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The MBDA technical assistance programs continue to use the Online CRM/Performance Database. The client transaction and verification forms will be used to collect information about the effectiveness of the programs funded by the agency. The forms include a statement regarding MBDA's intended use and transfer of the information collected to other federal agencies for the purpose of conducting research and studies on minority and underserved businesses.

II. Method of Collection

Information will be collected both manually and electronically.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0640–0025.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit organizations; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6.

Estimated Time per Response: 5–60 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 512.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to

Public: \$0.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: The statutory authority for the MBDA Business Center Program is 3009(e)(2) of the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010, as amended by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) (codified at 12 U.S.C. 5708(e)(2)). MBDA's programmatic authority is 15 U.S.C. 9501–9598.

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

Minority Business Development Agency

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Capital Readiness Program Online Customer Relationship Management (CRM)—Performance Databases

AGENCY: Minority Business Development Agency, 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 October 19, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments by mail to Minority Business Development Agency PRA Officer at PRAComments@doc.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 0640–0025 in the subject line of 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 Uma Hiremagalur at uhiremagalur@mbda.gov or CRPAwardees@mbda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

In 2023, MBDA awarded cooperative agreements under the Notice of Funding Opportunity for the MBDA Capital Readiness Program. In accordance with the Government Performance and Results Act/Modernization Act (GPRA/MA), and the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018 (Evidence Act), MBDA requires all award recipients to report basic participant information, service activities, and progress on attainment of program goals via the Online CRM/Performance Database. The data inputs into the Online CRM/Performance Database originates from progress report forms used by each awardee to collect information about each participant that receives technical assistance services under the Capital Readiness Program.

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OMB Control Number: 0640–0025.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit organizations; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20.

Estimated Time per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,000 (for about 200 responses per respondent).

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

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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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Geophysical Surveys Related to Oil and Gas Activities in the Gulf of America

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; issuance of letter of authorization.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), as amended, its implementing regulations, and NMFS' MMPA regulations for taking marine mammals incidental to geophysical surveys related to oil and gas activities in the Gulf of America (GOA), notification is hereby given that NMFS has modified the Letter of Authorization (LOA) issued to bp Exploration and Production Inc. (bp) for the take of marine mammals incidental to geophysical survey activity in the GOA.

DATES: The LOA is effective through October 1, 2026.

ADDRESSES: The LOA, LOA request, and supporting documentation are available online at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/incidental-take-authorization-oil-and-gas-industry-geophysical-survey-activity-gulf-mexico>. In case of problems accessing these documents, please call the contact listed below (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jenna Harlacher, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427–8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Sections 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) direct the Secretary of Commerce to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of small numbers of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region if certain findings are made and either regulations are issued or, if the taking is limited to harassment, a notice of a proposed authorization is provided to the public for review.

An authorization for incidental takings shall be granted if NMFS finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s), will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses (where relevant), and if the permissible methods of taking and requirements pertaining to the mitigation, monitoring and reporting of such takings are set forth. NMFS has defined “negligible impact” in 50 CFR 216.103 as an impact resulting from the specified activity that cannot be reasonably expected to, and is not reasonably likely to, adversely affect the species or stock through effects on annual rates of recruitment or survival.

Except with respect to certain activities not pertinent here, the MMPA defines “harassment” as: any act of pursuit, torment, or annoyance which: (i) has the potential to injure a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild (Level A harassment); or (ii) has the potential to disturb a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild by causing disruption of behavioral patterns, including, but not limited to, migration, breathing, nursing, breeding, feeding, or sheltering (Level B harassment).

On January 19, 2021, we issued a final rule with regulations to govern the unintentional taking of marine mammals incidental to geophysical survey activities conducted by oil and gas industry operators, and those persons authorized to conduct activities on their behalf (collectively “industry operators”), in U.S. waters of the GOA¹ over the course of 5 years (86 FR 5322, January 19, 2021). The rule was based on our findings that the total taking from the specified activities over the 5-year period will have a negligible

¹ Pursuant to Executive Order 14172, “Restoring Names That Honor American Greatness,” and Department of the Interior Secretarial Order 3423, “The Gulf of America,” the body of water formerly known as the Gulf of Mexico is now called the Gulf of America. Accordingly, NMFS amended the incidental take regulations to reflect the change. See 90 FR 38001 (August 7, 2025).