• If you want to submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made available to the public, submit the comment as a written/paper submission and in the manner detailed (see ''Written/Paper Submissions'' and ''Instructions'').

Written/Paper Submissions

Submit written/paper submissions as follows:

• *Mail/Hand delivery/Courier (for written/paper submissions):* Division of Dockets Management (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

• For written/paper comments submitted to the Division of Dockets Management, FDA will post your comment, as well as any attachments, except for information submitted, marked and identified, as confidential, if submitted as detailed in ''Instructions.''

Instructions: All submissions received must include the Docket No. FDA–2016–N–1114 for '' Pharmaceutical Distribution Supply Chain Pilot Projects; Reopening of Comment Period; Request for Information.'' Received comments, those filed in a timely manner (see **DATES**), will be placed in the docket and, except for those submitted as ''Confidential Submissions,'' publicly viewable at *https://www.regulations.gov/* or at the Division of Dockets Management between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

• Confidential Submissions—To submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made publicly available, submit your comments only as a written/paper submission. You should submit two copies total. One copy will include the information you claim to be confidential with a heading or cover note that states ''THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.'' The Agency will review this copy, including the claimed confidential information, in its consideration of comments. The second copy, which will have the claimed confidential information redacted/blacked out, will be available for public viewing and posted on *https://www.regulations.gov/.* Submit both copies to the Division of Dockets Management. If you do not wish your name and contact information to be made publicly available, you can provide this information on the cover sheet and not in the body of your comments and you must identify this information as ''confidential.'' Any information marked as ''confidential'' will not be disclosed except in accordance with 21 CFR 10.20 and other applicable disclosure law. For more information about FDA's posting of comments to public dockets, see 80 FR 56469, September 18, 2015, or access the information at: *https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-09-18/pdf/2015-23389.pdf.*

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or the electronic and written/paper comments received, go to *https://www.regulations.gov/* and insert the docket number, found in brackets in the heading of this document, into the ''Search'' box and follow the prompts and/or go to the Division of Dockets Management, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel Bellingham, Office of Compliance, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20993–0002, 301–796–3130, *DSCSAPilotProjects@fda.hhs.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the **Federal Register** of April 15, 2016, FDA published a Request for Information with a 30-day comment period to request comments relating to FDA implementation of the DSCSA. To permit additional and update submissions, we are reopening this comment period and extending it for April 30, 2018. We are particularly interested in comments regarding past or present pilot projects related to enhancing the safety and security of the pharmaceutical distribution supply chain. Stakeholders that may be interested in responding to this request for information include manufacturers, repackagers, wholesale distributors, dispensers, State and Federal authorities, solution providers, and standards organizations, and other interested persons. FDA is particularly interested in learning about the practices, processes, and systems that supply chain stakeholders have used or considered using in such pilot projects. This includes, but is not limited to, information about the following:

• Utilizing the product identifier for tracing of a product, which may include verification of the product identifier of a product, including the use of aggregation and inference;

• Technical capabilities each sector of the supply chain to comply with systems and processes needed to utilize the product identifier to enhance the tracing of a product; or

• System attributes that are necessary to implement the requirements established under the DSCSA.

Interested persons are requested to provide any other relevant information that may inform FDA's development of a pilot project under the DSCSA.

FDA is reopening the comment period for the Request for Information for 1 year, until April 30, 2018. The Agency believes that an additional comment period of 1 year will allow time for interested persons to submit new, additional, or updated comments on these important issues.

Dated: April 19, 2017.

Anna K. Abram,

Deputy Commissioner for Policy, Planning, Legislation, and Analysis.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA–2017–N–1393]

Government-Owned Inventions; Availability for Licensing

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The invention listed in this document is owned by an agency of the U.S. Government and is available for licensing to achieve expeditious commercialization of results of federally funded research and development.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Licensing information and copies of the patent applications listed in this document may be obtained by writing to the indicated licensing contact at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Technology Transfer Program, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 1, Rm. 4213, Silver Spring, MD 20993, telephone: 240–402–2561, FAX: 301–847–3539. A signed Confidential Disclosure Agreement will be required to receive copies of the patent applications.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Technology descriptions follow.

