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Re: Study of Microenterprise Participation (New Collection of Information)

The Small Business Administration (SBA) is requesting emergency processing of the attached new information collection, SBA Study of Microenterprise Participation. Under Section 853(c) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115-232), SBA is required to conduct a study of microenterprise participation in the Agency's Microloan Program, and submit a report with its findings and recommendations to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship and the Committee on Small Business not later than August 13, 2019. SBA published the public comment notice required by 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(i)(iv) on March 4, 2019, at 84 FR 7411. However, SBA has determined that use of the other normal clearance procedures, including publishing the 30-day comment notice, and the usual OMB review time is reasonably likely to cause the statutory deadline to be missed.

During the recent post-shutdown period the program office had to devote more of its limited resources than anticipated to restoring loan and grant activities and resolving reimbursement and other issues. As a result, the Agency is now in danger of not being able to carry out the statutory mandate to report to Congress in a timely manner. Therefore, to provide SBA with adequate time to conduct the survey, evaluate the results, and prepare the report, SBA requests that OMB review and approve the attached information collection by May, 20, 2019. We appreciate your consideration of this request. Please let us know if you need any further information.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Daniel Upham", is written over the typed name and title.

Sincerely,
Daniel Upham
Acting Director, Office of Economic Opportunity