with 19 CFR § 351.305(a)(3). Timely written notification of the return or destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation. This notice is published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and 19 CFR § 351.213(d)(4).


Stephen J. Claes,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).


Title: Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Pilot Program.

Form Number(s): PTO/SB/10, PTO/SB/20.

Agency Approval Number: 0651–0056.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 1,575 hours annually.

Number of Respondents: 800 responses per year.

Avg. Hours Per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately 1.5 hours to gather the necessary information, prepare the form, and submit the completed Request for Participation in the New Route Pilot Program.

Needs and Uses: A work-sharing pilot program called the “New Route” is being established between the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and the Japan Patent Office (JPO). Under the New Route, a filing in one member office of this arrangement would be deemed a filing in all member offices. The first office and applicant would be given a 30-month processing time frame in which to make available a first office action and any necessary translations to the second office(s), and the second office(s) would exploit the search and examination results of the first office in conducting their own examination. The information collection includes one proposed form, Request for Participation in the New Route Pilot Program Between the JPO and the USPTO (PTO/SB/10), which may be used by applicants to request participation in the pilot program and to ensure that they meet the program requirements. This form will be added to this collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; businesses or other for-profits; and not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent’s Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395–3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by any of the following methods:

E-mail: Susan.Fawcett@uspto.gov.

Include “0651–0058 copy request” in the subject line of the message.

Fax: 571–273–0112, marked to the attention of Susan Fawcett.

Mail: Susan K. Fawcett, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Customer Information Services Group, Public Information Services Division, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22513–1450.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before March 13, 2008 to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20530.


Susan K. Fawcett,
Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Customer Information Services Group, Public Information Services Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office


National Medal of Science and Technology and Innovation Nomination Evaluation Committee Meeting


ACTION: Notice of closed meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Medal of Science and Technology and Innovation (NMTI) Nomination Evaluation Committee will meet in closed session on Tuesday,
March 4, 2008. The primary purpose of the meeting is the discussion of relative merits of persons and companies nominated for the NMTI award.

DATES: The meeting will convene Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at 10 a.m. and adjourn at 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the United States Patent and Trademark Office, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Lo, Program Manager, National Medal of Technology and Innovation Program, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450, telephone (571) 272–7640, or by electronic mail: nmti@uspto.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the NMTI Nomination Evaluation Committee, United States Patent and Trademark Office, will meet at the United States Patent and Trademark Office campus in Alexandria, VA.

The NMTI Nomination Evaluation Committee was established in accordance with the provisions of the NMTI Nomination Evaluation Committee’s charter and the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The NMTI Nomination Evaluation Committee meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with section 552b(c)(4), (6) and (9)(B) of Title 5, U.S.C. because it will involve discussion of relative merits of persons and companies nominated for the NMTI. Public disclosure of this information would likely frustrate implementation of the NMTI program because premature publicity about candidates under consideration for the NMTI award, who may or may not ultimately receive the award, would be likely to discourage nominations for the award. The Secretary of Commerce is responsible for recommending to the President prospective NMTI recipients. The NMTI Nomination Evaluation Committee makes its recommendations for the NMTI candidates to the Secretary of Commerce, who in turn makes recommendations to the President for final selection. NMTI Nomination Evaluation Committee members are drawn from both the public and private sectors and are appointed by the Secretary for three-year terms, with eligibility for one reappointment. The NMTI Nomination Evaluation Committee members are composed of distinguished experts in the fields of science, technology, business and patent law. The General Counsel formally determined on January 18, 2008, pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, that the meeting may be closed because Committee members are concerned with matters that are within the purview of 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4), (6) and (9)(B). Due to closure of the meeting, copies of the minutes of the meeting will not be available. A copy of the determination is available for public inspection at the United States Patent and Trademark Office.


Jon W. Dudas,
Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the “Corporation”), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirement on respondents can be properly assessed.

Currently, the Corporation is soliciting comments concerning the development of its Disaster Response Cooperative Agreement applications. These applications are used by current grantees to participate in FEMA Mission Assigned disaster activities and receive reimbursement for expenses accrued while on assignment.

Copies of the information collection requests can be obtained by contacting the office listed in the ADDRESSES section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the individual and office listed in the ADDRESSES section by April 14, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by the title of the information collection activity, by any of the following methods:

(1) By mail sent to: Corporation for National and Community Service, Office of Emergency Management; Attention: Phil Shaw, Emergency Management Coordinator, 1201 New York Avenue, NW., 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20525.

(2) By hand delivery or by courier to the Corporation’s mailroom at Room 8100 at the mail address given in paragraph (1) above, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

(3) By fax to: (202) 606–3477, Attention Phil Shaw, Emergency Management Coordinator.

(4) Electronically through the Corporation’s e-mail address system: pshaw@cns.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Phil Shaw, (202) 606–6697, or by e-mail at pshaw@cns.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Corporation is particularly interested in comments that:

• Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Corporation, including whether the information will have practical utility;

• Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

• Propose ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

• Propose ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Background

The Disaster Response Cooperative Agreement allows an existing Corporation grantee to establish a legal framework with the Corporation to support disaster response activities assigned by a FEMA Mission Assignment. Programs operating under a Cooperative Agreement can receive reimbursement of expenses accrued while on disaster assignment.

Current Action

The Corporation seeks to develop a new Disaster Response Cooperative Agreement (DRCA) Application. When