

exchange visitor participants, and other similar types of respondents associated with ECA exchange programs.

- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,617.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 2,167.
- *Average Hours Per Response:* 45 minutes.
- *Total Estimated Burden:* 1,962.
- *Frequency:* Information may be collected annually, on occasion, and per evaluation project.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Voluntary.

DATES: Comments may be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for up to 30 days from November 30, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Comments and questions should be directed to Alex Hunt, the State Department Desk Officer in Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), who may be reached on 202-395-7860. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- E-mail: ahunt@omb.eop.gov. You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and OMB control number in the subject line of your message.
- Hand Delivery or Courier: OIRA State Department Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.
- Fax: 202-395-6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents may be obtained from Tamara L. Martin, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Office of Policy and Evaluation (ECA/P), 301 4th Street, SW., Room 336 (SA-44), Washington, DC 20547, who may be reached on (202) 205-1975, or via e-mail at MartinTL1@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of our functions.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our 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 the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

Abstract of proposed collection: The information collection will facilitate the Bureau of Educational and Cultural

Affairs' (ECA) ability to regularly collect critical and timely feedback data from a defined universe of respondents (customer base). The evaluation and performance measurement data obtained through the information collection will allow ECA to better assess and improve ECA's exchange programs, learn more about the results and effectiveness of ECA programs, and comply with reporting requirements established by Congress and the Office of Management and Budget. ECA's exchange programs are critical to the Department of State's foreign policy mission and public diplomacy strategy as they are designed to help promote a balanced and accurate view of the United States and build partnerships around the world.

Methodology: Data collected through the information collection will be derived from customer/respondent paper, electronic and on-line surveys, personal interviews and/or focus groups. The customer/respondent base includes applicants, participants, alumni, program administrators, hosts and grantee organizations involved in ECA exchange programs.

Dated: November 8, 2004.

Cathy Chikes,

Executive Director, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4912]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Evaluation of DOS-Sponsored Educational and Cultural Exchange Programs, OMB No. 1405-0118

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment in the **Federal Register** preceding submission to OMB. We are conducting this process in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

- *Title of Information Collection:* Evaluation of DOS-sponsored Educational and Cultural Exchange Programs.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0118.
- *Type of Request:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

• *Originating Office:* Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), Office of Policy and Evaluation (ECA/P).

- *Form Number:* SV-2001-0013-A.
- *Respondents:* U.S. and foreign applicants, current grantee exchange visitor participants (J-1 visa holders) and alumni of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) exchange programs, domestic grantee organizations and program administrators, foreign partner organizations, domestic and foreign hosts of exchange visitor participants, and other similar types of respondents associated with ECA exchange programs.

• *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 6,000.

• *Estimated Number of Responses:* 6,000.

• *Average Hours Per Response:* 30 minutes.

• *Total Estimated Burden:* 3,000 hours.

• *Frequency:* Information may be collected annually, on occasion, and per evaluation project.

• *Obligation to Respond:* Voluntary.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to 60 days from November 30, 2004.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- E-mail: MartinTL1@state.gov. You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and OMB control number in the subject line of your message.

• Mail (paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions): Tamara L. Martin, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Office of Policy and Evaluation (ECA/P), 301 4th Street SW., Room 336 (SA-44), Washington, DC 20547.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents, to Tamara L. Martin, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Office of Policy and Evaluation (ECA/P), 301 4th Street SW., Room 336 (SA-44), Washington, DC 20547, who may be reached on (202) 205-1975.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of our functions.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our 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 the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

Abstract of proposed collection: The information collection will facilitate the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs' (ECA) ability to regularly collect critical and timely feedback data from a defined universe of respondents (customer base). The evaluation and performance measurement data obtained through the information collection will allow ECA to better assess and improve ECA's exchange programs, learn more about the results and effectiveness of ECA programs, and comply with reporting requirements established by Congress and the Office of Management and Budget. ECA's exchange programs are critical to the Department of State's foreign policy mission and public diplomacy strategy as they are designed to help promote a balanced and accurate view of the United States and build partnerships around the world.

Methodology: Data collected through the information collection will be derived from customer/ respondent paper and on-line surveys, personal interviews and/or focus groups. The customer/respondent base includes applicants, participants, alumni, program administrators, hosts and grantee organizations involved in ECA exchange programs.

Dated: October 19, 2004.

Cathy Chikes, ECA/EX,

Executive Director, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4910]

Bureau of Diplomatic Security, Office of Foreign Missions, Diplomatic Motor Vehicles; 60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: U.S. Department of State Driver's License and Tax Exemption Card Application; OMB Collection Number 1405-0105; Form DS-1972

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below.

The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment in the **Federal Register** preceding submission to OMB. This process is conducted in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The Department of State has made minor changes to the wording of the form, but the data collected is unchanged.

The following summarizes the information collection proposal to be submitted to OMB:

- *Title of Information Collection:* U.S. Department of State Driver's License and Tax Exemption Card Application.

- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0105.

- *Type of Request:* Regular Submission to extend a currently approved collection.

- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Diplomatic Security, Office of Foreign Missions (DS/OFM).

- *Form Number:* DS-1972.

- *Respondents:* Foreign missions that have personnel assigned to the United States: diplomatic, consular, administrative and technical, specified official representatives of foreign governments to international organizations, and their dependents.

- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 350 foreign missions.

- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 14,000.

- *Average Hours Per Response:* 0.5 hours (30 minutes).

- *Total Estimated Burden:* 7,000 hours.

- *Frequency:* On occasion. (As often as is necessary for foreign missions to obtain/renew driver's licenses and/or tax exemption cards for foreign mission personnel.)

- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain or Retain a driver's license and/or tax exemption card.

The Department will accept comments from the public up to 60 days from date of publication in the **Federal Register**. You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- *E-mail:*

OFMCustomerService@state.gov. You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and OMB control number in the subject line of your message.

- *Mail:* U.S. Department of State, Office of Foreign Missions, Attn: Diplomatic Motor Vehicle Director, 3507 International Place, NW., State Annex 33, Washington, DC 20522-3302

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice should be directed to Attn: Jacqueline Robinson, Diplomatic Motor Vehicle Director, Office of Foreign

Missions, 3507 International Place, NW., State Annex 33, Washington, DC 20522-3302, who may be reached on (202) 895-3528 or *RobinsonJD@state.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Your public comments are being solicited to permit the agency to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency.

- 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.

The U.S. Department of State Driver License and Tax Exemption Card Application form (DS 1972) is the means by which foreign missions in the United States request the issuance of a driver license and/or a sales tax exemption card for foreign mission personnel and their dependents. The exemption from sales taxes and the operation of a motor vehicle in the United States by foreign mission personnel are benefits under the Foreign Missions Act, 22 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.*, which must be obtained by foreign missions through the U.S. Department of State, Office of Foreign Missions (DS/OFM). The DS-1972 application form provides OFM with the necessary information required to administer the two benefits effectively and efficiently. Sales tax exemption is enjoyed under the provisions of international law but is granted on the basis of reciprocity. The administration of driver licenses at the national level helps the Federal Government identify operators who repeatedly receive citations. This also helps the Federal Government determine the necessary course of action that may be required against an individual's driving privilege. Accordingly, the Federal Government is able to provide consistency to the diplomatic community on a national level through a uniform program.

Dated: October 15, 2004.

Lynwood M. Dent,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Diplomatic Security, Office of Foreign Missions, Department of State.

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