

verbal assurance that may have been received, there is no obligation to the applicant on the part of Department of Commerce to cover pre-award costs.

(D) No Obligation of Future Funding—If an application is selected for funding, the Department of Commerce has no obligation to provide any additional future funding in connection with the award. Renewal of an award to increase funding or extend the period of performance is at the total discretion of the Department of Commerce.

(E) Delinquent Federal Debts—No award of Federal funds shall be made to an applicant who has an outstanding delinquent Federal debt until either:

(i) The delinquent account is paid in full,

(ii) A negotiated repayment schedule is established and at least one payment is received, or

(iii) Other arrangements satisfactory to the Department of Commerce are made.

(F) Name and Check Review—All non-profit and for-profit applicants are subject to a name check review process. Name checks are intended to reveal if any key individuals associated with the applicant have been convicted of, or are presently facing criminal charges such as fraud, theft, perjury, or other matters which significantly reflect on the applicant's management, honesty, or financial integrity.

(G) Intergovernmental Review—This program is subject to the requirements of OMB Circular No. A-110, and 15 CFR part 14, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, Other Non-Profit and Commercial Organizations", to State and Local Governments", as applicable. Applications under this program are not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

(H) False Statements—A false statement on an application is grounds for denial or termination of funds, and grounds for possible punishment by a fine or imprisonment as provided in 18 U.S.C. 1001.

(I) Purchase of American-Made Equipment and Products—Applicants are encouraged that any equipment or products authorized to be purchased with funding provided under this program must be American-made to the maximum extent feasible.

(J) Pursuant to Executive Orders 12876, 12900, and 13021, the Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (DOC/NOAA) is strongly committed to broadening the participation of Historically Black

Colleges and Universities (HBCU), Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI), and Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCU) in its educational and research programs. The DOC/NOAA vision, mission, and goals are to achieve full participation by Minority Serving Institutions (MSI) in order to advance the development of human potential, to strengthen the nation's capacity to provide high-quality education, and to increase opportunities for MSIs to participate in and benefit from Federal Financial Assistance programs. DOC/NOAA encourages all applicants to include meaningful participation of MSIs. Institutions eligible to be considered HBCU/MSIs are listed at the following Internet website: <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OCR/99minin.html>.

(K) For awards receiving funding for the collection or production of geospatial data (e.g., GIS data layers), the recipient will comply to the maximum extent practicable with E.O. 12906, Coordinating Geographic Data Acquisition and Access, The National Spatial Data Infrastructure, 59 FR 17671 (April 11, 1994). The award recipient shall document all new geospatial data collected or produced using the standard developed by the Federal Geographic Data Center, and make that standardized documentation electronically accessible. The standard can be found at the following Internet website: (<http://www.fgdc.gov/standards/standards/html>)

(L) Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a current, valid OMB control number.

Classification

Prior notice and an opportunity for public comments are not required by the Administrative Procedure Act or any other law for this notice concerning grants, benefits, and contracts. Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required for purposes of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

This action has been determined to be not significant for purposes of E.O. 12866.

This notice contains collection of information requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act. The use of Standard Forms 424, 424B, and SF-LLL have been approved by OMB under the respective control numbers 0328-0043, 348-0040, and 0348-0046. Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to

respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Dated: December 6, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Public Meeting on the Telephone Number Mapping (ENUM) Protocol

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), U.S. Department of Commerce, will hold a roundtable to discuss and explore issues related to the Internet Engineering Task Force's (IETF) Telephone Number Mapping (ENUM) protocol and the work being undertaken between the IETF and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Study Group 2 (SG2) to consider how number resolution using ENUM may be affected by public switched telephone network infrastructure and telephone numbering administration.

DATES: The meeting will be held from 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday, December 18, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Room B841A, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting will be open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: For further information, please contact Karen Rose, Office of International Affairs, NTIA, telephone: (202) 482-1866. Individuals wishing to attend the meeting should send an e-mail with the participants name, organizational affiliation, and telephone number to kkrose@ntia.doc.gov with a subject line entitled ENUM ROUNDTABLE or call Ms. Rose with this information at the above-listed number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Currently, communications users require a number of different identifiers to be reachable through various communications

networks and services. For example, a user might have an e-mail address, a telephone number, and a fax number, among others. The ENUM protocol, the result of work of the Internet Engineering Task Force's (IETF's) Telephone Number Mapping working group (<<http://www.ietf.org/html.charters/enum-charter.html>>), is designed to allow communications users to be reachable using standard telephone numbers (E.164 numbers) as a universal communications identifier. The ENUM protocol uses the Internet domain name system (DNS) to resolve E.164 numbers into the specific routing information needed to connect users through a chosen communication path. E.164 is an International Telecommunications Union (ITU) Recommendation that provides the number structure used for international public telecommunication numbering plan. The ENUM protocol itself is defined in IETF document "E.164 number and DNS" (RFC 2916) (see website above).

