

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Institute of Standards and Technology**

**Agency Information Collection Activities, Submission for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review and Emergency Approval; Comment Request; CHIPS Full-Application Information Collection**

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden.

*Agency:* National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

*Title:* CHIPS Full Application.

*OMB Control Number:* 0693-XXXX.

*Form Number(s):* N/A.

*Type of Request:* Emergency submission, New Information Collection Request.

*Number of Respondents:* 140 respondents.

*Average Hours per Response:* 125 hours.

*Burden Hours:* 17,500 hours.

*Needs and Uses:* Businesses and other entities applying for CHIPS Act funding under the CHIPS Incentive Program must submit a full application via a web portal at <https://applications.chips.gov/>. The full application includes a series of sections, each described below. It includes a project plan, supplemented by more detailed narrative and analytical sections that demonstrate how the application addresses each dimension of the merit review framework:

- Cover Page with general information;
- Covered Incentive—a letter from a state or local government entity to demonstrate that the applicant has been offered a qualifying covered incentive;
- Description of Projects—a detailed description of proposed project(s) in the application;
- Applicant Profile—descriptive information about the applicant;
- Alignment with Economic and National Security Objectives—a description of how the project(s) meets economic and national security objectives;

- Commercial Strategy—a description of the commercial strategy;

- Financial Information—a detailed description of the financial plan, including Microsoft Excel spreadsheets with financial models;

- Project Technical Feasibility—the applicant must demonstrate the technical feasibility of each proposed project;

- Organization Information
- Workforce Development Plan—Each applicant must document their expected workforce needs for their facility (including both construction and operations phases) and provide a strategy to meet such needs in a workforce development plan;

- Broader Impacts—Each applicant must provide an overview of the broader impacts of the proposed project(s); and

- Standard Forms—All applicants should submit standard forms as follows:

- SF-328, Certificate Pertaining to Foreign Interests

- CD-511, Certification Regarding Lobbying

- SF-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (if applicable)

- In addition, applicants will be informed during the application review process if these forms are required:

- SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance

- For the construction component of projects, the SF-424C and SF-424D

- For the workforce development component of projects, as well as any operational activities, the SF-424A

*Affected Public:* Businesses and other entities applying for CHIPS Act funding.

*Frequency:* Once per application.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory to be eligible for CHIPS Act funding.

*Legal Authority:* CHIPS Act of 2022 (Division A of Pub. L. 117-167).

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function and entering the title of the collection. To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed

information collection must be received on or before March 17, 2023.

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**Agency Information Collection Activities, Submission for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review and Emergency Approval; Comment Request; CHIPS Environmental Questionnaire**

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden.

*Agency:* National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

*Title:* CHIPS Environmental Questionnaire.

*OMB Control Number:* 0693-XXXX.

*Form Number(s):* N/A.

*Type of Request:* Emergency submission, New Information Collection Request.

*Number of Respondents:* 200 respondents.

*Average Hours per Response:* 8 hours.

*Burden Hours:* 1,600 hours.

*Needs and Uses:* Businesses and other entities applying for CHIPS Act funding are required to submit a pre-application or application via a form available at <https://applications.chips.gov/>. One form in both applications is the Environmental Questionnaire. The purpose of the Environmental Questionnaire is to ensure that the Department of Commerce is aware, in broad terms, of relevant environmental considerations, and can work with the potential applicant to ensure that the applicant can provide all required environmental information during the full application and due diligence stages when applying for funding. Each applicant must provide the requested information on the Environmental

Questionnaire using the template which will be made available on the CHIPS Incentives Program application portal.

Information to be collected includes information pertaining to an applicant's:

- Project Description
- Project Site/Affected Environment
- Resource Consumption Rates and Effluent Emissions Streams and Impacts
- Tribal, Historic, and Cultural Resources
- Project Setting
- Vegetation Resources.
- Conservation Areas
- Coastal Zones and Navigable Waters
- Wetlands
- Floodplains
- Endangered Species
- Land Use and Zoning
- Solid Waste Management
- Hazardous or Toxic Substances
- Impacts to Water Quality/Water Resources
- Water Supply and Distribution System
- Wastewater Collection and Treatment Facilities
- Environmental Justice & Socioeconomics
- Transportation (Streets, Traffic and Parking)
- Air Quality
- Greenhouse Gases and their Environmental Effects
- Noise
- Health and Safety
- Permits and other Government Agency Involvement
- Public Notification/Controversy
- Environmental Experience and Approach

*Affected Public:* Businesses and other entities applying for CHIPS Act funding.

*Frequency:* Once per application.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* CHIPS Act of 2022 (Division A of Pub. L. 117–167).

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function and entering the title of the collection. To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### Agency Information Collection Activities, Submission for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review and Emergency Approval; Comment Request; CHIPS Pre-Application Information Collection

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden.

*Agency:* National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

*Title:* CHIPS Pre-Application.

*OMB Control Number:* 0693–XXXX.

*Form Number(s):* N/A.

*Type of Request:* Emergency submission, New Information Collection Request.

*Number of Respondents:* ~140 respondents.

*Average Hours per Response:* 40 hours

*Burden Hours:* 5,600 hours.

*Needs and Uses:* Businesses and other entities applying for CHIPS Act funding under the CHIPS Incentive Program may, but are not required to, submit a pre-application via a form available at <https://applications.chips.gov/> to obtain feedback before submitting a full application. The pre-application phase creates an opportunity for dialogue between the Department of Commerce and the applicant to ensure the applicant is ready to meet program requirements and address program priorities.

Information to be collected includes:

- A Cover Page with general contact and project information;
- A Project Plan that describes each project expected to be included in the

future full application. The project plan should explain how each project satisfies the program description and the evaluation criteria in the CHIPS Incentive Program—Commercial Fabrication Facilities Notice of Funding Opportunity;

- Financial Information summarizing financial information for the applicant and the project(s), as well as a detailed sources and uses of funds, including overview of CHIPS incentive request;
- Workforce Development

Information describing the applicant's approach to recruit, train, and retain a diverse and skilled set of workers to fill the good jobs that will be created to operate its semiconductor facilities.

*Affected Public:* Businesses and other entities applying for CHIPS Act funding.

*Frequency:* Once per application.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* CHIPS Act of 2022 (Division A of Pub. L. 117–167).

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function and entering the title of the collection. To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before March 17, 2023.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No.: PTO–P–2023–0003]

#### Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, Ninth Edition, Revision of July 2022

**AGENCY:** United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** To provide updates to patent examination policy and procedures in a single source, which will improve access to essential guidance for all