

**OMB No. 0572-NEW - Empowering Rural America (New ERA)
USDA Rural Utilities Service**

Section of Rule (A)	Title (B)	Form No. (if any) (C)	No. of Respondents (D)	Reports Filed (E)
	LOI and Application Content			
Sec. D.3.	SAM Registration	written	250	1
Sec. D.2.i.	Step 1: Letter of Interest	written	250	1
	Step 2: New ERA Application			
Sec. D.2.ii.a	Cover Letter (Request for award from Gen. Mgr)	written	155	1
Sec. D.2.ii.b	Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws	written	155	1
	Environmental Review:			
Sec. D.2.ii.c	Categorical Exclusion with Environmental Report	written	17	4
Sec. D.2.ii.c	Environmental Assessment	written	128	3
Sec. D.2.ii.c	Environmental Impact Statement	written	10	1
Sec. D.2.ii.d	Financial Forecast	written	155	1
Sec. D.2.ii.e	Ratepayer Benefit	written	155	1
fSec. D.2.ii.g	Power Purchase Agreement	written	145	2
Sec. D.2.ii.g	Power Resources Owned, Co-Owned or Leased	written	155	1
Sec. D.2.ii.h	Power Purchase Contracts	written	155	1
Sec. D.2.ii.i	Power Sales Contracts	written	155	1
Sec. D.2.ii.j	Engineering Report	written	155	1
Sec. D.2.ii.k	Project Contracting	written	155	1
Sec. D.2.ii.l	Interconnection Agreements	written	145	2
Sec. D.2.ii.m	System Impact Studies	written	155	1
Sec. D.2.ii.n	Transmission Service Arrangements	written	155	1
Sec. D.2.ii.o	Other Major Agreements	written	78	1
Sec. D.2.ii.p	Meteorological Data and Studies	written	78	2
Sec. D.2.ii.q	Fuel and Fuel Transportation Strategies	written	10	1
Sec. D.2.ii.r	Sources and Uses of Water	written	155	1
Sec. D.2.ii.s	Technical and Financial Description	written	155	1
Sec. D.2.ii.t	Real Estate Agreements	written	77	1
Sec. D.2.ii.u	Commuity Benefit Plan	written	155	1
Sec. D.2.ii.v	Refinancing and Modifications	written	121	1
Sec. D.2.ii.w	Award Type	written	155	1
Sec. D.2.ii.x	Non-RUS Funds	written	100	1
Sec. D.2.ii.y	Tribal Government Resolution of Consent	written	20	1
Sec. D.2.ii.z	Eligible Costs	written	155	1
	Award Closing, Servicing and Reporting			
Sec. F.1.i.b	Commitment Letter - Review and Acceptance	written	155	1
Sec. F.1.i.x	Award Documents - Review and Execution	written	155	1
Sec. F.1.ix	Opinion of Counsel	written	155	1

Sec. F.1.xi.a	Performance Reporting	written	155	1
Sec F.1.xi.b	Annual Audit Report	written	155	1
Award Documents	Request for Reimbursement or Advance of Funds	written	155	1
Award Documents	Federal Financial Report	written	155	1
Sec. D.3.	SAM Registration Maintenance	written	155	1

Total Estimated Annual Responses

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Total Estimated Burden Hour:

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Total Responses (D) x (E)	Estimated No. of Manhours per response	Estimated Total Manhours (F) x (G)	Wage Class	Total Cost (H) x (I)
(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)
250	2.00	500	62.21	\$31,105
250	5.00	1,250	62.21	\$77,763
155	0.50	77.5	62.21	\$4,821
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68	40.00	2,720	62.21	\$169,211
384	260.00	99,840	62.21	\$6,211,046
10	960.00	9,600	62.21	\$597,216
155	40.00	6,200	62.21	\$385,702
155	5.00	775	62.21	\$48,213
290	40.00	11,600	62.21	\$721,636
155	10.00	1,550	62.21	\$96,426
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155	2.00	310	62.21	\$19,285
155	40.00	6,200	62.21	\$385,702
155	8.00	1,240	62.21	\$77,140
290	6.00	1,740	62.21	\$108,245
155	6.00	930	62.21	\$57,855
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78	20.00	1,560	62.21	\$97,048
156	6.00	936	62.21	\$58,229
10	6.00	60	62.21	\$3,733
155	6.00	930	62.21	\$57,855
155	80.00	12,400	62.21	\$771,404
77	15.00	1,155	62.21	\$71,853
155	40.00	6,200	62.21	\$385,702
121	60.00	7,260	62.21	\$451,645
155	0.50	78	62.21	\$4,821
100	0.50	50	62.21	\$3,111
20	10.00	200	62.21	\$12,442
155	1.00	155	62.21	\$9,643
155	8.00	1,240	62.21	\$77,140
155	10.00	1,550	62.21	\$96,426
155	1.00	155	62.21	\$9,643

155	12.00	1,860	62.21	\$115,711
155	11.00	1,705	62.21	\$106,068
155	1.00	155	62.21	\$9,643
155	4.00	620	62.21	\$38,570
155	1.00	155	62.21	\$9,643
5,824		185,514		\$11,540,795

