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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Copies of the submission may be obtained by calling 703-292-7556.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NSF may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Title of Collection: Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery.

OMB Number: 3145-0215.

Type of Request: Revision to and extension of approval of an information collection.

Abstract: The proposed information collection activity provides a means for the National Science Foundation (NSF) to garner qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with the Agency's commitment to improving service delivery.

By qualitative feedback we mean information that provides useful insights on perceptions and opinions, but not statistical surveys that yield quantitative results that can be generalized to the population of study. This feedback will provide insights into customer or stakeholder perceptions, experiences, and expectations; provide an early warning of issues with service; or focus attention on areas where communication, training, or changes in operations might improve delivery of products or services. This collection will allow for ongoing, collaborative and actionable communications between the Agency and its customers and stakeholders. It will also allow feedback to contribute directly to the improvement of program management.

The solicitation of feedback will target areas such as: Timeliness,

appropriateness, accuracy of information, courtesy, efficiency of service delivery, and resolution of issues with service delivery. Responses will be assessed to plan and inform efforts to improve or maintain the quality of service offered to the public. If this information is not collected, vital feedback from customers and stakeholders on the Agency's services will be unavailable.

NSF will only submit a collection for approval under this generic clearance if it meets the following conditions:

- The collection is voluntary;
- The collection is low-burden for respondents (based on considerations of total burden hours, total number of respondents, or burden-hours per respondent) and is low-cost for both the respondents and the Federal Government;
- The collection is non-controversial and does not raise issues of concern to other Federal agencies;
- The collection is targeted to the solicitation of opinions from respondents who have experience with the program or may have experience with the program in the near future;
- Personally identifiable information (PII) is collected only to the extent necessary and is not retained;
- Information gathered is intended to be used only internally for general service improvement and program management purposes and is not intended for release outside of NSF (if released, NSF must indicate the qualitative nature of the information);
- Information gathered will not be used for the purpose of substantially informing influential policy decisions; and
- Information gathered will yield qualitative information; the collection will not be designed or expected to yield statistically reliable results or used as though the results are generalizable to the population of study.

Feedback collected under this generic clearance provides useful information, but it does not yield data that can be generalized to the overall population. This type of generic clearance for qualitative information will not be used for quantitative information collections that are designed to yield reliably actionable results, such as monitoring trends over time or documenting program performance. Such data uses require more rigorous designs that address: The target population to which generalizations will be made, the sampling frame, the sample design (including stratification and clustering), the precision requirements or power calculations that justify the proposed sample size, the expected response rate,

methods for assessing potential nonresponse bias, the protocols for data collection, and any testing procedures that were or will be undertaken prior to fielding this study. Depending on the degree of influence the results are likely to have, such collections may still be eligible for submission for other generic mechanisms that are designed to yield quantitative results.

As a general matter, this information collection will not result in any new system of records containing privacy information and will not ask questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.

Below we provide the National Science Foundation's projected average estimates for the next three years:

Affected public: Individuals and Households, Businesses and Organizations, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Average expected annual number of activities: 50.

Respondents: 500 per activity.

Annual responses: 25,000.

Frequency of response: Once per request.

Average minutes per response: 30.

Burden hours: 12,500.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: National Science Foundation (NSF) Directorate for Technology, Innovation and Partnerships (TIP) Reviewer Request Form

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) has submitted the following information collection requirement to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This is the second notice for public comment; the first was published in the **Federal Register**, and no comments were received. NSF is forwarding the proposed submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance simultaneously with the publication of this second notice.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

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Comments: Comments regarding (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the NSF, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the NSF's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, use, and clarity of the information on respondents; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to the points of contact in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: National Science Foundation (NSF) Directorate for Technology, Innovation and Partnerships (TIP) Reviewer Request Form.

OMB Control No.: 3145-0273.

Type of Request: Revision to and extension of approval of an information collection.

Proposed Project

For more than 70 years, the National Science Foundation (NSF) has supported the full spectrum of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) research and education—from foundational, curiosity-driven discovery to use-inspired and solutions-oriented research that addresses national and economic challenges. Across this continuum, scientific discovery, innovation, and technology translation are deeply interconnected.

The NSF Directorate for Technology, Innovation and Partnerships (TIP) was established to strengthen the agency's capacity to accelerate the translation of research outputs to the market. TIP advances use-inspired and translational research through investments that support technology development, workforce development, and regional innovation as outlined in the CHIPS and Science Act.

Some examples of TIP investments include: Accelerating Research Translation (ART), (<https://www.nsf.gov/funding/opportunities/art-accelerating-research-translation>) Innovation Corps (I-Corps) (<https://beta.nsf.gov/funding/initiatives/i-corps/about-teams>), Regional Innovation Engines (NSF Engines) (<https://www.nsf.gov/funding/initiatives/regional-innovation-engines>), Pathways to Enable Open-Source Ecosystems (POSE) (<https://www.nsf.gov/funding/initiatives/pathways-enable-open-source-ecosystems>), and America's Seed Fund (SBIR/STTR) (<https://seedfund.nsf.gov/>).

Due to the breadth and specialized nature of these programs, the Directorate requires the ability to recruit reviewers with wide-ranging expertise, experience, and perspectives. Appropriate reviewers for TIP programs may come from varied sectors and professional backgrounds, including academia, industry, startups, venture development, technology transfer organizations, workforce development entities, regional innovation partnerships, nonprofit organizations, and open-source communities.

