

**B. Petition Dismissal by the USPTO:** If the applicant files an incomplete Form PTO/SB/437, or if an application accompanied by Form PTO/SB/437 does not comply with the requirements set forth in this notice, the USPTO will notify the applicant of the deficiencies by dismissing the petition, and the applicant will be given a single opportunity to correct the deficiencies. If the applicant still wishes to participate in the pilot program, the applicant must make appropriate corrections within 1 month or 30 days of the mailing date of the dismissal decision, whichever is longer. The time period for reply is not extendable under 37 CFR 1.136(a). If the applicant timely files a response to the dismissal decision correcting all the noted deficiencies without introducing any new deficiencies, the USPTO will grant the petition if a grantable request has been filed in a corresponding counterpart application. If the applicant fails to correct the noted deficiencies within the time period set forth, the USPTO may dismiss the petition and notify the designated partner IP office(s). The U.S. application will then be taken up for examination in accordance with standard examination procedures, unless designated special in accordance with another established procedure (e.g., Request for Prioritized Examination, Petition to Make Special Based on Applicant's Age).

**C. Withdrawal of a Petition:** An application can be withdrawn from the pilot program only by filing a request to withdraw the petition to participate in the pilot program prior to the issuance of a decision granting the petition. Once the petition for participation in the pilot program has been granted, withdrawal from the pilot program is not permitted.

#### V. Requirement for Restriction

The claims must be directed to a single invention. If the examiner determines that not all the claims presented are directed to a single invention, the telephone restriction practice set forth in MPEP sec. 812.01 will be followed. The applicant must make an election without traverse during the telephonic interview. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or if the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort (*i.e.*, three business days), the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (the group of claim 1) as constructively elected without traverse for examination and include a basis for the restriction or lack of unity requirement in the FAOM. When a telephonic election is made, the examiner will provide a complete

record of the telephonic interview, including the restriction or lack of unity requirement and the applicant's election, in the FAOM. Applicants are strongly encouraged to ensure that applications submitted for the Expanded CSP are written in such a way that they claim a single, independent, and distinct invention. The applicant is responsible for ensuring that the same invention is elected in both the United States and all corresponding counterpart applications for concurrent treatment in the Expanded CSP.

#### VI. First Action on the Merits (FAOM)

During examination, the USPTO examiner will consider all exchanged search results and all references submitted by the applicant in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. Search results that are not received by the USPTO within four months from the date the petition was granted may not be included in the FAOM. The examiner will prepare and issue an Office action and notify the applicant if any designated partner IP office did not provide search results prior to the issuance of the Office action. Once an FAOM issues, the application will no longer be treated as special under the Expanded CSP.

**Andrew Hirshfeld,**

*Performing the Functions and Duties of the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.*

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#### COUNCIL OF THE INSPECTORS GENERAL ON INTEGRITY AND EFFICIENCY

##### Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records; Correction; Extension of Comment Period

**AGENCY:** Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE).

**ACTION:** Notice; correction; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** CIGIE published a notice in the **Federal Register** on January 27, 2021, proposing to establish a system of records that is subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 entitled, "PRAC Data Warehouse System (PDWS)—CIGIE-5" (CIGIE-5). In that document, CIGIE erroneously stated that comments could be made through the Federal Rulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. This notice corrects that error and extends the

comment period associated with the notice.

**DATES:** The system of records, CIGIE-5, appearing in the **Federal Register** of January 27, 2021, in FR Doc. 2021-01429, will become effective without further notice on March 8, 2021 unless comments are received that would result in a contrary determination.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Virginia Grebasch, Senior Counsel, Pandemic Response Accountability Committee, Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, (202) 292-2600 or [comments@cigie.gov](mailto:comments@cigie.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Correction

In the **Federal Register** of January 27, 2021, in FR Doc. 2021-01429, on page 7280, in the third column, correct the **ADDRESSES** caption to read:

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments identified by "CIGIE-5" by any of the following methods:

1. *Mail:* Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, 1717 H Street NW, Suite 825, Washington, DC 20006. Attn: Virginia Grebasch/CIGIE-5, Notice of New System of Records.

2. *Email:* [comments@cigie.gov](mailto:comments@cigie.gov).

Dated: February 1, 2021.

**Allison C. Lerner,**

*Chairperson of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

##### Applications for New Awards; Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Program

**AGENCY:** Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Education is issuing a notice inviting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2021 for the Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (DDRA) Program, Assistance Listing Number 84.022A. This notice relates to the approved information collection under OMB control number 1840-0005.

#### DATES:

*Applications Available:* February 4, 2021.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* April 5, 2021.

*Pre-Application Webinar information:* The Department will hold a pre-application meeting via webinar for prospective applicants. Detailed