

SBDC Program Organization

The lead SBDC operates a statewide or regional network of SBDC service centers. An SBDC must have a full-time Director. SBDCs must use at least 80 percent of the Federal funds to provide services to small businesses. SBDCs use volunteers and other low-cost resources as much as possible.

SBDC Services

An SBDC must have a full range of business development and technical assistance services in its area of operations, depending upon local needs, SBA priorities and SBDC program objectives. Services include training and counseling to existing and prospective small business owners in management, marketing, finance, operations, planning, taxes, and any other general or technical area of assistance that supports small business growth.

The SBA district office and the SBDC must agree upon the specific mix of services. They should give particular attention to SBA's priority and special emphasis groups, including veterans, women, exporters, the disabled, and minorities.

SBDC Program Requirements

An SBDC must meet programmatic and financial requirements imposed by statute, regulations or its Cooperative Agreement. The SBDC must:

- (a) Locate service centers so that they are as accessible as possible to small businesses;
- (b) Open all service centers at least 40 hours per week, or during the normal business hours of its state or academic Host Organization, throughout the year;
- (c) Develop working relationships with financial institutions, the investment community, professional associations, private consultants and small business groups; and
- (d) Maintain lists of private consultants at each service center.

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Associate Administrator for Small Business Development Centers.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Data Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Small Business

Administration's intentions to request approval on a new and/or currently approved information collection.

DATES: Submit comments on or before September 13, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments regarding whether these information collections are necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, whether the burden estimates are accurate, and if there are ways to minimize the estimated burden and enhance the quality of the collections, to: Carol Fendler, System Accountant, Office of Investment, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, 8th Floor, Washington, DC 20416.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carol Fendler, System Accountant, Office of Investment, 202-205-7559, carol.fendler@sba.gov, Curtis B. Rich, Management Analyst, 202-205-7030, curtis.rich@sba.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: To obtain the information needed to carry out its oversight responsibilities under the Small Business Investment Act, Small Business Administration (SBA) requires licensed small business investment companies to submit financial statements, with supplementary schedules tailored to current regulatory requirements, on SBA Form 468. SBA uses this information to monitor financial condition and regulatory compliance of Small Business Investment Companies (SBIC), and for credit analysis when considering whether to approve requests for financial assistance to SBICs.

Title: "SBIC Financial Reports".

Description of Respondents: Small Business Investment Companies.

Form Numbers: 468, 468.1, 468.2, 468.3, 468.4.

Annual Responses: 1,265.

Annual Burden: 21,175.

To obtain the information needed to carry out its program evaluation and oversight responsibilities under the Small Business Investment Act, SBA requires licensed small business investment companies to provide information on SBA Form 1031 each time financing is extended to a small business concern. SBA uses this information to compiled statistics on the SBIC program as a provider of capital to small business and to monitor the regulator regulatory compliance of individual SBICs.

Title: "Portfolio Financing Report".

Description of Respondents: Small Business Investment Companies.

Form Number: 1031.

Annual Responses: 3,700.

Annual Burden: 740.

Jacqueline White,

Chief, Administrative Information Branch.

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Federal Register Meeting Notice; Webinar About Regional Innovation Clusters RFP

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

ACTION: Notice of open webinar meeting to discuss Regional Innovation Clusters (RIC) Request for Proposals (RFP) No. SBAHQ-10-R-0021.

SUMMARY: The SBA is issuing this notice to announce the date of a webinar it is hosting to answer questions from potential Offerors about the Regional Innovation Clusters RFP. For more information please go to <http://www.sba.gov/clusters/index.html>. The RFP may be found on <http://www.fedbizopps.gov>.

Logistical Information: The webinar will be held on Thursday, July 15, 2010. For details, please visit <http://www.sba.gov/clusters/index.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Small Business Administration (SBA) has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit proposals from existing regional innovation clusters to provide business training, counseling, mentoring, commercialization and technology transfer services, and other services that support the growth and development of small businesses in the cluster area and industries. SBA intends to make multiple fixed-price contract awards, each with a one-year base term with an option for an additional year. Annual proposal costs should not exceed \$600,000 and all contracts will be subject to applicable contract cost principles and procedures (Federal Acquisition Regulation Subpart 31). SBA will select regional innovation clusters in communities across the country that meet its specified criteria. Offerors will be asked to demonstrate that they have partnerships, technical capacity, and local assets to support their existing regional cluster, as well as experience fostering small business development and growth opportunities. SBA will evaluate offers based on a number of criteria, including the impact the services will have on the region's economic growth, creation of sustainable jobs and the opportunities the regional innovation cluster will provide for small businesses. The RFP was posted on <http://>