

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: Secrecy and License to Export.

Form Number(s): N/A.

Agency Approval Number: 0651-0034.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 1,310 hours annually.

Number of Respondents: 1,669 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, 1,402 per year for petition for expedited handling of license (no corresponding application), 126 per year for petition for expedited handling of license (corresponding U.S. application), 1 for petition for changing scope of license, and 130 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 licenses; petition for expedited handling of license (no corresponding application), petition for expedited handling of license (corresponding U.S. application), petition for changing scope of license; and 4.0 hours for 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 Director of the USPTO 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 5.1-5.33. 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 the Chief Information Officer, Office of Data Architecture and Services, (703) 308-7400, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, PO 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 April 14, 2004 to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: March 5, 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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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 14, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Melanie Kadlic, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington,

DC 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the Internet address Melanie_Kadlic@omb.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

Dated: March 9, 2004.

Angela C. Arrington,

Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Federal Student Aid

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: The Leveraging Educational Assistance and Partnership (LEAP) and Special LEAP (SLEAP) Programs application to participate.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: State, local, or tribal gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: Responses: 56. *Burden Hours:* 112.

Abstract: The LEAP and SLEAP programs use matching Federal and State funds to provide a nationwide system of grants to assist postsecondary educational students with substantial financial need. On this application the states provide information the Department requires to obligate funds and for program management. The signed assurances legally bind the states to administer the programs according to regulatory and statutory requirements. With the clearance of this collection, the Department is seeking to automate the application for web-based applying for