NIST proposes to make the following nonsubstantive change(s) on the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Cover Sheet (Collection Instrument), OMB Control No. 0693-0072, Expiration Date 10/31/2017.

1. Remove this statement **‘THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES’** from the collection instrument. This statement was a header for questions #5 through #10. This statement is being removed because some of the responses may be used in application evaluation and award selection which is described in the Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO).
2. Remove question #8 in it’s entirety from the collection instrument. **‘The applicant qualifies as a veteran-owned SBC.’** And **‘The applicant qualifies as a service-disabled veteran-owned SBC’**. This statement is being removed because the information is no longer necessary to collect.

NIST is requesting no other changes to this information collection under this non-substantive change request.

Thank you,

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