

Supporting Statement A

National Aeronautics and Space Administration NASA Small Business Supplier Development Program OMB Control No. 2700-0078

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

Abstract: This information collection supports the application for a Mentor-Protégé Agreement under the NASA Small Business Supplier Development Program and NASA's subsequent administration of those Agreements. Mentor-Protégé Agreements are designed to build supplier capacity to fulfill NASA requirements and support a strong, dynamic, and resilient industrial base, which is critical to the health of our nation's economy and to America's effort to lead in space.

Summary of Changes:

- Annual Cost to Government was updated from 2,200 dollars to 1,170.60 dollars to reflect changes in support salaries.
- Annual Cost to Respondents increased from 600 dollars to 685.20 dollars. The cost was updated to reflect the revised Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data.
- The name of the collection was changed from NASA Mentor Protégé Program to the NASA Small Business Supplier Development Program.

1. Need for the Information Collection

The NASA Small Business Supplier Development Program (formerly known as the NASA Mentor-Protégé Program) is authorized by the U.S. Small Business Administration in accordance with 15 U.S.C. 657r and 13 CFR 125.10, and NASA FAR Supplement Clause 1852.219-79, Mentor Requirements and Evaluation, subpart 1819.7204 Mentor Protégé Program (found online at <https://www.hq.nasa.gov/office/procurement/regs/NFS.pdf>). The NASA Office of Small Business Programs (OSBP) is responsible for this program.

The information collection is needed for NASA to fulfill its administrative responsibilities associated with the Program.

2. Purpose and Use of Information Collection

Mentor-Protégé Agreements under the NASA Small Business Supplier Development Program incentivize NASA prime contractors to assist small businesses and other eligible protégés to increase their capability to compete for and perform NASA prime and subcontracts. The information collection facilitates prospective participants (i.e., mentor and protégé firms) submission of proposed Mentor-Protégé Agreements for NASA's consideration and NASA's subsequent administration of established Agreements.

3. Use of Information Technology.

NASA uses electronic submission methods for this collection. The applicant will go to <https://www.nasa.gov/osbp/how-to-apply-2/>, find the application link at the bottom of the page, MPA Application v2.0, and utilize the NASA Mentor-Protégé Agreement Guidebook v2.0 if needed. The completed application and subsequent reports utilizing

the same format will be sent via email to NASA OSBP.

4. Duplication of Information.

There is no duplication as there are no other sources available to collect this information.

5. Burden on Small Businesses.

Collection of this information does not have a significant impact on small businesses.

6. Consequences of Not Conducting the Collection.

Conducting this collection is a necessary component of NASA's implementation of the agency's Small Business Supplier Development Program. Without this information neither the establishment of Mentor-Protégé Agreements under the Program or NASA's subsequent administration of those Agreements would be possible.

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 36158](#) published on 06/16/2026. Two public comments were received:

- o [NASA-2026-0298-0001](#): Strongly supports the NASA Small Business Supplier Development Program and emphasized its value for innovation, job creation, and cost-effective technology development.
- o [NASA-2026-0298-0002](#): Strongly supports NASA Small Business Supplier Development Program because of its support for local economies and technological progress.

30-day Federal Registrar Notice (FRN): [91 FR 61464](#) on 09/29/2026.

9. Payment or Gifts.

NASA does not provide any payment, gifts, or other forms of compensation to respondents for submitting information associated with this collection. The potential incentive is tied to meaningful developmental assistance and outcomes, not to the fact that a report was submitted.

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 online at <https://nodis3.gsfc.nasa.gov/displayDir.cfm?t=NPD&c=2810&s=1F>).

The information collected electronically is stored for three years according to NASA Records Retention Schedule NRRS Schedule 05/016.0 (found online at

https://nodis3.gsfc.nasa.gov/NPR_attachments/NRRS_1441.1_09032025.pdf)

11. Questions of Sensitive Nature.

Questions of a sensitive nature are not part of this information collection.

12. Burden of Information Collection.

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

Category of Respondents	Total Annual Responses	Estimated Time per Response (minutes)	Total Annual Burden Hours
Contractors (Application + Reporting)	10	90 minutes	15 hours
TOTALS	10	90 minutes	15 hours

Estimates are based on historical reporting experience and the typical time required for contractors to prepare and submit the necessary information.

13. Annual Cost to Respondents

The cost was calculated using the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (found at <https://www.bls.gov/news.release/empsit.t19.htm>) table of average hourly and weekly earnings of all employees on private nonfarm payrolls hourly payrate: \$45.68 X 1.5= \$68.52, \$68.52 X 15 hours= \$685.20.

14. Cost to the Federal Government.

The estimated annual cost to the Federal Government is based on the time required for a Small Business Specialist, Contracting Officer, or Analyst to review submissions, maintain records, and perform oversight activities associated with this information collection. Using an hourly rate of \$58.53 based on GS-14, Step 5, Federal Hourly Basic Rates in 2026 (found at https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/salary-tables/26Tables/html/GS_h.aspx) and an estimated 20 hours of effort annually, the total annual government cost is approximately \$1,170.60.

15. Reasons for Change in Burden.

The annual cost burden to respondents increased due to updates to the median hour wage per the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data. Agency initiated updates ensured accurate and current estimates because the amount of time needed for internal NASA review was reassessed.

16. Tabulation or Publication of Results.

No information is intended for tabulation or 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.