

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 7887]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: DS-1884, Petition To Classify Special Immigrant Under INA 203(b)(4) as an Employee or Former Employee of the U.S. Government Abroad, OMB 1405-0082**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment in the **Federal Register** preceding submission to OMB. We are conducting this process in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

- *Title of Information Collection:* Petition to Classify Special Immigrant Under INA 203(b)(4) as an employee or former employee of the U.S. Government Abroad.

- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0082.
- *Type of Request:* Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.

- *Originating Office:* CA/VO/L/R.
- *Form Number:* DS-1884.
- *Respondents:* Aliens petitioning for immigrant visas under INA 203(b)(4).

- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 300.

- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 300.

- *Average Hours per Response:* 10 minutes.

- *Total Estimated Burden:* 50 hours.

- *Frequency:* Once per petition.

- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain Benefit.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to 60 days from May 16, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Web:* Persons with access to the Internet may view and comment on this notice by going to the Federal regulations Web site at www.regulations.gov. You can search for the document by: Selecting "Notice" under Document Type, entering the Public Notice number as the "Keyword or ID", checking the "Open for Comment" box, and then click "Search". If necessary, use the "Narrow by Agency" option on the Results page.

- *Mail (paper, or CD-ROM submissions):* Chief, Legislation and Regulations Division, Visa Services—DS-1884, 2401 E Street NW., Washington DC 20520-30106.

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection

title, and OMB control number in any correspondence.

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 Sydney Taylor of the Office of Visa Services, U.S. Department of State, 2401 E Street NW., L-630, Washington, DC who may be reached at taylors2@state.gov.

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

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of 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, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

Abstract of proposed collection:

DS-1884 solicits information from petitioners for special immigrant classification under Section 203(b)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. An alien is classifiable as a special immigrant under Section 203(b)(4) if they meet the statutory qualifications in INA Section 101(a)(27)(D). A petitioner may apply within one year of notification by the Department of State that the Secretary has approved a recommendation that special immigrant status be accorded to the alien. DS-1884 solicits information that will assist the consular officer in ensuring that the petitioner is statutorily qualified to receive such status, including meeting the years of service and exceptional service requirements.

Methodology:

This form can be obtained from posts abroad or through the Department's eForms intranet site. The application available through eForms allows the applicant to complete the application online and then print the application. Most applicants are current federal government employees abroad and have access to the intranet system. Once the form is printed, it is submitted to post.

Dated: April 27, 2012.

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30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: DS-261, Electronic Choice of Address and Agent, OMB Control Number 1405-0186

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:*

Electronic Choice of Address and Agent.

- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0186.

- *Type of Request:* Extension.

- *Originating Office:* CA/VO/L/R.

- *Form Number:* DS-261.

- *Respondents:* Immigrant

beneficiaries requesting change of address or designation of an authorized agent.

- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 700,000.

- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 700,000.

- *Average Hours per Response:* 10 minutes.

- *Total Estimated Burden:* 116,666.

- *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 May 16, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Please direct comments to the Department of State Desk Officer in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). You may submit comments by the following methods:

- *Email:*

oir_submission@omb.eop.gov. You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and OMB control number in the subject line of your message.

- *Fax:* 202-395-5806. Attention: Desk Officer for Department of State.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may obtain copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents from Sydney Taylor, Visa Services, U.S. Department of State, 2401 E Street NW., L-603, Washington, DC 20522, who may be reached at taylors2@state.gov.

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.