

Supporting Statement A

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Financial Assistance Awards/Grants and Cooperative Agreements OMB Control No. 2700-0092

Type of information collection: Revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: NASA collects information to support its mission in aeronautics and space activities, including the solicitation and evaluation of proposals for research and engagement projects. The collection enables NASA to select qualified recipients, manage awards, and comply with statutory requirements.

Summary of Changes from Previously Approved Collection:

- No program changes; only revisions in data and compliance updates.
- The PRA statement was updated.

1. Need for the Information Collection.

The collection is authorized by the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958 and is required to fulfill NASA's mission, comply with Title 2 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200 and 2 CFR Part 1800, and meet Government Accountability's Office (GAO) recommendations. NASA solicits proposals for research and related research, i.e., engagement, projects through the release of various notice of funding opportunities (NOFO) in a wide range of science and technology disciplines. This information collection is necessary to assist NASA make informed decisions when selecting proposals to carry out its mission and ensure that all qualified proposers are evaluated based solely on the quality of the proposal submitted.

2. Purpose and Use of the Information Collection.

Information collected will be used by the NASA Mission Directorates, NASA Shared Services Center (NSSC), Office of the Chief Scientist, Office of Procurement, and the Office of the Chief Financial Officer to select proposals, manage awards, and ensure accountability.

NASA collects proposal materials, financial and property reports, patent and new technology submissions, performance progress updates, administrative change requests, and recordkeeping information to evaluate, execute, and oversee grants and cooperative agreements. These materials support core program administration, financial accountability, and proper stewardship of Federal funds. NASA also collects limited demographic information voluntarily from individuals involved in proposal submissions to meet statutory civil rights compliance obligations—specifically Title VI, Title IX, Section 504, and NASA's implementing regulations—and to ensure the Agency is meeting federally mandated nondiscrimination requirements. All collected information is used only for the purposes described in the NASA Opportunities and Associated Reviewers System of Records, NASA 10OAR (found online at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/03/14/2023-05168/privacy-act-of-1974-system-of-records>), including evaluating proposals, identifying qualified reviewers, supporting program

management functions, and administering NASA opportunities, with disclosures outside the Agency occurring solely as permitted under the routine uses published in the SORN.

3. Use of Information Technology.

Proposals are submitted through NASA Solicitation and Proposal Integrated Review and Evaluation System (NSPIRES) <https://nspires.hq.nasa.gov/> or Grants.gov. The use of these systems reduces the need for proposers to submit multiple copies to the agency. It allows proposers to submit multiple proposals to different funding announcements without registering each time. Electronic funds transfer is conducted through the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Payment Management System (PMS) for recipients. In addition, NASA encourages the use of computer technology and is participating in government-wide efforts to extend the use of information technology to more agency grant-related processes.

4. Duplication of Information.

Each financial assistance award is unique; no duplication exists.

5. Burden on Small Businesses.

The burden on small business has been minimized by decreasing the frequency of reporting consistent with applicable laws, Executive Orders, regulations, and prudent business practices

6. Consequences of Not Conducting Collection.

Without this collection, NASA cannot execute its mission or comply with statutory mandates. Absence of proposal information collection or reductions in the frequency of collections could prevent NASA from achieving its mission and jeopardize the proper accountability of public funds and property.

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.

A 60-day Federal Register Notice (FRN): 91 FR 28623 was published on 5/28/2026. No comments were received.

A 30-day FRN: 91 FR 61463 was published on 9/29/2026.

9. Payment or Gifts.

No payments or gifts are being offered to respondents.

10. Confidentiality.

NASA does not provide any assurance of confidentiality. Personal and sensitive information

collected during the application process will be handled in accordance with NASA's privacy policies. A Privacy Impact Assessment was conducted for this collection.

A Privacy Act Statement is displayed at the point of collection. Information collected via NSPIRES is maintained in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, with applicable system of records NASA 10OAAR.

The application information collected electronically is stored according to NASA Records Retention Schedule NRRS Schedule 08/101 PROGRAM AND PROJECT RECORDS (found online at https://nodis3.gsfc.nasa.gov/NPR_attachments/NRRS_1441.1_09032025.pdf)

11. Questions of Sensitive Nature.

Questions of 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.

INFO/ REPORTS	No. of Respondents	No. of Responses	Hours per Report	TOTAL HOURS	Hourly Rate	Cost
Proposals	11,000	11,000	120	1,320,000	\$37.09	\$48,958,000.00
Financial Reports (SF 425)	7,000	28,000	9	252,000	\$37.09	\$9,346,680.00
Performance Reports	7,000	7,000	8	56,000	\$37.09	\$2,007,040.00
Administrative and funding changes to grant awards	7,217	7,217	2	14,434	\$37.09	\$535,357.00
Recordkeeping	7,000	7,000	10	70,000	\$37.09	\$2,596,300.00
TOTALS	39,217	60,217	28.43	1,712,434	37.09	\$63,514,177.00

13. Annual Cost to Respondents.

Total annual cost burden is estimated to be \$63,514,177.00. This figure is derived by applying a burdened labor rate of \$37.09 (for the skill level required to perform these duties) to the total number of 1,712,434 hours.

14. Cost to the Federal Government

A burdened labor rate varies depending on task. Labor costs range from an average of

\$61.30/hour to \$37.09, charged to collecting, processing and reviewing proposals; reviewing/processing financial reports; performance reports; and recordkeeping. The government employee rate used is considered an appropriate skill level for the tasks to be performed. Estimated annual cost to the Government is \$35,826,652.65.

INFO/ REPORTS	TOTAL RESPONSES /YEAR	HOURS PER REPORT	TOTAL HOURS	HOURLY PAY RATE	Total Cost/Year
Proposals	11,000	50	550,000	\$49.20	\$27,070,000.00
Financial reports (SF-425	28,000	3	84,000	\$37.09	\$3,115,560.00
Performance reports	7,000	4	28,000	\$49.20	\$1,716,400.00
Administrative and funding changes to grant awards	7,217	5	36,085	\$37.09	\$1,338,392.00
Recordkeeping	7,000	10	70,000	\$37.09	\$2,596,300.00
TOTAL	60,217	12.755	768,085	\$46.64	\$35,826,652.65

15. Reasons for Change in Burden.

No burden or program changes.

16. Publication of Results.

No results from this collection are intended for publication.

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.