As part of its work, the IETF engaged the ITU to consider how number resolution using ENUM might be affected by public switched telephone network infrastructure and telephone numbering plans, such as the ITU E.164 standard. Work in the ITU has been undertaken in ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) Study Group 2 (SG 2) Working Party 1 (WP1), which recently held a meeting in Berlin, Germany on October 16–26, 2000. Among other issues, SG2/WP1 meeting discussed issues raised by ENUM, and particularly, the method for administering and maintaining ENUM E.164-based resources in the DNS. The SG2/WP1 meeting resulted in the issuance of a liaison statement to the IETF that set forth a view on how E.164 resources should be administered, as well identifying other issues for further consideration (See <http://www.itu.int/infocum/enum/wp1-39_rev1.htm>).

The December 18 meeting intends to explore and stimulate discussion on issues raised by ENUM, including those raised by recent ITU work. To facilitate an exchange of views, the meeting will be structured as a roundtable discussion. The tentative agenda for the meeting (subject to change) is as follows:

1. Welcome.
2. Technical overview of ENUM and examples of possible services enabled by the ENUM protocol.
3. Exploration and discussion of issues raised by ENUM and ENUM numbering administration.

4. Discussion of ITU SG2/WP1 meeting results and possible US approaches to SG2/WP1 to the issue going forward.

5. Discussion on additional steps for progressing consideration of the issue.

6. Summary.

Public Participation

The meeting will be open to the public and is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals wishing to attend should send an e-mail with the participants name, organizational affiliation, and telephone number to <krose@ntia.doc.gov> with a subject line entitled ENUM ROUNDTABLE or call Ms. Rose at (202) 482–1866 with this information. To facilitate entry into the Department of Commerce building, please have a photo identification and/or a U.S. Government building pass, if applicable. Any member of the public wishing to attend and requiring special services, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids, should contact Ms. Rose at least three (3) days prior to the roundtable at the above-listed e-mail address or telephone number.

Kathy D. Smith,

Chief Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) 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: United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

Title: Secrecy, License to Export.

Form Number(s): N/A.

Agency Approval Number: 0651–0034.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 1,298 hours annually.

Number of Respondents: 1,862 responses per year. Of this total, the USPTO expects that approximately 6 per year for petition for rescission of secrecy order, 3 per year for permit to disclose or modification of secrecy order, 1 per year for general and group permits, 1,625 per year for petition for

foreign filing license without a corresponding application on file, 128 per year for petition for foreign filing with a corresponding U.S. application on file, and 99 per year for a petition for retroactive license will be filed.

Avg. Hours Per Response: It is estimated to take an average of 3.0 hours for permit for rescission of secrecy order; 2.0 hours for permit to disclose or modification of secrecy order; 1.0 hours for general and group permits; 0.5 hours each for foreign filing license: petition for foreign filing license without a corresponding United States application, and petition for license with a corresponding United States patent; and 4.0 hours for a petition for retroactive license for the public to gather, prepare and submit the various petitions.

Needs and Uses: In the interest of national security, patent laws and rules place certain limitations on the disclosure of information contained in patents and patent applications and on the filing of applications for patents in foreign countries. When an invention is determined to be detrimental to national security, the Commissioner of Patents must issue a secrecy order and withhold the grant of a patent for such period as the national interest requires. The USPTO collects information to determine whether the patent laws and rules have been complied with, and to grant or revoke licenses to file abroad when appropriate. This collection of information is required by 35 U.S.C. 181–188 and administered through 37 CFR Ch. 1, Part 5, 5.1–5.3. There are no forms associated with this collection of information.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; farms; the federal Government; and state, local or tribal Government.

Frequency: On occasion.

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

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395–3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Susan K. Brown, Records Officer, Office of Data Management, Data Administration Division, (703) 308–7400, USPTO, Suite 310, 2231 Crystal Drive, Washington, DC 20231, or by e-mail at susan.brown@uspto.gov.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before January 11, 2001 to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.