

Department of the Treasury
Departmental Offices
**Annual Performance Report and Certification for Section 1603: Payments for Specified
Renewable Energy Property in Lieu of Tax Credits**

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1. Circumstances necessitating the collection of information

Authorized under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), of 2009 (Pub. L. 111-5), the Department of the Treasury has implemented several provisions of the Act, more specifically Division B-Tax, Unemployment, Health, State Fiscal Relief, and Other Provisions. Among these components is a program which requires Treasury, in lieu of a tax credit, to reimburse persons who place in service certain specified energy properties. The collection of information is necessary to properly monitor compliance with program requirements. Applicants for Section 1603 payments commit in the terms and conditions that are part of the application to submitting an annual report for five years from the date the energy property is placed in service.

2. Use of the data

The information collected will be used to:

- (1) determine whether payment recipients remain eligible,
- (2) determine that the amount of the 1603 payment remains allowable under applicable laws,
- (3) assess compliance with applicable laws, and
- (4) report on the effectiveness of the program.

3. Use of information technology

Awardees will complete the annual report and certification via an online system. Supporting documentation can be uploaded with the report data. Data from reports will be stored electronically.

4. Efforts to identify duplication

The information that will be collected may have some overlap with similar data collected under previously approved information collections for applications. However, previously approved information is shown in the fillable form and respondents update the information if there is a change in the circumstances.

5. Impact on small entities

Since this is a voluntary program, we anticipate no undue impact on small entities.

6. Consequences of less frequent collection and obstacles to burden reduction

The terms and conditions of the Section 1603 program require that reports be filed annually, thus the information cannot be collected less frequently. Failure to submit this information annually would impair Treasury’s ability to oversee and ensure compliance with the program’s rules.

7. Circumstances requiring special information collection

There are no special circumstances that would cause this information collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with 5 CFR 1320.5.

8. Solicitation of comments on information collection

Treasury published a notice in the *Federal Register* soliciting comments from the public on October 28, 2019 at 84 FR 57809. The notice requested comments on practical utility; accuracy in estimates, enhancement of collected information, burden reduction, and capital start-up costs associated with the compliance reporting. No public comments were received.

9. Provision of payments to recordkeepers

No payments or gifts are provided to respondents.

10. Assurance of confidentiality

The information collected will not be shared except as required by law.

11. Justification of sensitive questions

Personally identifiable information (PII) is not collected.

12. Estimated burden of information collection

The number of respondents is the estimated 150,000 applicants who become awardees in the 1603 program. It will take approximately 15 minutes to complete the *Annual Performance Report and Certification*. The estimated annual burden is 37,500 hours. The respondents report annually for five years.

No. of Respondents	No. Responses Per Respondent	Total Annual Responses	Hours per Response	Total Annual Burden	Total Annual Labor Cost ¹
150,000	1	150,000	0.25	37,500	\$1,339,500

13. Estimated total annual cost burden to respondents

¹ Wage rate calculated by taking the mean wage for all occupations of \$24.98/hour and increasing it by 43% to account for the total employer cost of compensation (incl. benefits, taxes and overhead). The resulting fully-loaded wage rate is \$35.72. Wage data taken from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, “Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2018.” https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_nat.htm

There are no estimated non-labor costs to respondents. The respondent will check prefilled information (from the application) in the annual report and will upload a document showing continued production from the energy property.

14. Estimated cost to the federal government

The cost to the federal government is estimated to be \$78,278 for staff time to review post-award reports, follow up with respondents and monitor compliance with program requirements. The cost is the annual salary of a GS-13, Step 8 employee (\$122,310) at forty percent time (\$48,924), plus an additional sixty percent to account for benefits and overhead, for a fully-loaded total cost of \$78,278.

15. Reasons for change in burden

There is no change or adjustment to this burden previously approved by OMB.

16. Plans for tabulation, statistical analysis and publication

The Treasury Department will conduct compliance checks. There is no plan for tabulation, statistical analysis, or publication.

17. Reasons why displaying the OMB expiration date is inappropriate

Display of the OMB expiration date will create confusion because this program has a limited duration.

18. Exceptions to certification requirement of OMB Form 83-1

Regarding this request for OMB approval, there are no exceptions to the certification under 5 CFR 1320.9.