Act, which may include adverse inferences, pursuant to section 776(b) of the Act.

Suspension of Liquidation

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.226(l)(1), Commerce will notify CBP of the initiation of this circumvention inquiry and direct CBP to continue the suspension of liquidation of entries of products subject to the circumvention inquiry that were already subject to the suspension of liquidation under the *Orders*, and to apply the cash deposit rate that would be applicable if the product was determined to be covered by the scope of the *Orders*. Should Commerce issue preliminary or final circumvention determinations, Commerce will follow the suspension of liquidation rules under 19 CFR 351.226(l)(2)–(4).

Notification to Interested Parties

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.226(d) and section 781(b) of the Act, Commerce determines that the requesters' request for a circumvention inquiry satisfies the requirements of 19 CFR 351.226(c). Accordingly, Commerce is notifying all interested parties of the initiation of this circumvention inquiry to determine whether CORE from Thailand using components manufactured in Korea is circumventing the *Orders*. In addition, we have included a description of the products that are the subject of this inquiry, and an explanation of the reasons for Commerce's decision to initiate this inquiry as provided above and in the accompanying Circumvention Initiation Checklist.⁸

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.226(e)(1), Commerce intends to issue its preliminary circumvention determination within 150 days from the date of publication of the notice of initiation of a circumvention inquiry in the **Federal Register**. Furthermore, in accordance with section 781(f) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.226(e)(2), unless the circumvention inquiry is rescinded, in whole or in part, or extended, Commerce intends to issue its final determination within 300 days from the date of publication of the notice of

initiation of the circumvention inquiry in the **Federal Register**.

This notice is published in accordance with section 781(b) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.226(d)(1)(iii).

Dated: March 30, 2026.

Christopher Abbott,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Negotiations, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; ASKCHIPS Information Collection

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before June 1, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments by mail to Maureen O'Reilly, Management Analyst, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, MS 1710, Gaithersburg, MD 20899 or by email to PRANIST@nist.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 0693–0092 in the subject line for your comments. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Cierra Bean, Business Operations Analyst, CHIPS Program Office, askchips@chips.gov, (202) 815–2677.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The CHIPS Incentives Program is authorized by Title XCIX—Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors for America of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Pub. L. 116–283, referred to as the CHIPS Act or Act), as amended by the CHIPS Act of 2022 (Division A of Pub. L. 117–167). The CHIPS Incentives Program is administered by the CHIPS Program Office (CPO) within the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) of the United States Department of Commerce (Department). The Ask CHIPS web form will be available as a streamlined method for customers to submit requests to meet with the CHIPS team or request a speaker engagement. The information will be used by the CHIPS Program Office to schedule and coordinate engagements with CHIPS stakeholders.

Information to be collected includes: Basic customer contact information, details on who they would like to meet with and when/where, as well as CHIPS-related topics they would like to discuss. The data requested is limited to the information necessary to efficiently schedule these engagements and provide the customer with the desired information during these engagements.

II. Method of Collection

CHIPS engagement meeting requests may be submitted via the web portal at <https://askchips.chips.gov/> or submitted via email. The web form submission is the preferred method which the CHIPS program is adopting in order to provide the customer with a simple method to provide all information associated with an engagement request in one go (as opposed to time-consuming back-and-forth email correspondence).

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0693–0092.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular submission, extension of current information collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 250.

Estimated Time per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 21 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$981.89.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: CHIPS Act of 2022 (Division A of Pub. L. 117–167) (the Act).

⁸ See Circumvention Initiation Checklist.

IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Sheleen Dumas,

Departmental PRA Compliance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Board of Overseers of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Board of Overseers of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (“Board of Overseers” or “Board”) will meet in open session on Thursday, June 11, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The purpose of this meeting is for the Board of Overseers to review and discuss the work of the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program, to implement improvements to the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (“Award”), and

to provide recommendations to the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) as the Board deems necessary. The agenda will include the Baldrige Program Update, Baldrige Foundation Update, Ethics Review, Alliance for Performance Excellence Update, Communities of Excellence Update, and New Business/Public Comment. Details of the agenda are noted in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, June 11th, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The meeting will be open to the public.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held virtually via webinar. Please note admittance instructions under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Fangmeyer, Director, Baldrige Performance Excellence Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 1020, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899–1020, via telephone at (301) 975–2361 or via email at robert.fangmeyer@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 3711a(d)(1); 15 U.S.C. 3711a(d)(2)(B); and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 1000 *et seq.*

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 1000 *et seq.*, notice is hereby given that the Board of Overseers will meet in open session on Thursday, June 11, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The Board is composed of six members preeminent in the field of organizational performance excellence and appointed by the Secretary of Commerce, makes an annual report on the results of Award activities to the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), and submits recommendations to the Director for improvement of the Award process. The Board consists of a balanced representation from U.S. service, manufacturing, nonprofit, education, and healthcare industries; its members are familiar with the quality, performance improvement operations, and competitiveness issues of manufacturing companies, service companies, small businesses, nonprofits, healthcare providers, and educational institutions.

The purpose of this meeting is to welcome and introduce the Board and to review and discuss the work of the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program (“Program”). The agenda will include the Baldrige Program Update,

Baldrige Foundation Update, Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Update (“Judges Panel”) Update, Ethics Review for both the Judges Panel and the Board, Alliance for Performance Excellence Update, Communities of Excellence Update, and New Business/Public Comment. The agenda may change to accommodate the Board of Overseers business. The final agenda will be posted on the NIST Baldrige Performance Excellence website at <http://www.nist.gov/baldrige/community/overseers.cfm>. The meeting is open to the public. Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer verbal comments and suggestions related to the Board’s affairs are invited to request a place on the agenda.

Approximately thirty minutes will be reserved for public comments during the meeting, and speaking times will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. The amount of time devoted to each speaker will be determined by the number of requests received, and it is likely to be limited to approximately three minutes. The exact time for public comments will be included in the final agenda that will be posted on the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program website at <http://www.nist.gov/baldrige/community/overseers.cfm>. Questions from the public will not be considered during this period. Requests must be submitted by email to Robyn Decker at robyn@nist.gov and must be received by 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time, June 4, 2026, to be considered. Speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, individuals who wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, and those who were unable to attend the meeting are invited to submit written statements by email to robyn@nist.gov. Written statements may be submitted at any time.

Admittance Instructions: All participants will be attending virtually via webinar and need to pre-register to be admitted. Please contact Mrs. Robyn Decker via email at robyn@nist.gov; via U.S. mail at the National Institute of Standards and Technology c/o Robyn Decker, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 1020, Gaithersburg, MD 20899; or via telephone at (301) 975–2361. Please include your name, email, and telephone number with all registration requests, and you will receive instructions for webinar admittance. All requests to attend must be received by 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time, June 4, 2026.

Special Accommodations: Individuals requiring special accommodations to access the public meeting should contact robyn@nist.gov, no later than