DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 7061]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Form DS–11 Application for a U.S. Passport, OMB Control Number 1405–0004

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: Application for a U.S. Passport.

OMB Control Number: 1405–0004.

Type of Request: Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

Originating Office: Bureau of Consular Affairs, Passport Services CA/PPT.

Form Number: DS–11.

Respondents: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 12.5 million respondents per year.

Estimated Number of Responses: 12.5 million responses per year.

Average Hours Per Response: 85 minutes.

Total Estimated Burden: 17,708,300 per year.

Frequency: On occasion.

Obligation to Respond: Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to 60 days from June 21, 2010.

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

E-mail: PPT-Forms-Officer@state.gov.

Mail (paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions): Passport Forms Management Officer, U.S. Department of State, Office of Program Management and Operational Support, 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W., Room 3031, Washington, DC 20037.

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and OMB control number in any correspondence.

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 Passport Forms Management Officer, U.S. Department of State, Office of Program Management and Operational Support, 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W., Room 3031, Washington, DC 20037, who may be reached on 202–663–2457 or at PPT-Forms-Officer@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.

Methodology:

Passport Services collects information from U.S. citizens and non-citizen nationals when they complete and submit the Application for a U.S. Passport. Passport applicants can either download the DS–11 from the internet or obtain one from an Acceptance Facility/Passport Agency. The form must be completed, executed at an acceptance facility or passport agency, and submitted with evidence of citizenship and identity.

Dated: June 14, 2010.

Florence Fultz,
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Passport Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.

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[Public Notice 7059]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Form DS–3053, Statement of Consent or Special Circumstances: Issuance of a Passport to a Minor Under Age 16, OMB Control Number 1405–0129

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: Statement of Consent or Special Circumstances: Issuance of a Passport to a Minor Under Age 16.

OMB Control Number: 1405–0129.

Type of Request: Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

Originating Office: Bureau of Consular Affairs, Passport Services CA/PPT.

Form Number: DS–3053.

Respondents: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,025,000 respondents per year.

Estimated Number of Responses: 1,025,000 responses per year.

Average Hours Per Response: 1 Hour.

Total Estimated Burden: 1,025,000 hours per year.

Frequency: On occasion.

Obligation to Respond: Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to 60 days from June 21, 2010.

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

E-mail: PPT-Forms-Officer@state.gov.

Mail (paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions): Passport Forms Management Officer, U.S. Department of State, Office of Program Management
and Operational Support, 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 3031, Washington, DC 20037.

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and OMB control number in any correspondence.

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 Passport Forms Management Officer, U.S. Department of State, Office of Program Management and Operational Support, 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 3031, Washington, DC 20037, who may be reached on 202–663–2457 or at PPT-Forms-Officer@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 collected on the DS–3053 is used to facilitate the issuance of passports to U.S. citizens and nationals under the age of 16. The primary purpose of soliciting the information is to ensure that both parents and/or all guardians consent to the issuance of a passport to a minor under age 16, except where one parent has sole custody or there are exigent or special family circumstances.

Methodology:
Passport Services collects information from U.S. citizens and non-citizen nationals when they complete and submit the Statement of Consent or Special Circumstances: Issuance of a Passport to a Minor under Age 16. Passport applicants can either download the DS–3053 from the Internet or obtain one from an Acceptance Facility/Passport Agency. The form must be completed, signed, and submitted along with the applicant’s DS–11, Application for a U.S. Passport.

Dated: June 10, 2010.

Brenda Spreague,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Passport Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 7065]

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Special Report Review

ACTION: The United States Global Change Research and Climate Change Technology Programs request expert review of the Special Report on Renewable Energy Sources and Climate Change Mitigation (SRREN) of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

SUMMARY: The IPCC was established as an intergovernmental body under the auspices of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) in 1988. In accordance with its mandate and as reaffirmed in various decisions by the Panel, the major activity of the IPCC is to prepare comprehensive and up-to-date assessments of policy-relevant scientific, technical, and socio-economic information for understanding the scientific basis of climate change, potential impacts, and options for mitigation and adaptation. More information about the IPCC can be found at http://www.ipcc.ch.

The IPCC develops a comprehensive assessment spanning all the above topics approximately every six years. In addition to these comprehensive assessments, the IPCC periodically develops Special Reports on specific topics. Preparation of Special Reports follows the same procedures as for the Assessment Reports. Governments develop and approve plans for reports, and nominate scientists and experts as lead authors and reviewers. Authors prepare the reports, which go through several stages of review, following which they are accepted by member governments at a session of the IPCC. Member governments also approve the executive summaries of the reports (known as a “summary for policy makers”) in detail at the time that they accept the overall report. Principles and procedures for the IPCC and its preparation of reports can be found at the following Web sites (http://www.ipcc.ch/pdf/ipcc-principles/ipcc-principles.pdf; http://www.ipcc.ch/organization/ipcc-procedures.htm).

In April 2008, the IPCC approved the development of a Special Report on Renewable Energy Sources and Climate Change Mitigation (SRREN). The SRREN is being developed under the leadership of the IPCC Working Group III. This Special Report aims to provide a better understanding and broader information on the mitigation potential of renewable energy sources. More information on the report can be found at: http://www.ipcc-wg3.de/publications/special-reports.

All IPCC reports go through two broad reviews: A “first-order draft” for experts, and a “second-order draft” for experts and governments. The IPCC Secretariat has informed the U.S. Department of State that the second-order draft of the SRREN is available for expert and government review. The report is structured with technology chapters—bio-energy, direct solar energy, geothermal energy, hydropower, ocean energy and wind energy—which feed into overarching chapters. A system integration chapter brings different aspects of energy demand and supply together. The report also considers the policy options, outcomes and conditions for effectiveness, and how accelerated deployment could be achieved in a sustainable manner. Capacity building, technology transfer and financing in different regions are also assessed.

As part of the U.S. Government Review of the SRREN, the U.S. Government is soliciting comments from experts in relevant fields of expertise. The Global Change Research Program and Climate Change Technology Program Offices will coordinate collection of U.S. expert comments and the review of the report by panels of Federal scientists and program managers in order to develop a consolidated U.S. Government submission. Expert comments received within the comment period will be considered for inclusion in the U.S. Government submission. Instructions for review and submission of comments are available at http://www.globalchange.gov/srrenreview.

To be considered for inclusion in the U.S. Government collation, comments must be received by midnight July 18th, 2010. Comments submitted for consideration as part of the U.S. Government Review should be reserved for that purpose, and not also sent to the IPCC Secretariat as a discrete set of expert comments. Comments should be submitted using the Web-based system at: http://www.globalchange.gov/srrenreview.