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ated Annual Burden Hours 185,514
Total Annual Burden Cost \$ 11,540,795
s per Response 31.853

WEIGHTED SALARY CALCULATION:

Profession	Mean Wage*	29.5% Benefits**	Total Hourly Wage	Percent Time spent on Burden	Weighted Hourly Salary
Senior Manager (11-1021)	55.41	16.35	71.76	20	14.35
Attorney (23-1011)	71.17	21.00	92.17	10	9.22
Electrical Engineer (17-2071)	51.87	15.30	67.17	30	20.15
Accountants/Auditors (13-2011)	40.37	11.91	52.28	30	15.68
Auditing Clerks (43-3031)	21.70	6.40	28.10	10	2.81
				100	62.21

* [May 2021 National Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates \(bls.gov\)](#)

**[Employer Costs for Employee Compensation - September 2022 \(bls.gov\)](#)

Staff Position	GS Grade/Step	Salary		
Step-1 Letter of Interest				
Policy Advisor	15/5	\$176,458	\$84.55	\$30.65
Senior Level Engineer	15/5	\$176,458	\$84.55	\$30.65
Senior Loan Specialist	13/5	\$126,949	\$60.83	\$22.05
Engineer	13/5	\$126,949	\$60.83	\$22.05
Ass't Admin. (Electric)	SES	\$183,500	\$87.93	\$31.87
Cost Each				
Step-2 Pre-Application				
Policy Advisor	15/5	\$176,458	\$84.55	\$30.65
Senior Level Engineer	15/5	\$176,458	\$84.55	\$30.65
Senior Loan Specialist	13/5	\$126,949	\$60.83	\$22.05
General Field Representative	13/5	\$126,949	\$60.83	\$22.05
Deputy Assistant Admin (OLOA)	15/5	\$176,458	\$84.55	\$30.65
Assistant Admin. (Electric)	SES	\$183,500	\$87.93	\$31.87
Cost Each				
Step 3: Application Review & Loan Appro				
Policy Advisor	15/5	\$176,458	\$84.55	\$30.65
Senior Level Engineer	15/5	\$176,458	\$84.55	\$30.65
Senior Loan Specialist	13/5	\$126,949	\$60.83	\$22.05
Financial Branch Chief	15/5	\$176,458	\$84.55	\$30.65
Consultant				
Deputy Ass't Admin. (OLOA)	15/5	\$176,458	\$84.55	\$30.65
Ass't Admin. (Electric)	SES	\$183,500	\$87.93	\$31.87
Ass't Admin. (WEP)	SES	\$183,500	\$87.93	\$31.87
Ass't Admin. (TELECOM)	SES	\$183,500	\$87.93	\$31.87
RUS Administrator	ES	\$189,250	\$90.99	\$32.98
Cost Each				
Step 4: Post Award				
Senior Level Engineer	15/5	\$176,458	\$84.55	\$30.65
Senior Loan Specialist	13/5	\$126,949	\$60.83	\$22.05
Financial Branch Chief	15/5	\$176,458	\$84.55	\$30.65
Deputy Ass't Admin. (OLOA)	15/5	\$176,458	\$84.55	\$30.65
Ass't Admin. (Electric)	SES	\$183,500	\$87.93	\$31.87
Cost Each				
Total of All				
Total less Contractor				

Salary	Hours		LOIs/Apps	Total Cost
\$115.20	2	\$230.40		
\$115.20	3	\$345.60		
\$82.88	6	\$497.29		
\$82.88	5	\$414.40		
\$119.80	2	\$239.61		
	18	\$1,727.30	250	\$431,823.94
\$115.20	45	\$5,183.97		
\$115.20	30	\$3,455.98		
\$82.88	30	\$2,486.43		
\$82.88	64	\$5,304.38		
\$115.20	5	\$576.00		
\$119.80	5	\$599.02		
	179	\$17,605.78	155	\$2,728,895.18
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\$115.20	16	\$1,843.19		
\$115.20	40	\$4,607.98		
\$82.88	80	\$6,630.47		
\$115.20	20	\$2,303.99		
\$100.00	15	\$1,500.00		
\$115.20	10	\$1,151.99		
\$119.80	10	\$1,198.05		
\$119.80	1	\$119.80		
\$119.80	1	\$119.80		
\$123.97	2	\$247.94		
	195	\$19,723.21	155	\$ 3,057,097.15
\$115.20	5	\$576.00		
\$82.88	5	\$414.40		
\$115.20	5	\$576.00		
\$115.20	5	\$576.00		
\$119.80	5	\$599.02		
	25	\$2,741.42	155	\$ 424,919.81
	417			\$ 6,642,736.08
	402			\$ 6,410,236.08

OPM GS Pay Tables

OPM SES Schedules:
Benefit % <https://www>

OPM ES Schedule:

<https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/2023/general-schedule>
Salary Table 2023-DCB (Hourly Basic Rate as of January 2023).

[Executive Senior Level \(opm.gov\)](#) Assumed equal to GS-15, Step 7

www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/legacy_drupal_files/omb/memoranda/2008/m08-13.pdf

[SALARY TABLE 2023-EX \(opm.gov\)](#) Assumed average between level III and IV

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