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MEMORANDUM FOR SHARON BLOCK  
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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

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SUBJECT: Emergency Information Collection Request – DOE’s Applicant Portal

Pursuant to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) procedures established in 5 C.F.R. Part 1320, Controlling Paperwork Burdens on the Public, the Department of Energy (DOE) is requesting that the proposed information of collection, DOE’s Applicant Portal, be processed as an Emergency Clearance Information Collection Request (ICR) as referenced in 5 C.F.R. § 1320.13, Emergency processing.

DOE has determined that the information must be collected prior to the time periods established under Part 1320 of the regulation, and that this information is essential to DOE’s implementation of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). DOE has a key role in implementing the clean energy provisions of BIL to modernize the nation’s energy infrastructure, create jobs, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, advance our energy sector, and benefit underserved communities. BIL provides more than \$62 billion to the Department and DOE will need to hire more than 1,000 new employees in the immediate future.

Due to the expedited timeframe for hiring these new employees, DOE is requesting a waiver for requesting comments from the public via the Federal Register. DOE is requesting an Emergency Clearance to collect general applicant information from the public for a six-month approval period, allowing interested applicants to identify areas of interest for potential job opportunities within DOE to support the BIL. During this approval period, DOE will work to establish a regular submission of this ICR.

We would appreciate if you could provide an approval/disapproval determination of this request to collect information under an emergency clearance by noon on Friday, January 7, 2022.