

(CTEP) and use its tools and authorities to advance the comparative leadership of the United States with respect to the People's Republic of China (PRC), or support United States innovation, employment, and technological standards through direct exports in 10 transformational export areas. These export areas include:

- Artificial intelligence.
- Biotechnology.
- Biomedical sciences.
- Wireless communications

equipment (including 5G or subsequent wireless technologies).

- Quantum computing.
- Renewable energy, energy efficiency, and energy storage.
- Semiconductor and semiconductor machinery manufacturing.
- Emerging financial technologies (including technologies that facilitate financial inclusion through increased access to capital and financial services; data security and privacy; payments, the transfer of funds, and associated messaging services; and efforts to combat money laundering and the financing of terrorism).

- Water treatment and sanitation (including technologies and infrastructure to reduce contaminants and improve water quality).
- High-performance computing;
- Associated services necessary for use of any of the foregoing exports.

Additionally, EXIM reviews over the last few years indicate that critical minerals are a crucial component of multiple transformational export areas—and the U.S. lags the PRC in the proven reserves, mining, and processing of almost all critical minerals. Thus, EXIM has prioritized critical minerals that are part of the supply chain for transformational export areas and clearly align to the capacity to produce and foreign demand for U.S. goods and services in transformational export area industries.

Therefore, to understand how EXIM financing can better support U.S. exporters in this sector, diversify supply chains, and ensure access to critical minerals by U.S. users, EXIM is seeking public comment on the financing gaps stakeholders face. EXIM has identified specific questions for specific stakeholders but welcomes feedback from all relevant stakeholders not specifically identified here.

(A) For U.S. exporters to critical minerals projects:

(1) What part of the supply chain do you supply (e.g., mining, refining, or processing)?

(2) What goods and services do you provide to such projects (e.g., services, capital equipment, intermediate components, consumables)?

(3) What are the financing challenges, if any, that prevent securing sales with foreign buyers?

(4) Are you aware of or facing competition backed by foreign government financing?

(5) If so, please identify the competition and the type of foreign government financing provided.

(6) Have you previously used financing tools from the Export-Import Bank of the United States?

(7) If you have not utilized EXIM financing, please explain why not (e.g., no need, fees too high, could not meet policy criteria such as content).

(B) For U.S.-based users of critical minerals:

(1) Which critical minerals are most important to your operations?

(2) In what geographies are you most likely to seek access to those minerals?

(3) Is there now or expected to be in the future competitive U.S.-based sources of those minerals?

(4) What financial hurdles are there to obtaining critical minerals? Please distinguish between short-term hurdles (such as insufficient access to working capital to import specific cargos) and longer-term (such as requirements of foreign projects for large down payments in exchange for long-term supply contracts).

(5) What impact does lack of access to critical minerals have on your operations, particularly regarding employment and exports?

(6) To what extent are you aware of foreign competitors gaining access to critical minerals resources via foreign government support (such as lending to a foreign mine conditional on selling output to a particular company)?

(7) What form does such support take?

EXIM encourages respondents, when addressing the points above, unless raising other challenges to financing critical minerals transactions, to identify which point they are responding to by using the same numbers and heading as set forth above. For example, a user of critical minerals submitting comments responsive to (4), "What financial hurdles are there to obtaining critical minerals", would use that same text as a heading followed by the respondent's specific comments responding to it. This formatting will assist EXIM in more easily reviewing and summarizing the comments received in response to these specific points of inquiry.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060-1214; FR ID 205909]

Information Collection Being Submitted for Review and Approval to Office of Management and Budget

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or the Commission) invites the general public and other Federal Agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. Pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, the FCC seeks specific comment on how it might "further reduce the information collection burden for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees." The Commission may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid OMB control number.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted on or before April 8, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function. Your comment must be submitted into www.reginfo.gov per the above instructions for it to be considered. In addition to submitting in www.reginfo.gov also send a copy of your comment on the proposed information collection to Nicole Ongele, FCC, via email to PRA@fcc.gov and to Nicole.Ongele@fcc.gov. Include in the comments the OMB control number as shown in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collection, contact Nicole Ongele at (202) 418-2991. To view a copy of this information collection request (ICR) submitted to OMB: (1) go to the web page <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>, (2) look for the

section of the web page called “Currently Under Review,” (3) click on the downward-pointing arrow in the “Select Agency” box below the “Currently Under Review” heading, (4) select “Federal Communications Commission” from the list of agencies presented in the “Select Agency” box, (5) click the “Submit” button to the right of the “Select Agency” box, (6) when the list of FCC ICRs currently under review appears, look for the Title of this ICR and then click on the ICR Reference Number. A copy of the FCC submission to OMB will be displayed.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), the FCC invited the general public and other Federal Agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. Comments are requested concerning: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission’s burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, Public Law 107–198, see 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(4), the FCC seeks specific comment on how it might “further reduce the information collection burden for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.”

OMB Control Number: 3060–1214.

Title: Direct Access to Numbers Order, FCC 15–70, Conditions.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 20 respondents; 20 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 10–35 hours.

Frequency of Response: One-time; ongoing and bi-annual reporting requirements.

Obligation to Respond: Voluntary. Statutory authority for these collections are contained in 47 U.S.C. 251(e)(1) and section 6(a) of the TRACED Act.

Total Annual Burden: 1,100 hours.

Total Annual Cost: No Cost.

Needs and Uses: On June 18, 2015, the Commission adopted a Report and Order establishing the Numbering Authorization Application, which allows interconnected VoIP providers to apply for a blanket authorization from the FCC that, once granted, will allow them to demonstrate that they have the authority to provide service in specific areas, thus enabling them to request numbers directly from the Numbering Administrators. The collection covers the information and certifications that applicants must submit in order to comply with the Numbering Authorization Application process. On September 21, 2023, the Commission adopted a Second Report and Order that strengthens this application process by revising this information collection to ensure the Commission receives sufficient detail from interconnected VoIP applicants to make informed, public-interest-driven decisions about their direct access applications and thereby protect the public from bad actors. This information will continue help the Commission stem the tide of illegal robocalls, protect national security and law enforcement, safeguard the nation’s finite numbering resources, reduce the opportunity for regulatory arbitrage, and further promote public safety.

Federal Communications Commission.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission Under Delegated Authority

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or the Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. Comments are requested concerning: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the

Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission’s burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees. The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

DATES: Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before May 6, 2024. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all PRA comments to Nicole Ongele, FCC, via email PRA@fcc.gov and to nicole.ongele@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about the information collection, contact Nicole Ongele, (202) 418–2991.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060–0922.

Title: Mid-Term Self-Identification.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities, Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 1,168 respondents; 1,168 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 1.2 minutes (0.02 hours).

Frequency of Response: Mid-term reporting requirement, generally once every eight years.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. The statutory authority which covers this information collection is contained in Section 154(i) and 303 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

Total Annual Burden: 23 hours.

Total Annual Cost: No Cost.

Needs and Uses: On February 15, 2019, the Commission released a Report and Order (Order), MB Docket No. 18–23, FCC 19–10; *In the Matter of Elimination of Obligation to File*