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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kalyan Deshpande, Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judge; Amanda Wiekert, Acting Senior Lead Administrative Patent Judge; or Melissa Haapala, Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judge; at 571-272-9797.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The USPTO is extending the period for public comment on various practices and policies for the review of PTAB decisions.

In a Federal Register Notice, Request for Comments on Director Review, Precedential Opinion Panel Review, and Internal Circulation and Review of Patent Trial and Appeal Board Decisions, 87 FR 43249 (Jul. 20, 2022) (the Notice), the USPTO sought input from the public regarding the current interim Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the USPTO (Director) review process that allows a party to request Director review of a PTAB final written decision in inter partes review or post-grant review proceedings, and also provides the Director the option to sua sponte (at the Director's discretion) initiate the review of any PTAB decisions, including institution decisions and decisions on rehearing. The USPTO also sought input on the Precedential Opinion Panel process and on the current interim process for PTAB decision circulation and internal PTAB review. In view of the importance of these topics, and given the desire to receive input from as broad a cross-section of the public as possible, the USPTO is now extending the period to address the questions raised in the Notice, or to provide any additional comments, until October 19, 2022. All other information and instructions to

commenters provided in the July 20, 2022, Notice remain unchanged. Previously submitted comments do not need to be resubmitted.

Katherine K. Vidal,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID DoD-2022-OS-0045]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (OUSDP&R)), Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: 30-Day information collection notice.

SUMMARY: The DoD has submitted 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.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by October 26, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Spouse Education and Career Opportunities Program; OMB Control Number 0704-0556.

Type of Request: Extension.
Number of Respondents: 26,000.
Responses per Respondent: 1.
Annual Responses: 26,000.
Average Burden per Response: 45 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 19,500 hours.
Needs and Uses: The DoD Spouse Education and Career Opportunities (SECO) Program is the primary source of education, career and employment counseling for all military spouses who are seeking post-secondary education,

training, licenses and credentials needed for portable career employment. The SECO system delivers the resources and tools necessary to assist spouses of service members with career exploration/discovery, career education and training, employment readiness, and career connections at any point within the spouse career lifecycle. It is imperative that the DoD collect data to ensure that the SECO program is meeting its overarching goal of increasing employment opportunities for military spouses. The DoD requires the information in the proposed collection for program planning and management purposes. Collected information will ensure that the SECO program will be able to collect relevant metrics and make determinations of program viability and improvement. Additionally, the data collected is utilized to build a spouse profile that allows information to be saved over time and to prepopulate information into tools such as resume builders and career and education planning resources.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Ms. Jasmeet Sehra.

You may also submit comments and recommendations, identified by Docket ID number and title, by the following method:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, Docket ID number, and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

DOD Clearance Officer: Ms. Angela Duncan.

Requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Ms. Duncan at whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil.

Dated: September 20, 2022.

Aaron T. Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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