

questionnaire, a separate cover letter prepared by the Deputy Commissioner for Patents, and a postage-paid, pre-addressed return envelope are mailed to all sample members that have not yet submitted a response. Sampled members receiving a paper survey can still complete the survey electronically if they prefer. Reminder/thank you postcards and telephone calls are used to encourage response from sample members.

Method of Collection

The survey may be submitted electronically or in paper form via postal mail.

II. Data

OMB Control Number: 0651-0057.

Form(s):

- PTO/2325 (Patents External Quality Survey).

Type of Review: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Affected Public: Private sector.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 1,875 respondents.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 3,100 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take the public between 2 minutes (0.03 hours) and 10 minutes (.17 hours) to complete a response in this information collection. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, answer the survey prompts, and submit the completed request to the USPTO.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 444 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Hourly Cost Burden: \$193,140.

TABLE 1—TOTAL BURDEN HOURS AND HOURLY COSTS TO PRIVATE SECTOR RESPONDENTS

Item No.	Item	Estimated annual respondents	Responses per respondent	Estimated annual responses	Estimated time for response (hours)	Estimated burden (hour/year)	Rate ¹	Estimated annual respondent cost burden
		(a)	(b)	(a) × (b) = (c)	(d)	(c) × (d) = (e)	(f)	(e) × (f) = (g)
1	Patents External Quality Survey (One survey within a single year).	1,250	1	1,250	0.17 (10 minutes)	213	\$435	\$92,655
2	Patents External Quality Survey (Two surveys within same year).	625	2	1,250	0.17 (10 minutes)	213	435	92,655
3	Non-Response Follow-up Survey Card.	Same respondents as item 1 and 2.	1	600	0.03 (2 minutes) ...	18	435	7,830
	Total	1,875	3,100	444	193,140

¹ 2021 Report of the Economic Survey, published by the Committee on Economics of Legal Practice of the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA); pg F-27. The USPTO uses the average billing rate for intellectual property attorneys in private firms which is \$435 per hour. (<https://www.aipla.org/home/news-publications/economic-survey>).

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Non-hourly Cost Burden: \$0. There are no capital start-up, maintenance costs, recordkeeping costs, filing fees, or postage costs associated with this information collection. The USPTO covers the costs of all survey materials and provides postage-paid, pre-addressed return envelopes for the surveys that are returned by mail.

III. Request for Comments

The USPTO is soliciting public comments to:

(a) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) Evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) 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 submission of responses.

All comments submitted in response to this notice are a matter of public record. USPTO will include or summarize each comment in the request to OMB to approve this information collection. Before including an address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information (PII) in a comment, be aware that the entire comment—including PII—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask in your comment to withhold PII from public view, USPTO cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so.

Kimberly Hardy,

Information Collections Officer, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

[Docket ID: USA-2021-HQ-0015]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of the Army, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: 30-Day information collection notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense has submitted to 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 April 14, 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: Exchange Employee Travel Files; OMB Control Number 0702–0131.

Type of Request: Revision.

Number of Respondents: 250.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 250.

Average Burden per Response: 30 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 125.

Needs and Uses: This information collection is required to process all official Continental United States and Outside the Continental United States Exchange Permanent Change of Station requests for Exchange employees and their dependents/family members. The data collected assists the Exchange Human Resources Travel personnel in determining eligibility of the employee and/or dependents to travel, obtain passports, visas, and authorizing any travel expense reimbursement.

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: March 8, 2022.

Aaron T. Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register, Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

[Docket ID: USA–2021–HQ–0018]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of the Army, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: 30-Day information collection notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense has submitted to 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 April 14, 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: Angela Duncan, 571–372–7574, *whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Army Sex Offender Information; Department of the Army Form 190–45–SG (Army Law Enforcement Reporting and Tracking System); OMB Control Number 0702–0128.

Type of Request: Revision.

Number of Respondents: 120.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 120.

Average Burden per Response: 20 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 40.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary for the Department of the Army, Office of the Provost Marshal General to obtain and record the sex offender registration information of those sex offenders who reside or are employed on an Army installation. Registered sex offenders are defined as any person who is either registered or required to register as a sex offender by any law, regulation or policy of the United States, the Department of Defense, the Army, a State, U.S. territory, or tribal government. All registered sex offenders who reside or are employed on an Army installation will submit their registration information with the installation Provost Marshal Office. The

information collected is entered into the Army Law Enforcement Reporting and Tracking System and used by Army law enforcement to ensure the sex offender is compliant with any court order restrictions.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; individuals or households.

Frequency: As required.

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

OMB Desk Officer: Ms. Jasmeet Sehra.

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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: March 8, 2022.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

[Docket ID: USA–2022–HQ–0006]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of the Army, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: 60-Day information collection notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of