

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**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: Patent Cooperation Treaty.

Form Number(s): PCT RO/101, PCT/RO/134, PTO-1382, PTO-1390, PCT/IPEA/401, PTO/SB/61/PCT, PTO/SB/64/PCT, PCT/Model of power of attorney, PCT/Model of general power of attorney.

Agency Approval Number: 0651-0021.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 347,889 hours annually.

Number of Respondents: 355,655 responses per year.

Avg. Hours Per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately 15 minutes (0.25 hours) to 8 hours to gather the necessary information; prepare the appropriate form, petition, or other request; and submit the information to the USPTO.

Needs and Uses: The general purpose of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) is to standardize the format and filing procedures so that applicants may file one international application in one location, in one language, and pay one initial set of fees to seek protection for an invention in more than 100 designated countries. This collection of information is necessary so that respondents can apply for an international patent and so that the USPTO can fulfill its duties to process, search, and examine international patent applications under the provisions of the PCT. Recent amendments to the PCT regulations that will be effective January 1, 2004, have simplified the application process and fee structure, resulting in the deletion of two forms from this collection, PCT/RO/144 Notice of Confirmation of Precautionary Designations and PCT/IB/328 Notice Effecting Later Elections.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, businesses or other for-profits, not-for-profit institutions, farms, the Federal Government, and state, local or tribal governments.

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 the Chief Information Officer, Office of Data Architecture and Services, Data Administration Division, 703-308-7400, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313, Attn: CPK 3 Suite 310; or by e-mail at susan.brown@uspto.gov.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before February 13, 2004 to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: January 8, 2004.

Susan K. Brown,

Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Office of Data Architecture and Services, Data Administration Division.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**Information Collection; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation") has submitted a public information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13, (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Corporation for National and Community Service, Ms. Rhonda Taylor, at (202) 606-5000, extension 282, (rtaylor@cns.gov); (TTY/TDD) at (202) 606-5256 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. eastern standard time, Monday through Friday.

Comments may be submitted, identified by the title of the information collection activity, by any of the following two methods within 30 days from the date of publication in this

Federal Register:

(1) By fax to: (202) 395-6974, Attention: Ms. Fumie Yokota, OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service; and

(2) Electronically by e-mail to: Fumie.Yokota@omb.eop.gov.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Corporation, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the Corporation's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Propose ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Propose ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Description

The President's Council on Service and Civic Participation was created by Executive Order 13285 on January 29, 2003. The Council is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service. Under the Executive Order, the Council is directed to (among other things) design and recommend programs to recognize individuals, schools, and organizations that excel in their efforts to support volunteer service and civic participation, especially with respect to students in primary schools, secondary schools, and institutions of higher learning. The Council will bestow the President's Volunteer Service Award to meet this requirement. In order to recognize individuals, schools and organizations, the program must collect information about the individuals and organizations and their activities to verify that they have earned the award.

The information collected will be used by the program primarily to select winners of the President's Volunteer Service Awards and the Call to Service Awards (4,000 hours or more.)

Individuals or organizations can be nominated by an organization. The nominations will be reviewed for compliance by the administering agency, and awards will be made on that basis. Information also will be used to assure the integrity of the program (so that, for example, an individual or organization does not receive an award twice for the same project), for reporting on the accomplishments of the program, for the public awareness campaign