

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: July 2, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DoC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: Patent and Trademark Office (PTO).

Title: Supplemental Declaration for Reissue Patent Application (Proposed Addition to 0651-0033, Post Allowance).

Form Number: PTO/SB/51S.

Agency Approval Number: 0651-0033.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection (proposed addition of a new form to collection).

Burden: 10.5 hours annually.

Number of Respondents: 350 responses annually.

Average Hours Per Response: Based on estimates and knowledge of the form, the PTO estimates the burden hours required by the public to gather, prepare, and submit Form PTO/SB/51S, Supplemental Declaration for a Reissue Patent Application under 37 CFR 1.175, to be approximately 1.8 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Supplemental Declaration for Reissue Patent Application, Form PTO/SB/51S, is used by the patentee to correct errors in the patent that occurred "without any deceptive intention" on the part of the patentee. It is also used by the patentee to obtain a reissue patent. The PTO uses this declaration to correct errors in the original patent that occurred "without

deceptive intent." It is also used by the PTO to reissue the patent.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, businesses or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, farms, federal government, and state, local, or tribal governments.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Peter Weiss, (202) 395-3630.

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Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication to Peter Weiss, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Technology Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Licensing of Government-Owned Inventions

AGENCY: Technology Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on a continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, PL 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before September 7, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Department Forms Clearance Officer, Room 5327, Herbert C. Hoover Building, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230 (or via Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Raubitschek, Department Patent Counsel, by telephone at (202) 482-8010.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In 1980, the Bayh-Dole Act (PL 96-517) authorized all government agencies to license their inventions. Each applicant for a license must submit a marketing or development plan (35 U.S.C. 209(a)). In 1981, GSA issued a regulation to implement Bayh-Dole and obtained OMB approval for the collection of information under this regulation.

The licensing regulation was reissued in 1985 by DOC after assuming the responsibility from GSA in 1984 (35 U.S.C. 208). The details of an application for a license appear in 37 CFR 404.8 and include a marketing or development plan. Although it takes time to develop an effective plan, we expect that most will have a plan in mind before applying for a license. Periodic utilization reports are authorized by 37 CFR 404.5(b)(6).

About 325 licenses in total are issued every year by Government agencies. There are about 1,500 active patent licenses and each license requires an annual utilization report.

II. Data

OMB Number: None (previously cleared under GSA Control No. 8090-0108).

Form Number: None.

Type of review: Regular submission of a collection in use without formal OMB approval.

Affected Public: Any person or company seeking a patent license from the Government and any active licensee.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 400/yr applicants and 1,500/yr active licensees.

Estimated Times Per Response: 2 hrs per applicant and 15 minutes per licensee.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 800 + 400 = 1,200 hrs.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0 (no capital costs).

III. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collected information is necessary to implement 35 U.S.C. 209; (b) the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection on respondents.