

2010. This notice also outlines suggested discussion topics for the meetings and is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to participate in the teleconference and/or web conference meetings.

DATES: The dates and times for the teleconference and/or web conference meetings will be announced via e-mail to parties registered as described below in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public wishing to register for the calls and obtain the call-in number, access code, Web link and other information for any of the public teleconferences and or web conferences may contact James F. Carey, Financial and Loan Analyst, Multifamily Housing Guaranteed Loan Division, Rural Development, United States Department of Agriculture, telephone: (202) 401-2307, fax: (202) 205-5066, or e-mail: james.carey@wdc.USDA.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The objectives of this series of teleconferences are as follows:

- Enhance the effectiveness of the Section 538 Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program.
 - Establish a two way communications forum to update industry participants and Rural Housing staff.
 - Enhance RHS' awareness of the market and other forces that impact the Section 538 Multifamily Guaranteed Loan program.
- Topics to be discussed could include but will not be limited to the following:
- Updates on the USDA Section 538 Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program FY 2009-2010 activities.
 - Perspectives on the current state of debt financing and its impact on the Section 538 program.
 - Enhancing the use of Section 538 financing with the transfer and/or preservation of Section 515 developments.
 - The impact of Low Income Housing Tax Credit program changes on Section 538 financings.

Dated: January 14, 2010.

Tammye Treviño,

Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Illinois Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on

Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that a planning meeting of the Health Disparities Subcommittee of the Illinois Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 8 a.m. and adjourn at 10 a.m. on February 22, 2010, at 55 W. Monroe St., Chicago, IL 60603. The purpose of the meeting is to plan for the Committee's report on Health Disparities in Chicago. The meeting will consist of approximately five local health disparities experts discussing issues regarding the project.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office by March 22, 2010. The address is 55 W. Monroe St., Suite 410, Chicago, IL 60603. Persons wishing to e-mail their comments, or to present their comments verbally at the meeting, or who desire additional information should contact David Mussatt, Director, 312-353-8311, TDD/TTY 312-353-8324, or by e-mail: dmussatt@usccr.gov.

Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Midwestern Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised to go to the Commission's Web site, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or to contact the Midwestern Regional Office at the above e-mail or street address.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission and FACA.

Dated in Washington, DC, January 19, 2010.

Peter Minarik,

Acting Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Legal Processes

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 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 March 26, 2010.

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

- *E-mail:* Susan.Fawcett@uspto.gov. Include "0651-0046 comment" in the subject line of the message.

- *Fax:* 571-273-0112, marked to the attention of Susan K. Fawcett.

- *Mail:* Susan K. Fawcett, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

- *Federal Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to Shirley Hassan, Office of General Law, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 15667, Arlington, VA 22215; by telephone at 571-272-3000; or by e-mail to Shirley.Hassan@uspto.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The purpose of this collection is to cover information requirements related to civil actions and claims involving current and former employees of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). The rules for these legal processes may be found under 37 CFR Part 104, which outlines procedures for service of process, demands for employee testimony and production of documents in legal proceedings, reports of unauthorized testimony, employee indemnification, and filing claims against the USPTO under the Federal Tort Claims Act (28 U.S.C. 2672) and the corresponding Department of Justice regulations (28 CFR Part 14). The public may also petition the USPTO Office of General Counsel under 37 CFR 104.3 to waive or suspend these rules in extraordinary cases.

The procedures under 37 CFR Part 104 ensure that service of process intended for current and former employees of the USPTO is handled properly. The USPTO will only accept service of process for an employee acting in an official capacity. This collection is necessary so that respondents or their representatives can serve a summons or complaint on the USPTO, demand employee testimony and documents related to a legal proceeding, or file a claim under the Federal Tort Claims Act. Respondents

may also petition the USPTO to waive or suspend these rules for legal processes. This collection is also necessary so that current and former USPTO employees may properly forward service and demands to the Office of General Counsel, report unauthorized testimony, and request indemnification. The USPTO covers current employees as respondents under this information collection even though their responses do not require approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act. In those instances where both current and former employees may respond to the USPTO, the agency estimates that the number of respondents will be small.

There are no forms provided by the USPTO for this collection. For filing claims under the Federal Tort Claims Act, the public may use Standard Form 95 "Claim for Damage, Injury, or Death," which is provided by the Department of Justice and approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB Control Number 1105-0008.

II. Method of Collection

By mail or hand delivery to the USPTO.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0651-0046.

Form Number(s): None.

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: 291 responses per year.

Estimated Time per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take the public from 5 minutes (0.08 hours) to 1 hour to gather the necessary information, prepare the appropriate documents, and submit the information required for this collection.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 52 hours per year.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden: \$16,652 per year. The

USPTO expects that the information in this collection will be prepared by attorneys and former employees, except for the requests for employee indemnification, which generally come from professional and supervisory staff. Since many of the former employees affected by this collection are attorneys, the attorney rate will be used for former employees as well. Using the professional rate of \$325 per hour for attorneys in private firms, the USPTO estimates that the respondent cost burden for attorneys and former employees submitting the information in this collection will be \$16,575 per year. Using the estimate of \$77 per hour for professional and supervisory staff, the USPTO expects that the respondent cost burden for submitting requests for employee indemnification will be \$77 per year. Therefore, the respondent cost burden for this collection will be \$16,652 per year.

Item	Estimated time for response	Estimated annual responses	Estimated annual burden hours
Petition to Waive Rules	30 minutes	5	3
Service of Process	5 minutes	243	19
Forwarding Service	10 minutes	7	1
Employee Testimony and Production of Documents in Legal Proceedings.	1 hour	22	22
Forwarding Demands	10 minutes	7	1
Report of Unauthorized Testimony	30 minutes	1	1
Report of Possible Indemnification Cases	30 minutes	3	2
Employee Indemnification	30 minutes	1	1
Tort Claims	1 hour	2	2
Totals	291	52

Estimated Total Annual Non-hour Respondent Cost Burden: \$3,122 per year. There are no capital start-up, maintenance, or recordkeeping costs associated with this information collection. However, this collection does have annual (non-hour) costs in the form of filing fees and postage costs.

This collection has filing fees associated with the petition to waive or suspend the legal process rules under 37 CFR 104.3. The filing fee for this petition is \$130, and the USPTO estimates that approximately 5 petitions will be filed per year for a total filing cost of \$650. There are no other filing fees associated with this information collection.

Customers may incur postage costs when submitting the information in this collection to the USPTO by mail. The USPTO estimates that the average first-class postage for a mailed submission, other than a Service of Process, will be 88 cents and that up to 48 of these submissions will be mailed to the

USPTO per year, for a postage cost of \$42. The USPTO estimates that the average postage for a Service of Process will be \$10.00 and that up to 243 of these submissions will be mailed to the USPTO per year, for a postage cost of \$2,430. The total estimated postage cost for this collection is approximately \$2,472 per year.

The total non-hour respondent cost burden for this collection in the form of filing fees and postage costs is approximately \$3,122 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: January 14, 2010.

Susan K. Fawcett,

Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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