

Management Reform Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-106), the Computer Security Act of 1987 (Pub. L. 100-235), and Appendix III to Office of Management and Budget Circular A-130. NIST's authority to perform work for others and charge fees for those services is found at 15 U.S.C. 273 and 275a.

**Classification:** Because notice and comment are not required under 5 U.S.C. 553 or any other law, for matters relating to agency management or personnel or to public property, loans, grants, benefits, or contracts, a regulatory flexibility analysis (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) is not required and has not been prepared.

**Executive Order 12866:** This notice has been determined to be not significant for the purposes of Executive Order 12866.

Dated: June 12, 2002.

**Karen H. Brown,**  
Deputy Director.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Availability of Seats for the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** National Marine Sanctuary Program (NMS), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary (OCNMS or Sanctuary) is seeking applicants for the following vacant seat on its Sanctuary Advisory Council (Council): alternate for Tourism/Recreation. Applicants are chosen based upon their particular expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying; community and professional affiliations; philosophy regarding the conservation and management of marine resources; and possibly the length of residence in the area affected by the Sanctuary. The selected alternate will serve a term that expires at the end of the current member's term.

**DATES:** Applications are due by July 12, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Application kits may be obtained from Andrew Palmer, OCNMS, 138 West First St., Port Angeles, WA 98362. Completed applications should be sent to the same address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Andrew Palmer at (360) 457-6622 x30 or [andrew.palmer@noaa.gov](mailto:andrew.palmer@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Sanctuary Advisory Council provides NOAA with advice on the management of the Sanctuary. Members provide advice to the Olympic Coast Sanctuary Superintendent on Sanctuary issues. The Council, through its members, also serves as liaison to the community regarding Sanctuary issues and acts as a conduit, relaying the community's interests, concerns, and management needs to the Sanctuary.

The Sanctuary Advisory Council members represent public interest groups, local industry, commercial and recreational user groups, academia, conservation groups, government agencies, and the general public.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. Section 1431 *et seq.*

(Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.429 Marine Sanctuary Program)

Dated: June 10, 2002.

**Jamison S. Hawkins,**

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### United States Patent and Trademark Office

#### Representative and Address Provisions

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the revision of a continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before August 19, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Susan K. Brown, Records Officer, Office of Data Management, Data Administration Division, USPTO, Suite 310, 2231 Crystal Drive, Washington, DC 20231; by telephone at (703) 308-7400; or by electronic mail at [susan.brown@uspto.gov](mailto:susan.brown@uspto.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information should be directed to Robert J. Spar,

Director, Office of Patent Legal Administration, USPTO, Washington, DC 20231; by telephone at (703) 308-5107; or by electronic mail at [bob.spar@uspto.gov](mailto:bob.spar@uspto.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

Under 35 U.S.C. 2 and 37 CFR 1.31-1.36 and 1.363, a patent applicant or assignee of record may grant power of attorney or authorization of agent to a person who is registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) to act for them in a representative capacity on a patent or application. A power of attorney or authorization of agent may also be revoked, and a registered representative may also withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 CFR 1.36. The rules of practice (37 CFR 1.33) also provide for the applicant, patentee, assignee, or representative of record to supply a correspondence address and daytime telephone number for receiving notices, official letters, and other communications from the USPTO. Further, the rules of practice (37 CFR 1.33(d) and 1.363) permit the applicant, patentee, assignee, or representative of record to specify a separate "fee address" for correspondence related to maintenance fees, which is covered under OMB Control Number 0651-0016 "Rules for Patent Maintenance Fees." Maintaining a correct and updated correspondence address is necessary so that correspondence from the USPTO related to a patent or application will be properly received by the applicant, patentee, assignee, or authorized representative.

The USPTO's Customer Number practice permits applicants, patentees, assignees, and registered representatives to efficiently change the correspondence address or registered representatives for a number of patents or applications with one change request instead of filing separate change requests for each patent or application. Customers may request a customer number from the USPTO and associate this customer number with a correspondence address or a list of registered practitioners. Customers may then use this customer number to designate or change the correspondence address or to grant power of attorney to the list of registered practitioners for any number of patents or applications. Any changes to the address or practitioner information associated with a customer number will be applied to all patents and applications associated with that customer number.

