

Supporting Statement A

National Aeronautics and Space Administration NASA Software Catalog OMB Control No. 2700-0193

Type of information collection: Revision of a Currently Approved Collection

Abstract: The NASA Software Catalog provides public access to hundreds of NASA-developed software tools and enables users to request and obtain software releases through a streamlined, qualification-based submission process.

Summary of Changes from the Previously Approved Collection:

- The number of respondents increased from 1,171 to 7,000
- The response time decreased from 480 minutes to 60 minutes
- The total annual burden hours decreased from 9,368 to 7,000.
- The change in cost to respondents decreased from \$ 361,698 to \$ 234,780 and the cost to the government decreased from \$ 317,634 to \$ 287,770.

1. Need for the Information Collection

This information collection is required to issue a Software Usage Agreement (SUA), which is a legal instrument(s) employed in releasing NASA software. The SUA contains information used by NASA Technology Transfer Office personnel in order to review, evaluate, and issue the agreement, per NASA Procedural Requirement (NPR) 2210.001E (found at https://nodis3.gsfc.nasa.gov/npg_img/N_PR_2210_001E_/N_PR_2210_001E_.pdf).

2. Purpose and Use of Information Collection

The NASA Software Catalog gives innovators free access to hundreds of NASA-developed software tools—spanning engineering, science, data processing, visualization, and mission operations—making it easier for researchers, companies, and government partners to apply NASA’s proven technologies to real-world challenges and accelerate new breakthroughs. The User will submit a request to utilize NASA software. If approved, the User will then move on to submit the Software Usage Agreement Questionnaire in order to download the desired software. The records will be searched, stored, and sorted by the technology associated with the user’s application.

3. Use of Information Technology.

NASA encourages and accepts the submission of software requests via electronic means through the software catalog website (found at <https://software.nasa.gov/>).

4. Duplication of Information.

The data collected is unique to software and Software Usage Agreements resulting from software technologies made from Agency research work done by employees and contracts. The data is not otherwise available. There is no duplication for this specific program.

5. Burden on Small Businesses.

There is no impact on small businesses or other small entities.

6. Consequences of Not Conducting the Collection.

Without this collection, NASA would not be able to fulfill its mission and policy, consistent with statutory requirements, to promote the transfer and commercial utilization of inventions arising from NASA-supported research or development in which NASA has an ownership interest by the licensing of such inventions.

7. Special Circumstances.

There are no special circumstances. The collection of information is conducted in a manner consistent with the guidelines in 5 CFR 1320.6.

8. Consultations with Persons Outside the Agency and Public Comments.

60-day Federal Register Notice: 91 FR 15644 published on 03/30/2026. No comments were received.

30-day Federal Register Notice: 91 FR 44877 published on 07/17/2026.

9. Payment or Gifts.

No payments or gifts are being offered to respondents as an incentive to participate in the collection.

10. Confidentiality.

NASA does not provide any assurance of confidentiality. Respondent information collected is handled in accordance with NASA's privacy and information security policies and can be accessed via the following links: NASA Privacy Policy, found at <https://nodis3.gsfc.nasa.gov/displayDir.cfm?t=NPD&c=1382&s=17K> and NASA Information Security Policy, found at <https://nodis3.gsfc.nasa.gov/displayDir.cfm?t=NPD&c=2810&s=1F>

The information collected is used solely to determine whether a requestor meets the qualifications required for the release of NASA software. The system does not retrieve these records by personal identifiers. Records are indexed and retrieved solely by the software requested.

Account creation for accessing NASA software is not performed on the Software Catalog website. All account creation is handled through NASA's Guest Account Services at

<https://guest.nasa.gov>. However, to improve security and streamline access, NASA will be discontinuing its legacy NASA Guest username/password, requiring users to sign in using Login.gov.

11. Questions of Sensitive Nature.

Questions of a sensitive nature are not included in this collection.

12. Burden of Information Collection.

The table below summarizes the estimates of the hour burden of the collection of information.

Category of Respondents	Frequency	Annual Number of Responses (estimated annual count for 2025)	Response Time (minutes)	Total Annual Burden Hours
Private Sector	Annually	7,000	60 minutes	7,000

13. Annual Cost to Respondents.

The estimated annual respondent cost is calculated by multiplying the estimated number of hours in submitting reports (7,000) by an estimated rate of \$33.54 per hour (2025 hourly mean wage for all occupations nationally - <https://data.bls.gov/oes/#/area/0000000/2025>), totaling \$234,780.

14. Cost to the Federal Government.

The estimated annual cost to NASA for the review of reports under this ICR is \$287,770. This estimate is calculated by multiplying the number of reports, 7,000, by an average 1 hour of Government review time, at an average rate of \$41.11 (GS-12, Step 5, Federal Hourly Basic Rates in 2026 - https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/salary-tables/23Tables/html/GS_h.aspx) totaling \$287,770.

15. Reasons for Change in Burden.

The change in the estimated burden is due to improvements in the method of collection. The Software Catalog request form was updated to incorporate workflow automation and auto-population of information, which significantly reduces respondent burden. These enhancements streamline the submission process and decrease the time required to complete a request, reflecting the increase in respondents.

16. Tabulation or Publication of Results.

There will be no publication from this collection.

17. Display of OMB Approval Date.

NASA displays an approved Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) statement for this collection.

18. Exceptions to Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions.

There are no exceptions to the certification statement stated in 5 CFR 1320.9.