Accordingly, NSF requests renewal of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the *TIP Directorate Reviewer Request Form*. The information collection enables TIP programs to gather information necessary to identify and recruit reviewers whose expertise, experience, and professional backgrounds align with the objectives, subject matter, and evaluation needs of specific funding

opportunities and merit review activities.

The information collection consists of two components. The first component aligns with the NSF-wide Reviewer Request Form (NSF 428A) and collects standard reviewer information, educational background, demographic information, and professional experience. The second component contains customizable program-specific questions that allow TIP programs to request additional information relevant to the goals and needs of individual programs or solicitations.

Program-specific information may include, but is not limited to:

- Areas of technical or domain expertise;
- Sector experience (e.g., academia, industry, nonprofit, venture, or government);
- Experience in technology translation, commercialization, entrepreneurship, workforce development, or regional innovation ecosystem development;
- Professional affiliations, websites, or LinkedIn profiles;
- Prior reviewer, mentoring, or startup advisory experience; and
- Potential conflicts of interest.

The flexibility afforded by the customizable portion of the *TIP Reviewer Request Form* is necessary because reviewer qualifications appropriate for one TIP program may not adequately reflect the expertise required for another. The requested information will support TIP Program Directors in identifying reviewers with the appropriate expertise and perspectives necessary to conduct fair, rigorous, and context-appropriate merit review processes across the Directorate's diverse portfolio and funding activities.

Following standard OMB requirements, NSF will require OMB approval in advance and provide OMB with a copy of the form containing these questions and/or data fields. Data collected will be used strictly for reviewer recruiting purposes. The data collection burden to the individuals will be limited to no more than 10 minutes of the respondents' time in each instance.

Respondents: Members of the public who possess the expertise and experience qualifications to potentially review grant applications solicited by NSF's TIP directorate.

Estimated number of annual respondents: 3,000.

Burden on the public: It is estimated to take 10 minutes per respondent per form, for a total of 500 hours per year.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection

Activities: Request for Comment Regarding Common Disclosure Forms for the Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending (Other) Support

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to renew this collection. In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are providing opportunity for public comments on this action. After obtaining and considering public comments, NSF will prepare the submission requesting Office of Management and Budget (OMB) clearance of this collection for no longer than 3 years.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by October 26, 2026 to be assured consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Please address comments to Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 401 Dulany Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone (703) 292-7556; or send an email to splimpto@nsf.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339, which is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year (including Federal holidays).

Comments: Comments are requested on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of

information technology; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Request for Comment regarding Common Disclosure Forms for the Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending (Other) Support.

OMB Approval Number: 3145-0279.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to renew an information collection.

I. Background

Section 4(b) of NSPM-33 directs that "research funding agencies shall require the disclosure of information related to potential conflicts of interest and commitment from participants in the Federally funded R&D enterprise The appropriate disclosure requirement varies depending on the individual's role in the United States R&D enterprise." Section 4(b)(vi) directs that "agencies should standardize forms for initial disclosures as well as annual updates, . . . and should provide clear instructions to accompany these forms and to minimize any associated administrative burden."

The National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) Research Security Subcommittee developed consistent disclosure requirements from senior personnel, as well as common disclosure forms for the Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending (Other) Support sections of an application for Federal research and development (R&D) grants or cooperative agreements. The purpose of the Biographical Sketch is to assess how well qualified the individual, team, or organization is to conduct the proposed activities. The purpose of Current and Pending (Other) Support is to assess the capacity of the individual to carry out the research as proposed and to help identify any potential scientific and budgetary overlap/duplication, as well as overcommitment with the project being proposed. NSF has agreed to continue to serve as the steward for collection and resolution of public comments, as well as for posting and maintaining the latest versions of the above-mentioned

documents of the common forms and other associated documents.

These common forms are intended to clarify what is expected of senior personnel applying for R&D funding from Federal research funding agencies. Variations among research agencies will be limited to cases: (a) where required by statute or regulation; (b) where more stringent protections are necessary for protection of R&D that is classified, export-controlled, or otherwise legally protected; or (c) for other compelling reasons consistent with individual agency authorities and as coordinated through the NSTC.

As stated in the NSPM-33 Implementation Guidance, "the goal of these common forms and accompanying instructions is to ensure that applying for awards from any Federal research funding agency will require disclosing the same information in the same manner, to increase clarity and reduce administrative burden on the research community. In some cases, research agencies may adapt the forms and instructions, where required by their legal authorities. Such common forms also will allow the research community to identify and point out where greater clarity may be needed."

Agencies may develop agency- or program-specific data elements and instructions, if necessary, to meet programmatic requirements, although agencies will be instructed to minimize the degree to which they supplement the common forms. Modification and/or supplementation of these common forms will require clearance by OMB/OIRA under the PRA process.

These common forms replace forms/formats currently used by agencies for these sections of applications, thereby increasing the consistency of disclosure forms and reducing administrative burden.

II. Invitation To Comment

The following documents are available for review and comment on the NSF website (see https://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/nstc_disclosure.jsp):

a. A common Biographical Sketch form, including data elements and associated instructions; and

b. A common Current and Pending (Other) Support form, including data elements and associated instructions.