

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**Availability of SBA Draft Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2008–2012 and Request for Public Comment**

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comment.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the Small Business Administration's draft Strategic Plan. The Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 requires that Federal agencies update their strategic plans every three years and, in doing so, solicit the views and suggestions of those entities potentially affected by or interested in the plan. Therefore, the Agency is interested in receiving comments on our draft Strategic Plan. **DATES:** Comments must be received by September 10, 2007. If comments are received late, we will consider them to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: To access the draft strategic plan, go to http://www.sba.gov/aboutsba/budgetplans/serv_budget_strategicplan.html. You can provide your comments on-line through the Web site or by e-mail to Performancereports@sba.gov. If you wish to send written comments or have any questions, please direct them to: Gordon Goeke, U.S. Small Business Administration, Strategic Plan Comments, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, 409 Third Street, SW., Suite 6000, Washington, DC 20416.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gordon Goeke, Financial Specialist, Office of Chief Financial Officer, (202) 205-6449.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Government Performance and Results Act requires that each Federal agency update their strategic plan every three years, (5 U.S.C. 306), and submit their plan to the Congress. This draft Strategic Plan describes our mission, strategic goals, objectives, and means and strategies to achieve those goals. To access the draft strategic plan, go to http://www.sba.gov/aboutsba/budgetplans/serv_budget_strategicplan.html. For those who may not have Internet access, a paper copy can be requested from the contact point, Gordon Goeke.

Public Participation Policy

It is the policy of the Agency to ensure that public participation is an integral and effective part of SBA activities and that decisions are made with the benefit of significant public perspectives. The Agency recognizes the

many benefits to be derived from public participation for both stakeholders and SBA. Public participation provides a means for SBA to gather a diverse collection of opinions, perspectives, and values from the broadest spectrum possible, enabling the Agency to make more informed decisions. Likewise, public participation benefits stakeholders by creating an opportunity to provide input on decisions that affect their communities and our nation.

We anticipate publishing the final SBA Strategic Plan on September 28, 2007, and making it available on the Internet at that time.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 306.

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Chief Financial Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: DS-156, Nonimmigrant Visa Application, OMB Control Number 1405-0018

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment and submission to OMB of proposed collection of information.

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

- *Title of Information Collection:* Nonimmigrant Visa Application.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0018.
- *Type of Request:* Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Consular Affairs (CA/VO).
- *Form Number:* DS-156.
- *Respondents:* Nonimmigrant visa applicants.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 12,000,000.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 12,000,000.
- *Average Hours Per Response:* 1 hour.
- *Total Estimated Burden:* 12,000,000 hours per year.
- *Frequency:* Once per respondent.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

DATES: Submit comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for up to 30 days from August 27, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Direct comments and questions to Katherine Astrich, the

Department of State Desk Officer in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), who may be reached at 202-395-4718. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:*
Katherine_T._Astrich@omb.eop.gov. You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and OMB control number in the subject line of your message.

- *Mail (paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions):* Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

- *Fax:* 202-395-6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents, to Lauren Prosnik of the Office of Visa Services, U.S. Department of State, 2401 E. Street, NW., L-603, Washington, DC 20522, who may be reached at (202) 663-2951.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary to properly perform our functions.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond,

Abstract of Proposed Collection

Form DS-156 is completed by aliens seeking nonimmigrant visas to the U.S. The Department will use the DS-156 to elicit information necessary to determine an applicant's visa eligibility.

Methodology

The DS-156 is completed by applicants online or, in exceptional circumstances, applicants may submit a paper application to posts abroad. The applicant prints the application and a 2-D barcode. When the applicant appears at the interview the barcode is scanned and the information electronically received.