Title of Abstract: Solid-Phase Purification of Synthetic DNA Sequences.

Description of Technology: Scientists at FDA have developed a high-throughput method for purifying full-length phosphorothioate and native DNA sequences. This method comprises a modified silica gel that enables capture of DNA sequences functionalized with a novel linker specifically designed for exclusive capture of full-length sequences. This

technology has been shown to generate DNA sequences of high purity without the need of expensive equipment and associated accessories. This discovery may improve the availability of pure DNA sequences for clinical and/or synthetic biology applications.

Potential Commercial Applications:

- A high-throughput purification technique for producing small and large quantities of highly pure DNA sequences.

Competitive Advantages:

- Cost effective.
- High-throughput capabilities.
- Time saving.
- High purity.

Development Stage:

- In vitro data available.

Inventors:

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Andrzej Grajkowski.

Publication: Grajkowski, A., J. Cieslak, and S.L. Beaucage, ''Solid-Phase Purification of Synthetic DNA Sequences,'' *The Journal of Organic Chemistry,* 81 (15): pp. 6165–6175, 2016; DOI: 10.1021/acs.joc.6b01020.

Intellectual Property: U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 62/356,214, filed June 29, 2016, FDA Reference No. E–2016–005.

Licensing and Collaborative Research Opportunity:

Parties interested in licensing this technology should contact Charlene Maddox at *Charlene.Maddox@fda.hhs.gov* or *FDAInventionlicensing@fda.hhs.gov.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission to OMB for Review and Approval; Public Comment Request; Information Collection Request Title: Health Workforce Connector, OMB No. 0906–xxxx—NEW

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, HRSA has submitted an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. Comments submitted during the first public review of this ICR will be provided to OMB. OMB will accept further comments from the public during the review and approval period.

DATES: Comments on this ICR should be received no later than May 30, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, including the Information Collection Request Title, to the desk officer for HRSA, either by email to *OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov* or by fax to 202–395–5806.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the clearance requests submitted to OMB for review, email the HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer at *paperwork@hrsa.gov* or call (301) 443–1984.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: When submitting comments or requesting information, please include the information request collection title for reference, in compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

Information Collection Request Title: Health Workforce Connector OMB No. 0906–xxxx—NEW

Abstract: The Health Workforce Connector is being developed to expand on the current National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Jobs Center, which includes positions approved for NHSC scholarship and loan repayment obligors. The new Health Workforce Connector will provide a central platform to connect participants in both the NHSC and NURSE Corps programs with facilities that are approved for performance of their NHSC or NURSE Corps service obligation. The Health Workforce Connector will become a resource that engages any health care professional or student interested in providing primary care services in underserved communities (whether or not those individuals are obligated to the NHSC or NURSE Corps) with facilities in need of health care providers. The Health Workforce Connector will also allow users to create a profile, search for NHSC and NURSE Corps sites, find job opportunities, and will be searchable by Site Points of Contact. Like the current NHSC Jobs Center, individuals will be able to use the Health Workforce Connector's search capability with Google Maps.

Need and Proposed Use of the Information: Information will be collected from users in the following two ways:

(1) *Account Creation:* Creating an account is optional, but to create an account, the user will be required to enter their first name, last name, and email address. Those are the only mandatory fields in the profile account creation process and will be used to send an automated email allowing the user to validate their login credentials. This information will also be used to validate any users who already exist within the Bureau of Health Workforce Management Information Systems Solution (BMISS) database and allow an initial import of existing data at the request of the user.

(2) *Profile Completion:* Users may fill out a profile, but this function will be completely optional and will include fields such as location, discipline, specialty, and languages spoken. The information collected, if 'published' by the user, will allow internal BMISS Site Points of Contact the ability to search on anyone who may be a potential candidate for job opportunities at the site. All information collected will be stored within existing secure BMISS databases and will be used internally for report generation on an as-needed basis.

Likely Respondents: Potential users will include individuals searching for a health care job opportunity or an NHSC or NURSE Corps health care facility, and health care facilities searching for potential candidates to fill open health care job opportunities at their sites.

Burden Statement: Burden in this context means the time expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose or provide the information requested. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information; to search data sources; to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information. The total annual burden hours estimated for this ICR are summarized in the table below.