

date at the previously designated location: Clay, Fayette, Jackson, Nicholas, Putnam, and Roane Counties in West Virginia. All other counties contiguous to the above-names primary counties have been previously declared.

All other information remains the same, *i.e.*, the deadline for filing applications for physical damage is July 4, 2002, and for economic injury the deadline is February 5, 2003.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: June 6, 2002.

Herbert L. Mitchell,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Office of Visa Services

[Public Notice 4049]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Form DS-157, Supplemental Nonimmigrant Visa Application (OMB Control #1405-0134)

ACTION: Notice.

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. Comments should be submitted to OMB within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

The following summarizes the information collection proposal submitted to OMB:

Type of Request: Extension of Currently Approved Collection.

Originating Office: Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State (CA/VO).

Title of Information Collection: Supplemental Nonimmigrant Visa Application

Frequency: Once per respondent.
Form Number: DS-157.

Respondents: All nonimmigrant visa applicants.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 9,600,000.

Average Hours Per Response: 1 hour.
Total Estimated Burden: 9,600,000 hours.

Public comments are being solicited to permit the agency to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility.

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's 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 through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents may be obtained from Brendan Mullarkey of the Office of Visa Services, U.S. Department of State, 2401 E ST NW., RM L-703, Washington, DC 20520, who may be reached on 202-663-1163. Public comments and questions should be directed to the State Department Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20530, who may be reached on 202-395-3897.

Dated: May 28, 2002.

Wayne Griffith,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Visa Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. OST-2000-7800]

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Statement of Policy on Alternative Dispute Resolution

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT.

ACTION: Statement of policy.

SUMMARY: The Department of Transportation publishes this Statement of Policy to further its commitment to using alternative dispute resolution (ADR) to advance national transportation goals by preventing, minimizing, and resolving disputes among our employees and with external parties, in a mutually acceptable and cost-effective manner. This policy statement announces the Department's continuing interest in collaborative problem-solving.

DATES: This notice is effective June 12, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Statement of Policy on Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)

ADR is a collaborative, consensual dispute resolution approach. It describes a variety of problem-solving processes that are used in lieu of litigation or other adversarial proceedings to resolve disagreements. ADR encompasses mediation, facilitation, conciliation, factfinding, mini-trials, negotiation, negotiated rulemaking, neutral evaluation, policy dialogues, use of ombuds, arbitration, and other processes that usually involve a neutral third party who assists the parties in preventing, minimizing the escalation of, and resolving disputes. The efficient and effective use of ADR will help us resolve disputes at an early stage, in an expeditious, cost-effective, and mutually acceptable manner.

The Department of Transportation is committed to advancing our national transportation goals through alternative dispute resolution. We will consider using ADR in all areas including workplace issues, formal and informal adjudication, issuance of regulations, enforcement and compliance, issuing and revoking licenses and permits, contract and grant award and administration, litigation brought by or against the Department, and other interactions with the public and the regulated community.

We will ensure that neutrals disclose any actual or potential conflicts of interest.

We will provide learning and development opportunities for our employees so that they will be able to use conflict resolution skills, understand the theory and practice of ADR, and apply ADR appropriately.

We will use a variety of evaluation and assessment strategies to measure and improve our processes and our use of ADR.

We will allocate resources to support the use of ADR.

We will provide confidentiality consistent with the provisions of the Administrative Dispute Resolution Act and other applicable Federal laws.

The Department will attempt to incorporate ADR in its dispute resolution, or as appropriate, rulemaking processes. In addition, either on our own initiative or in response to a request, the Department will examine the appropriateness of using ADR on a case-by-case basis. ADR is voluntary and the Department will