OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

NATIONAL ECONOMIC COUNCIL

Extension of Comment Period for Commercialization of University Research Request for Information

ACTION: Notice; extension of comment period.

The comment period for the joint request for information issued by the Office of Science and Technology Policy and the National Economic Council, originally published in the Federal Register on March 25, 2010 (75 FR 14476), is extended for an additional 30 days. The comment period will now officially close on May 26, 2010 at 11:59 p.m. EST. Please follow the original instructions. Contact nec_general@who.eop.gov with any questions.

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Supplement to Claim of Person Outside the United States; OMB 3220–0155

Under the Social Security Amendments of 1983 (Pub. L. 98–21), which amends section 202(t) of the Social Security Act, the Tier I or the O/M (overall minimum) portion of an annuity and Medicare benefits payable under the Railroad Retirement Act to certain beneficiaries living outside the U.S., may be withheld effective January 1, 1985. The benefit withholding provision of Public Law 98–21 applies to divorced spouses, spouses, minor or disabled children, students, and survivors of railroad employees who (1) Initially became eligible for Tier I amounts, O/M shares, and Medicare benefits after December 31, 1984; (2) are not U.S citizens or U.S. nationals; and (3) have resided outside the U.S for more than six consecutive months starting with the annuity beginning date. The benefit withholding provision does not apply, however to a beneficiary who is exempt under either a treaty obligation of the U.S., in effect on August 1, 1956, or a totalization agreement between the U.S. and the country in which the beneficiary resides, or to an individual who is exempt under other criteria specified in Public Law 98–21.

RRB Form G–45, Supplement to Claim of Person Outside the United States, is currently used by the RRB to determine applicability of the withholding provision of Public Law 98–21. Completion of the form is required to obtain or retain a benefit. One response is requested of each respondent. The RRB estimates that 100 Form G–45’s are completed annually. The completion time for Form G–45 is estimated at 10 minutes per response. The RRB proposes no changes to Form G–45.

Additional Information or Comments:
To request more information or to obtain a copy of the information collection justification, forms, and/or supporting material, please call the RRB Clearance Officer at (312) 751–3363 or send an e-mail request to Charles.Mierzwa@RRB.GOV. Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Patricia A. Henaghan, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611–2092 or send an e-mail to Patricia.Henaghan@RRB.GOV. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

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