

collection and supporting documents to PassportSurvey@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: The Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act calls for the Secretary of Homeland Security, along with the Secretary of State, to develop and implement a plan that requires sufficient documentation of citizenship and identity to be shown when entering the United States. The requirement above, along with other socio-demographic variables has left the future demand for U.S. Passport products as undefined. The ambiguity of passport demand has resulted in Passport Services having an urgent need to obtain regular statistical data on issues that focus on and are related to passport applications and travel. In support of these efforts, Passport Services will conduct monthly forecasts of passport demand. The data gathered from the Passport Demand Forecasting Study Phase III will be used to monitor, assess, and forecast passport demand on a continuous basis.

Methodology: Passport Services is conducting a Passport Demand Forecast Study that will include monthly survey to collect data from a national representative sample of U.S. Citizens, Nationals and any other categories of individuals that are entitled to a U.S. Passport product using multiple methodologies. Methodologies can include mail, web/internet, telephone, and mixed-mode surveys to ensure that Passport Services reaches the appropriate audience and leverages the best research method to obtain valid responses. The survey data will cover an estimated 48,000 respondents annually and will include topics covering passport demand, travel, and socio-demographic variables of interest to the United States Department of State.

Dated: July 3, 2012.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 7951]

Notice of Receipt of Application for Presidential Permit for the Construction of a New International Trade Crossing (NITC)

The Department of State hereby gives notice that on June 21, 2012, it received an application from the State of Michigan for a permit authorizing the construction, operation and maintenance of a new international road bridge that would connect Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, and Windsor, Essex County, Ontario, Canada. The proposed bridge crossing would span approximately 2,800 feet or 0.53 miles. Landing in the Delray area of Detroit, it would include a plaza for inspection facilities, and a new interchange with Interstate 75. The application was filed by the State of Michigan, which would own the U.S. portion of the bridge. The bridge would be constructed, operated, and maintained by a new Crossing Authority, a Canadian corporation, acting through a concessionaire under a Public Private Partnership agreement. Michigan would grant a lease or another property interest to the Crossing Authority for these purposes.

The Department's jurisdiction with respect to this application is based upon Executive Order 11423, dated August 16, 1968, as amended, and the International Bridge Act of 1972 (Pub. L. 92-343, 86 Stat. 731, approved September 26, 1972). As required by E.O. 11423, the Department will circulate this application to concerned agencies for comment. Under E.O. 11423, the Department has the responsibility to determine, taking into account input from these agencies and other stakeholders, whether issuance of a Presidential permit for this proposed bridge would be in the U.S. national interest.

Interested members of the public are invited to submit written comments regarding this application on or before August 9, 2012 via email at NITCComments@state.gov. The Presidential permit application can be viewed online at <http://www.state.gov/p/wha/rt/permit/>.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 7950]

Defense Trade Advisory Group; Notice of Open Meeting

Summary: The Defense Trade Advisory Group (DTAG) will meet in open session from 1:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 26, 2012, at 1777 F Street NW., Washington, DC. Entry and registration will begin at 1 p.m. The membership of this advisory committee consists of private sector defense trade representatives, appointed by the Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs, who advise the Department on policies, regulations, and technical issues affecting defense trade. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss current defense trade issues and topics for further study. Agenda topics will be posted on the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls' Web site, at www.pmdtcc.state.gov approximately 10 days prior to the meeting.

Members of the public may attend this open session and will be permitted to participate in the discussion in accordance with the Chair's instructions. Members of the public may, if they wish, submit a brief statement to the committee in writing.

As seating is limited to 125 persons, those wishing to attend the meeting must notify the DTAG Alternate Designated Federal Officer (DFO) by COB Friday, July 20, 2012. Members of the public requesting reasonable accommodation must also notify the DTAG Executive Secretariat by that date. If notified after this date, the DTAG Secretariat will be unable to accommodate requests due to security requirements at the meeting location. A person requesting reasonable accommodation should notify the Alternate DFO by the same date.

Each non-member observer or DTAG member that wishes to attend this plenary session should provide: His/her name; company or organizational affiliation; phone number; date of birth; and identifying data such as driver's license number, U.S. Government ID, or U.S. Military ID, to the DTAG Alternate DFO, Patricia Slygh, via email at SlyghPC@state.gov. One of the following forms of valid photo identification will be required for admission to the