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To whom it may concern:

In response to the May 12, 2015 Federal Register notice announcing a request for comments concerning collection of pro bono information, please see my comments below.

This comment is directed to the following question: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility?

As a matter of professional responsibility, Florida attorneys are required to report their pro bono hours to the Florida Bar. This professional obligation accompanies a public policy of encouraging pro bono activities by Florida attorneys. The establishment of pro bono programs designed to assist financially under-resourced independent inventors and small businesses is a noble cause in the U.S. and is sure to lead to further innovation, which drives our economic processes. In light of the above, our opinion is that the collection of information to measure the effectiveness of each individual regional hub is crucial to determining whether said pro bono programs are working.

Sincerely,

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