

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁹

Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #21819 and #21820; MISSOURI Disaster Number MO–20033]

Administrative Disaster Declaration of a Rural Area for the State of Missouri

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is notice of an Administrative disaster declaration of a rural area for the state of Missouri dated August 28, 2026.

Incident: Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding.

DATES: Issued on August 28, 2026.

Incident Period: April 23, 2026 through April 28, 2026.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: October 27, 2026.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan

Application Deadline Date: May 28, 2027.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Milton Murphy, Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205–6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given 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 in person at locally announced locations. For further assistance please contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center by email at disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or by phone at 1–800–659–2955. If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7–1–1 to access telecommunications relay services.

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

Primary Counties: Randolph, Saline.

The Interest Rates are:

<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Homeowners with Credit Available Elsewhere	5.750
Homeowners without Credit Available Elsewhere	2.875
Businesses with Credit Available Elsewhere	8.000
Businesses without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000
Private Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625
Private Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Business and Small Agricultural Cooperatives without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000
Private Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 21819B and for economic injury is 218200.

The state which received an SBA Administrative rural declaration is Missouri.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

(Authority: 13 CFR 123.3(b)).

James Stallings

Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Updated Minimum Performance Standards for Commercialization for Firms That Receive Funding Through the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Programs

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is publishing for public comment updated minimum performance standards for commercialization for firms funded through the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Programs. This commercialization benchmark establishes a minimum share of annual revenue that a Small Business Concern (SBC) must derive from sources other than SBIR or STTR program funding in order to remain eligible for a new Phase I or Direct-to-Phase II award, where that SBC has received more than 25 Phase II awards during the five most recently completed fiscal years, excluding the current fiscal year. The revised

benchmark will supersede the benchmark announced at 78 FR 48537 and 78 FR 59410. This requirement is issued under the authority of Section 9 of the Small Business Act.

DATES: The standards take effect November 15, 2026, and when published on www.sbir.gov.

Comment date: Comments to this notice must be received on or before October 31, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments to Joshua Carter, Associate Administrator, Office of Investment and Innovation, Small Business Administration, Washington, DC 20416.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joshua Carter, Associate Administrator, Office of Investment and Innovation, (800) 827–5722, technology@sba.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background. Under section 9 of the Small Business Act, 15 U.S.C. 638(qq)(2), each participating agency must establish a measurement system and minimum performance standard for progress towards Phase III success and evaluate covered SBCs annually. Each agency submits its system and standard to SBA, and the Administrator must approve each standard and ensure it meets a de minimis level. Notice and comment are required before a system, standard, or approval takes effect per 15 U.S.C. 638(qq)(4), (5). SBA is updating the de minimis level and has approved the benchmark described below for the 11 participating agencies.

Trigger. The updated minimum performance standard applies to any SBC that has received more than 25 Phase II awards (SBIR and STTR combined, across all participating agencies) during the five most recently completed fiscal years, excluding the current fiscal year.

Measurement. For the purposes of this benchmark, “non-SBIR revenue share” means the percentage of the small business concern's total revenue, that is not derived from Phase I or Phase II SBIR or STTR award funding. Non-SBIR revenue includes revenue received from awards made under the Phase III authority of the SBIR and STTR programs at 15 U.S.C. 638(r). The denominator for this calculation is the SBC's total company revenue from all sources within the three most recent fiscal years excluding the current fiscal year.

Phased Implementation. SBA will phase in the minimum non-SBIR revenue share required to pass this benchmark as follows:

- Fiscal Year 2027 assessment: An SBC subject to this benchmark must demonstrate a non-SBIR revenue share

⁹ 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

of at least 33 percent during the three most recent fiscal years excluding the current fiscal year.

- Fiscal Year 2028 assessment and each fiscal year thereafter: An SBC subject to this benchmark must demonstrate a non-SBIR revenue share of at least 50 percent during the three most recent fiscal years excluding the current fiscal year.

