

SUMMARY: The Kisatchie National Forest Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Natchitoches, Louisiana. The committee is meeting as authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 110–343) and in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose is to hold the first meeting of the newly formed committee.

DATES: The meeting will be held on June 29, 2010, and will begin at 7 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Natchitoches Events Center, Meeting Room #3, 750 2nd Street, Natchitoches, LA. Written comments should be sent to Holly Morgan, Kisatchie National Forest, 2500 Shreveport Highway, Pineville, LA 71360. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to hmorgan@fsfed.us, or via facsimile to 318–473–7117.

All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at Kisatchie National Forest, 2500 Shreveport Highway, Pineville, LA 71360. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 318–473–7160 to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Holly Morgan, RAC coordinator, USDA, Kisatchie National Forest, 2500 Shreveport Highway, Pineville, LA 71360; (318) 473–7194; E-mail hmorgan@fs.fed.us.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. The following business will be conducted: (1) Introductions of all committee members, replacement members and Forest Service personnel. (2) Selection of a chairperson by the committee members. (3) Receive materials explaining the process for considering and recommending Title II projects; and (4) Public Comment. Persons who wish to bring related matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting.

Dated: May 12, 2010.

Michael L. Balboni,

Designated Federal Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Southern New Mexico Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Southern New Mexico Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Socorro, New Mexico. The committee is meeting as authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 110–343) and in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the meeting is to develop operating protocols.

DATES: The meeting will be held June 22, 2010, 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at 901 Highway 85, Socorro Bureau of Land Management field office. Written comments should be sent to Mr. Al Koss, HC 68, Box 50, Mimbres, NM 88049–9301. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to alkoss@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to 575–520–2551.

All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at the Wilderness Ranger District, HC 68, Box 50, Mimbres, NM 88049–9301. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 575–536–2250 to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Al Koss, Designated Federal Official, 575–536–2250 or alkoss@fs.fed.us.

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Dated: May 26, 2010.

Alan E. Koss,

Designated Federal Official.

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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Notice of Public Information Collections Being Reviewed by the U.S. Agency for International Development; Comments Requested

SUMMARY: U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is making efforts to reduce the paperwork burden. USAID invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act for 1995. Comments are requested concerning: (a) Whether the proposed or continuing collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Submit comments on or before August 2, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Send comments via e-mail at ssegal@usaid.goggl@usaid.gov or mail comments to: Sabrina Segal, Office of the General Counsel (A/GC) United States Agency for International Development, Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20523 (202) 712–5409.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Johnson, Bureau for Management, Office of Administrative Services, Information and Records Division, U.S. Agency for International Development, Room 2.07–106, RRB, Washington, DC 20523. (202) 712–1365 or via e-mail bjohnson@usaid.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
OMB No.: OMB 0412–New.
Form No.: N/A.

Title: USAID's Implementation and Procurement Reform Survey.

Type of Review: New information collection.

Purpose: The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is requesting authorization to conduct an electronic survey as one of the steps in

USAID's Implementation and Procurement Reform Working Group process. We would like to ask some of our implementing partners from the non-profit and contracting community to indicate their level of interaction and reactions to the financial data currently available on USAID's Web site. This will be the first step towards concrete improvements to the accessibility, availability, and ease of use of information.

Annual Reporting Burden:

Respondents: 100.

Total annual responses: 100.

Total annual hours requested: 25 hours.

Dated: May 20, 2010.

Robert Miranda,

*Director, Office of Administrative Services,
Bureau for Management.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

United States Patent Applicant Survey

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 extension of a currently approved 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 August 2, 2010.

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

- *E-mail:*

InformationCollection@uspto.gov.

Include "0651-0052 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, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to the attention of Gerard Torres, Economist, Office of Corporate Planning, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450,

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450; by telephone at 571-272-4951; or by e-mail at gerard.torres@uspto.gov with "Paperwork" in the subject line.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

For several years the USPTO has supported an ongoing forecasting program for patent application filings that includes the use of quantitative and qualitative methodologies. Given the importance of accurate application filing forecasts, the USPTO considers more than one type of methodology. As part of this strategy, information from a survey of the inventor community is included when formulating application filing forecasts. In addition to using the survey as part of a comprehensive approach to forecasting, the USPTO is also using this tool in response to Senate Appropriations Report 106-404 (September 8, 2000). This report directed the USPTO to "develop a workload forecast with advice from a representative sample of industry and the inventor community." A patent application filing survey assists the USPTO in better understanding key factors driving future application filings, such as newly emerging technologies.

The USPTO developed the United States Patent Applicant Survey as part of the continuing effort to better predict the future growth of patent application filings by understanding applicant intentions. The main purpose of this survey is to determine the number of application filings that the USPTO can expect to receive over the next three years from patent-generating entities, ranging from large domestic corporations to independent inventors.

In recent decades, the rate of patent application filings to the USPTO steadily increased with expanding technological innovations. However, newly emerging technologies, patenting strategies, patent valuations and costs, and intellectual property legislative changes, among other factors, may significantly impact patent applicants' decisions to file applications at the USPTO. These factors cannot easily be accounted for in other methodologies or sufficient information is not available from databases or other sources. Therefore, it is necessary for the USPTO to conduct the Patent Applicant Survey to obtain information directly from applicants. The information will allow the agency to anticipate demand and estimate future revenue flow more reliably; to identify input and output triggers and allocate resources to meet and understand customer needs; and to reassess output and capacity goals and

re-align organization quality control measures with applicant demand by division.

The Patent Applicant Survey is a mail survey, although respondents have the option to complete the survey electronically. They may also provide their responses verbally over the telephone. A survey packet, containing the survey, a cover letter explaining the purpose of and outlining instructions for completing the survey, and a postage-paid, pre-addressed return envelope will be mailed to all survey groups. The USPTO plans to survey four groups of respondents: Large domestic corporations (including those with 500+ employees), small and medium-size businesses, universities and non-profit research organizations, and independent inventors. The USPTO does not plan to survey foreign entities and will rely on the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Japan Patent Office (JPO) to provide forecasts of application filings by foreign entities. Due to variances in filing and the varying needs of the different patent applicant populations, the USPTO has developed two versions of the survey: One for the large domestic corporations and small and medium-size businesses and one for universities, non-profit research organizations, and independent inventors.

The surveys do not have USPTO form numbers associated with them and once they are approved, they will carry the OMB Control Number and the expiration date of the information collection.

II. Method of Collection

By mail or electronically over the Internet when respondents elect the online option to complete the survey.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0651-0052.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit; not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 400 responses per year. Of this total, the USPTO expects that 267 surveys will be completed using the online option.

Estimated Time Per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take approximately 30 minutes (0.50 hours) for all of the patent applicant populations to provide their responses, with the exception of the independent inventors. The USPTO estimates that it will take independent inventors approximately 15 minutes (0.25 hours) to provide their responses. These estimates include the time to gather the necessary information, complete the