

On April 27, 2007, USTR announced the results of the 2007 Special 301 Review and stated that an Out-of-Cycle Review of Russia would be conducted this year. Pursuant to this Out-of-Cycle Review of Russia, USTR requests written submissions from the public concerning Russia's acts, policies, and practices regarding the adequacy and effectiveness of Russia's intellectual property protection and enforcement. In particular, USTR requests that comments address Russia's implementation of the United States-Russia Bilateral IPR Agreement of November 19, 2006 (available on USTR's Web site at <http://www.ustr.gov>).

*Requirements for comments:*

Comments should include a description of experiences with respect to Russia in the field of intellectual property rights and the effect of Russian IPR acts, policies, and practices on U.S. industry. Comments should be as detailed as possible and should provide all necessary information for assessing the effect of Russia's acts, policies, and practices. Any comments that include quantitative loss claims should be accompanied by the methodology used in calculating such estimated losses.

Comments must be in English. No submissions will be accepted via postal service mail. Documents should be submitted as either WordPerfect, MS Word, .pdf, or text (.TXT) files. Supporting documentation submitted as spreadsheets are acceptable as Quattro Pro or Excel files. All comments and supporting documentation received by USTR will be made available to the public through electronic or other means. A submitter requesting that information contained in a comment be treated as confidential business information must certify that such information is business confidential and would not customarily be released to the public by the submitter. A non-confidential version of the comment must also be provided. For any document containing business confidential information, the file name of the business confidential version should begin with the characters "BC-", and the file name of the public version should begin with the character "P-". The "P-" or "BC-" should be followed by the name of the submitter. Submissions should not include separate cover letters; information that might appear in a cover letter should be included in the submission itself. To the extent possible, any attachments to the submission should be included in the same file as the submission itself, and not as separate files.

**DATES:** Submissions must be received on or before *10 a.m. on Monday, August 27, 2007*.

All comments should be addressed to *Jennifer Choe Groves*, Director for Intellectual Property and Innovation and Chair of the Special 301 Committee, Office of the United States Trade Representative, and sent (i) electronically, to [FR0606@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:FR0606@ustr.eop.gov) (please note, "FR0606" consists of the numbers "zero-six-zero-six,") with "Russia Out-of-Cycle Review" in the subject line, or (ii) by fax, to (202) 395-9458, with a confirmation copy sent electronically to the email address above.

*Public inspection of submissions:* (1) Within one business day of receipt, non-confidential submissions will be placed in a public file open for inspection at the USTR reading room, Office of the United States Trade Representative, Annex Building, 1724 F Street, NW., Room 1, Washington, DC. An appointment to review the file must be scheduled at least 48 hours in advance and may be made by calling Jacqueline Caldwell at (202) 395-6186. The USTR reading room is open to the public from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Revision of a Currently Approved Collection: OPM Forms 1496 and 1496A

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for revision of a currently approved collection. OPM Forms 1496 and 1496A, Application for Deferred Retirement (Separations on or after October 1, 1956) are used by eligible former Federal employees to apply for a deferred Civil Service annuity. Two forms were needed because there was a major revision in the law effective October 1, 1956; this affected the general information

provided with both forms. However, we will no longer maintain a clearance of the OPM 1496, the waning population affected by this form is less than ten respondents a year. We are therefore requesting clearance of the revised OPM 1496A.

Comments are particularly invited on: Whether this information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the Office of Personnel Management, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Approximately 2,800 OPM Form 1496A will be completed annually. We estimate it takes approximately 1 hour to complete this form. The annual burden is 2,800 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606-8358, FAX (202) 418-3251 or via e-mail to [MaryBeth.Smith-Toomey@opm.gov](mailto:MaryBeth.Smith-Toomey@opm.gov). Please include a mailing address with your request.

**DATES:** Comments on this proposal should be received within 60 calendar days from the date of this publication.

**ADDRESSES:** Send or deliver comments to: Pamela S. Israel, Chief, Operations Support Group, Center for Retirement and Insurance Services, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW., Room 3349, Washington, DC 20415-3540.

*For Information Regarding Administrative Coordination, Contact:* Cyrus S. Benson, Team Leader, Publications Team, RIS Support Services/Support Group, (202) 606-0623.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

**Tricia Hollis,**  
*Chief of Staff.*

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Review of a Revised Information Collection: RI 25-14 and RI 25-14A

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

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