For example, if a company received 30 Phase II awards across Fiscal Years 2022 through 2026, it would be subject to this benchmark at the June 1, 2027, determination. If, for the three most recent fiscal years, the company reports total revenue of \$4,000,000, of which \$800,000 came from private commercial sales, \$300,000 came from an award made under Phase III authority from a federal agency, and \$100,000 came from another government contract, for a combined non-SBIR revenue of \$1,200,000, the company's non-SBIR revenue would represent 30 percent of their total revenue, and thus the company would not meet the 33 percent Fiscal Year 2027 threshold and would be subject to the consequence described below. Note that the private commercial revenue and all non-SBIR government funding count toward the 30 percent figure under this benchmark's definition of non-SBIR revenue. Beginning with the Fiscal Year 2028 assessment, that same company would need to reach a 50 percent non-SBIR revenue share during the three most recent fiscal years to pass.

Consequence of Failing to Meet the Benchmark. An SBC that fails to meet the applicable minimum non-SBIR revenue share threshold is not eligible to submit a proposal for a new Phase I or Direct-to-Phase-II award from any participating agency during the one-year period beginning on the date on which the determination was made.

Section 9(qq)(4) of the Small Business Act requires that each system and minimum performance standard established under Section 9(qq)(1) or (qq)(2) be submitted to, and approved by, the SBA Administrator, who must ensure that the minimum performance standard exceeds a de minimis level. SBA is required to publish, at least 60 days before becoming effective, the system and performance standard to be used, and the approval by SBA. SBA will review all comments received in response to this notice and issue the final commercialization benchmark requirement within the timeframe noted above in the **DATES** section of this notice. That requirement will be

published at www.sbir.gov, consistent with 15 U.S.C. 638(qq)(4)(A).

Joshua Carter,

Associate Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 13100]

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Rescindment of a system of records notice.

SUMMARY: The former Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs Contact List, State-03 which is being rescinded, contained contact information from business, labor, agricultural and non-government organizations, and others working in the international economic arena as well as individuals who were interested in or requested information about economic issues. The information was used for inviting individuals to Department briefings on international economic issues, disseminating speeches and articles on economic issues by Department officials, and providing U.S. government fact sheets on major international economic issues.

DATES: The Department of State published Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, State-03 on October 26, 2001. Effective February 2025, the Department no longer maintains this system of records.

ADDRESSES: Questions can be submitted by mail, email, or by calling Timothy J. Kootz, the Senior Agency Official for Privacy on (202) 485–2051. If mail, please write to: U.S. Department of State; Office of Shared Knowledge Services, A/SKS; Room 4534, 2201 C St. NW, Washington, DC 20520. If email, please address the email to the Senior Agency Official for Privacy, Timothy J. Kootz, at SORN@state.gov. Please write “Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs Contact List, State-03” on the envelope or the subject line of your email.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Timothy J. Kootz, Senior Agency Official for Privacy; U.S. Department of State; Office of Shared Knowledge Services, A/SKS; Room 4534, 2201 C St. NW, Washington, DC 20520 or by calling (202) 485–2051.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Due to their age and short-term temporary nature, the records in “Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs Contact List State-03” are presumed to have

been destroyed, in accordance with the Department's records disposition schedule, since the Office of Economic Policy Analysis and Public Diplomacy (EB/EPPD) no longer exists and thus no longer uses or maintains the system of records, and both EB/EPPD and the Department's Office of Enterprise Records Management are unable to locate or confirm whether the records were destroyed. [Note: As of July 14, EB/EPPD no longer exists, and the Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs is now the Bureau of Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs. End Note.] The underlying records previously maintained in this system of records were temporary and presumed destroyed or deleted in accordance with Disposition Authority Number DAA–GRS–2017–0002–0002 (GRS 6.5, item 020). As a result, the information is no longer subject to any routine uses. Due to the age of this SORN, EB/EPPD and the Enterprise Records Management Office (A/SKS/PPKM/ERM) are unable to identify a specific date or timeframe of when the records were destroyed or deleted. State-03 was last published at 66 FR 54320 on October 26, 2001.

SYSTEM NAME AND NUMBER:

Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs Contact List State–03.

HISTORY:

66 FR 54320.

Authority: 22 U.S.C. 2651a and 5 U.S.C. 552a.

Timothy J. Kootz,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Shared Knowledge Services (A/SKS), U.S. Department of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 422X)]

Norfolk Southern Railway Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Scioto County, Ohio

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 subpart F—Exempt Abandonments to abandon approximately 24.43 miles of rail line located between milepost CT 80.57 ± and approximately milepost CT 105.0 ± in Scioto County, Ohio (the Line). The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 45662, 45652, 45663, 45660, 45671, and 45657.

NSR has certified that: (1) no local traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years; (2) any overhead traffic