

Supporting Statement A

National Aeronautics and Space Administration Automated Technology Licensing Application System (ATLAS) OMB Control No. 2700-0169

Type of information collection: Revision of a Previously Approved Collection

Abstract: The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Automated Technology Licensing Application System (ATLAS), on the Technology Transfer (T2) Portal, is the Agency's online platform through which companies can discover NASA-owned intellectual property for potential licensing and commercialization. Applicants submit licensing requests directly through the ATLAS system using electronic forms.

Summary of Changes from the Previously Approved Collection

Burden Change:

- The number of respondents increased from 421 to 539
- The total annual burden hours increased from 3,368 to 4,312.
- The change in cost to respondents increased from \$ 129,668 to \$ 144,624.48 and the cost to the government decreased from \$ 114,196 to \$ 177,266.32.

1. Need for the Information Collection.

This information collection is required by the NASA Policy Directive (NPD) 2090.6A, "Authority to Enter Into LICENSE Agreements and Implementation of Licensing Authority" (found at https://nodis3.gsfc.nasa.gov/npg_img/N_PD_2090_006A_/N_PD_2090_006A_main.pdf). "It is NASA's 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. Through this process, NASA ensures that the technologies developed for its missions go on to advance manufacturing, promote quality of life, and increase U.S. economic competitiveness. Accordingly, NASA maintains a Technology Transfer Program that ensures Agency processes are in place to protect intellectual property and transfer these assets in a manner that provides clear benefits for the Agency, the domestic economy, and the research community. A key element of this activity is the licensing of NASA inventions."

The requirements are also detailed in NASA Procedural Requirement (NPR) 7500.2A, "Chapter 6: Patent and Copyright Licensing" (found at https://nodis3.gsfc.nasa.gov/npg_img/N_PR_7500_002A_/N_PR_7500_002A_.pdf) for additional information.

2. Purpose and Use of the Information Collection.

The information collection supports NASA's mission to disseminate federally funded innovations, promote commercial utilization of NASA technologies, and advance U.S. economic competitiveness. The information is used by NASA Innovators and Center Technology Transfer Office personnel to review, evaluate and negotiate potential license agreements.

3. Use of Information Technology.

NASA accepts user request submissions electronically via the NASA T2 Portal, <https://technology.nasa.gov/license>, to assess prospective licenses.

4. Duplication of Information.

The data collected is unique to licenses and NASA License agreements resulting from patent technologies made from Agency research work done by employees and contractors. 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 Collection.

If any restrictions were placed on the collection of information, 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 Registrar Notice (FRN): 91 FR 21856 published on 04/23/2026. No comments received.

30-day FRN: 91 FR 47261 published on 07/28/2026. No comments received.

9. Payment or Gifts.

NASA does not provide gifts or payments to respondents.

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>).

Records are indexed and retrieved solely by the license requested. Account creation for accessing NASA software is not performed on the ATLAS 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 Respondents	Response Time	Total Annual Burden Hours
Private Sector	Annually	539	480 minutes (8 hours)	4,312

13. Annual Cost to Respondents.

The estimated annual respondent cost is calculated by multiplying the estimated number of hours (8) in submitting reports (539) by an estimated rate of \$33.54 per hour (2025 hourly mean wage for all occupations nationally found at <https://data.bls.gov/oes/#!/area/0000000/2025>), totaling \$144,624.48.

14. Cost to the Federal Government

The estimated annual cost to NASA for the review of reports under this ICR is \$177,266.32. This estimate is calculated by multiplying the number of reports, 539, by an average 8 hour of Government review time, at an average rate of \$41.11 (GS-12, Step 5, Federal Hourly Basic Rates in 2026 found at https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/salary-tables/23Tables/html/GS_h.aspx).

15. Reasons for Change in Burden.

The burden changed because the number of respondents submitting reports increased from the previous cycle, driven by ongoing marketing campaigns from the NASA Technology Transfer Program that promotes NASA-patented technologies to companies for licensing.

16. 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.