

OMB Control# 0693-0094

Expiration Date: 9/30/2023

Name of Collection: CHIPS Full-Application Information Collection

Justification and Description of Non-Substantive Change:

The CHIPS Incentives Program is authorized by Title XCIX—Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors for America of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Pub. L. 116-283, referred to as the CHIPS Act or Act), as amended by the CHIPS Act of 2022 (Division A of Pub. L. 117-167). 15 U.S.C. 4652(a)(2) (A) requires the submission of an application to the Secretary of Commerce to receive funding under this program. The full application fulfills this requirement.

The CHIPS Incentives Program – Commercial Fabrication Facilities NOFO seeks applications for the construction, expansion, or modernization of commercial facilities in the United States in the following categories:

- o Leading-Edge Facilities
- o Current-Generation Facilities
- o Mature-Node Facilities
- o Back-End Production Facilities

Specifically, the Department will be collecting the following information in the full application:

- o Cover Page
- o Covered Incentive
- o Description of Project(s)
- o Applicant Profile
- o Alignment with Economic and National Security Objectives
- o Commercial Strategy
- o Financial Information
- o Project Technical Feasibility
- o Organization Information
- o Workforce Development Plan
- o Broader Impacts
- o Standard Forms

The existing Full-Application will consist of a series of questions presented via a web-based application with respondents uploading files as requested. Question types and data fields will include basic contact information, picklists, cost estimates, and brief project narratives. The web-based method was chosen to reduce applicant burden by eliminating redundant entries to the greatest extent possible and consolidating entries into one online form.

The Department wishes to make the following non-substantive changes to this existing collection:

1. Add structured data to collect Facility Level Information
2. Add structured data to collect Incentives Request information, replacing the current Excel upload
3. Add structured data to collect a summary of data already contained in the file Uploads for Sources & Uses of Funds
4. Add structured data to collect summary data already contained in the Workforce Development Information File Uploads

These changes are needed to support efficient review of applications and will take effect when the submission window for current and mature application opens. There are no changes to the substance of the data collected; rather, the changes modify the means of collecting the data either by replacing an upload with a structured form in the portal or by adding structured data fields to summarize information already contained in a required upload.

Because these data are already collected in the current Full-Application and in the optional Pre-Application, these changes will not affect the burden of submitting a full application.