The Customer Number practice is optional, in that changes of

correspondence address or appointments of registered representatives may be filed separately for each patent or application. However, a customer number associated with the correspondence address for a patent application is required in order to access information about the application using the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system, which is available through the USPTO web site. The PAIR system allows authorized individuals secure access to application status information over the Internet, but only for patent applications that are linked to a customer number. Increased access to the PAIR system over the Internet has resulted in an increase in requests for a customer number. This increase in submissions of customer number requests due to a program change was submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) as part of a change worksheet and approved by OMB on November 29, 2001.

This information collection includes the information necessary to submit a request to grant or revoke power of attorney or authorization of agent for a patent application and for a registered representative to withdraw as attorney or agent of record for a patent application. This collection also includes the information necessary to request a customer number and associate a correspondence address or list of practitioners with this customer number, to change the correspondence address or practitioners associated with a customer number, and to designate or change the correspondence address or registered representatives for one or more patents or applications.

In addition to the forms offered by the USPTO to assist customers with providing the information covered by this collection, customers may also use a spreadsheet format (Customer Number

Upload Spreadsheet) to designate or change the correspondence address, fee address, or power of attorney information for a list of patents or applications. The Customer Number Upload Spreadsheet must be submitted to the USPTO on a computer-readable diskette as specified in the notice entitled "Extension of the Payor Number Practice (Through 'Customer Numbers') to Matters Involving Pending Patent Applications," published in the **Federal Register** at 61 FR 54622, 54623–54624 (October 21, 1996). The diskette must be accompanied by a paper copy of the spreadsheet and a signed cover letter requesting entry of the address and representative changes for the listed patents and applications. The spreadsheet and printed materials must be mailed to the USPTO and cannot be filed electronically over the Internet. Customers may download a Microsoft Excel template with instructions from the USPTO web site to assist them in preparing the spreadsheet in the proper format. The USPTO expects that the number of Customer Number Upload Spreadsheet submissions will increase as the use of customer numbers and electronic filing of patent applications increases.

This collection previously included a means to authorize an attorney or agent to take instructions from an intermediate representative without directly contacting the applicant or assignee (Instruction Authorization Form PTO/SB/84), but this form is being deleted because the corresponding USPTO policy is no longer in force.

## II. Method of Collection

By mail, facsimile, or hand delivery to the USPTO.

## III. Data

OMB Number: 0651–0035.

Form Number(s): PTO/SB/81/82/83/121/122/123/124A/124B/125A/125B.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; businesses or other for-profits; not-for-profit institutions; and the Federal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 338,280 responses per year.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately 3 to 12 minutes (0.05 to 0.2 hours) to complete this information, depending on the form. This includes time to gather the necessary information, prepare the form, and submit the completed request. The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes (1.75 hours) to submit a Customer Number Upload Spreadsheet, including the time for preparing the spreadsheet file on diskette, printing the copy of the spreadsheet, and producing the signed cover letter.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours:* 31,259 hours per year.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden:* \$957,750 per year. The USPTO expects that Requests for Withdrawal as Attorney or Agent will be prepared by an attorney and that the other items in this collection will be prepared by paraprofessionals. Using the professional hourly rate of \$252 per hour for associate attorneys in private firms, the USPTO estimates that the respondent cost burden for submitting Requests for Withdrawal as Attorney or Agent (PTO/SB/83) will be \$22,680 per year. Using the paraprofessional hourly rate of \$30 per hour, the USPTO estimates that the respondent cost burden for submitting the other forms in this collection and the Customer Number Upload Spreadsheets will be \$935,070 per year. The total respondent cost burden is \$957,750 per year.

Item	Estimated time for response	Estimated annual responses	Estimated annual burden hours
Power of Attorney or Authorization of Agent .....	3 minutes .....	312,700	15,635
Revocation of Power of Attorney or Authorization of Agent .....	3 minutes .....	615	31
Request for Withdrawal as Attorney or Agent .....	12 minutes .....	450	90
Correspondence Address Indication Form .....	12 minutes .....	55	11
Change of Correspondence Address .....	3 minutes .....	12,000	600
Request for Customer Number Data Change .....	12 minutes .....	560	112
Request for Customer Number .....	12 minutes .....	3,900	780
Customer Number Upload Spreadsheet .....	1 hour and 45 minutes .....	8,000	14,000
Total .....	.....	338,280	31,259

*Estimated Total Annual Non-hour Respondent Cost Burden:* \$356. There are no maintenance costs or filing fees

associated with this information collection. However, this collection does have annual (non-hour) cost

burden in the form of capital start-up costs associated with using the Customer Number Upload Spreadsheet

to change the correspondence address or power of attorney for a list of patents or applications. The spreadsheet must be submitted to the USPTO on a computer-readable diskette. The retail price of the latest version of the Microsoft Excel software for creating the spreadsheet file is \$339, although this software is commonly purchased as part of a bundle with other Microsoft Office applications such as Word, Outlook, and PowerPoint. A box of ten 3.5-inch diskettes can be purchased for approximately \$5, or 50 cents per diskette. Padded mailing envelopes for safely shipping the diskettes can be purchased for approximately \$12 for a package of 12, or \$1 per envelope. The total non-hour respondent cost burden in the form of capital start-up costs is \$356 per year.

#### IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed 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 of information on respondents, e.g., the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: June 12, 2002.

**Susan K. Brown,**

*Records Officer, USPTO, Office of Data Management, Data Administration Division.*  
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## CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

### Notice of funding opportunity for Grants To Support the Martin Luther King, Jr. Service Day Initiative

**AGENCY:** Corporation for National and Community Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of funding opportunity.

**SUMMARY:** Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation") intends to award between \$400,000 and

\$600,000 in grant funds to pay for the federal share of the cost of planning and carrying out service opportunities in conjunction with the federal legal holiday honoring the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 20, 2003. The Corporation invites applications for these grants.

The purpose of the grants is to mobilize more Americans to observe the Martin Luther King, Jr. federal holiday as a day of service in communities and to bring people together around the common focus of service to others. To achieve this, depending upon appropriations provided by the Congress for the Corporation, and based upon previous allocations of funding for this activity, we will disburse between \$400,000 and \$600,000 in grant funds to support approved service opportunities. Eligible organizations may apply for a grant to support national service and community volunteering projects. Grant awards may range from \$2,500 to \$7,500. Proposals must be cost effective, based on the number of people serving and being served.

**DATES:** Applications must arrive at the appropriate Corporation offices or via the Internet-based electronic grants system described below no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on July 31, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** This year, you may submit your application in one of three ways: (1) By mailing a paper application; (2) by mailing your application on diskette; or (3) by using the Corporation's new Internet-based application system. That system is expected to be available after June 12. We would like to encourage applicants to use this new electronic way of applying for a grant. Check the Corporation's web site after June 12—[www.mlkday.org](http://www.mlkday.org)—for complete information. If you intend to submit an electronic application, please check the website in a timely fashion, so that if you experience difficulty with the electronic submission, you may still submit a paper application. Paper applications may be obtained from the Corporation state office in your state unless otherwise noted or from the website at [www.mlkday.org](http://www.mlkday.org). See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for Corporation state office addresses. Paper applications must be returned to the Corporation state office in your state unless otherwise noted. In lieu of a paper application, you may submit the application on a 3.5" diskette in a text format only. Submitting your application on diskette will facilitate faster processing as well as reduce paper. Diskettes must be clearly marked with the program name and contact

information. Application form SF 424 must be submitted along with the diskette. Address the paper application or diskette to: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, Corporation for National and Community Service (Appropriate State Address).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information, contact the person listed for the Corporation office in your state, unless otherwise noted. You may request this notice in an alternative format for the visually impaired by calling (202) 606-5000, ext. 278. The Corporation's T.D.D. number is (202) 565-2799 and is operational between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The Corporation is a federal government corporation, established by Congress in the 1993 amendments to the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (the Act) that engages Americans of all ages and backgrounds in service to communities. This service addresses the nation's education, public safety, environmental, or other human needs to achieve direct and demonstrable results with special consideration to service that affects the needs of children. In doing so, the Corporation fosters civic responsibility, strengthens the ties that bind us together as a people, and provides educational opportunity for those who make a substantial commitment to service. The Corporation supports a range of national service programs including AmeriCorps, Learn and Serve America, and the Senior Corps. Section 12653(s) of the Act, as amended in 1994, authorizes the Corporation to make grants to share the cost of planning and carrying out service opportunities in conjunction with the federal legal holiday honoring the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. We will fund grants to support activities that will (1) get necessary things done in communities, (2) strengthen the communities engaged in the service activity, (3) reflect the life and teaching of Martin Luther King, Jr., (4) promote President Bush's call to service, and (5) begin or occur in significant part on the federal legal holiday (January 20, 2003).

The King Center for Nonviolent Social Change, Inc. also supports activities in honor of Dr. King's birth through the "Beloved Community." The "Beloved Community" is a network of partners, organizations and entities that promote the King Holiday or work of Dr. King by disseminating his philosophy, providing direct service, nonviolence training, education or programs ensuring the