DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: International Trade Administration (ITA).

Title: International Buyer Program (IBP) Application and Exhibitor Data Form.

OMB Control Number: 0625–0151.

Form Number(s): ITA–4014P and ITA–4102P.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 790.

Number of Respondents: IBP Application: 130; Exhibitor Data: 2,400.

Average Hours per Response: IBP Application: 190 minutes; Exhibitor Data: 10 minutes.

Needs and Uses: Form ITA–4014P, Application, is used by IBP applicant show organizers to demonstrate (1) their experience, (2) ability to meet the special conditions of the IBP, 3) provide information about the domestic trade show such as the number of U.S. exhibitors and the percentage of net exhibit space occupied by U.S. companies vis-à-vis non-U.S. exhibitors.

The Form ITA–4102P, Exhibitor Data, is used to determine which U.S. firms are interested in meeting with international business visitors and the overseas interest of the exhibitor. The form is completed by U.S. exhibitors participating in an IBP domestic trade show and is used to list the firm and its products in an Export Interest Directory, which is made available for use by Foreign Commercial Officers in recruiting delegations of international buyers to attend an IBP show and is also distributed to IBP delegation members visiting an IBP trade show.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.


Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482–0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Wendy L. Liberante, Fax number (202) 395–5167 or via the Internet at Wendy_L_Liberante@omb.eop.gov.

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International Trade Administration

Application(s) for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments

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Dated: September 17, 2010.

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Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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Docket Number: 10–055. Applicant: National Institutes of Health, 49 Convent Drive MSC 4480, Bldg. 49, Rm 5W14, Bethesda, MD 20892. Instrument: Electron Microscope. Manufacturer: JEOL Limited, Japan. Intended Use: The instrument will be used to study primarily neurological tissue and cells from mice, zebrafish, and fruit flies. The properties of the materials being investigated are those of a biological nature, which require a very high resolution. Justification for Duty-Free Entry: There are no instruments of the same general category manufactured in the United States. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: August 20, 2010.

Docket Number: 10–056. Applicant: University of Notre Dame, Procurement Services 709 Grace Hall Notre Dame, Indiana 46556. Instrument: Electron Microscope. Manufacturer: FEI Company, the Netherlands. Intended Use: The instrument will be used in biogeochemical and bio-engineering research. Many of the processes of interest are at or near the nano-scale so the instrument is important for the analysis of structures and compositions. Some projects can only be accomplished with the improved resolution and analytical capabilities of the instrument. Justification for Duty-Free Entry: There are no instruments of the same general category manufactured in the United States. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: September 1, 2010.

Docket Number: 10–057. Applicant: Curators of the University of Missouri, 1201 N. State St. GSC Campus Support Facility Rolla, MO 65049. Instrument: Electron Microscope. Manufacturer: FEI Company, the Netherlands. Intended Use: The instrument will be used to investigate carbon/nitrogen effects on steel lattice parameters, atomic abruptness of electrochemically produced metal/metal oxide layers, orientation relationships and defects in friction stir processed metal alloys, and nanoparticle size, shape and chemistry on PEM fuel cell porous membranes. Justification for Duty-Free Entry: There are no instruments of the same general category manufactured in the United States. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: August 20, 2010.

Docket Number: 10–058. Applicant: SUNY Upstate Medical University. Instrument: Electron Microscope. Manufacturer: JEOL Ltd., Japan. Intended Use: The instrument will be used to observe changes in ultrastructure of cytoskeletal and membrane elements of cells as a result of specific mutations or diseases states. Justification for Duty-Free Entry: There are no instruments of the same general category manufactured in the United States. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: August 23, 2010.

Dated: September 15, 2010.

Gregory W. Campbell,
Acting Director, IA Subsidies Enforcement Office.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Notice of Availability of a Draft NOAA Climate Service Strategic Vision and Framework for Public Review, and Notice of Informational Webinar Meetings

ACTION: Notice of availability of a draft NOAA Climate Service strategic vision and framework for public review, and notice of informational webinar meetings.

SUMMARY: On February 8, 2010, the Department of Commerce and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) announced their intent to establish a new NOAA Climate Service (NCS). The new service will directly support NOAA’s vision of “an informed society that uses a comprehensive understanding of the role of the oceans, coasts, and atmosphere in the global ecosystem to make the best social and economic decisions.” It will also contribute to NOAA’s mission “to understand and anticipate changes in Earth’s environment, and conserve and manage coastal and marine resources to meet our Nation’s economic, social and environmental needs.” The reorganization of existing agency assets is intended to help NOAA better work with our partners to respond to the growing demands for climate information from the public, business, industry, local, state and Federal agencies, and decision makers.

As part of the process to establish a new NCS, NOAA recently completed a strategic vision and framework document that describes how NOAA proposes to respond to society’s growing need for climate services. The document describes the vision and outlines how the NCS can achieve new strategic goals related to the delivery and development of reliable, timely, and authoritative climate science and service to enable a climate-resilient society to grow and prosper.

NOAA will accept comments on the strategic vision from September 21 to midnight on October 18, 2010. A copy of the draft document and instructions on how to submit comments can be found at http://www.noaa.gov/climate.

NOAA is also hosting a series of informational webinars for individuals and organizations to learn more about the proposed NCS vision and timeline and to provide an opportunity for to answer questions, and obtain feedback. Each webinar is targeted to a specific sector, and will begin with a presentation from Dr. Chet Koblinsky, Director, NOAA Climate Program Office and Transitional Deputy Director, NOAA Climate service, and will be followed by a question and answer session.

DATES: The webinar meeting dates are:

1. Friday, September 24, 2010, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. EST, for the academic research community.
2. Friday, September 24, 2010, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST, for state and local government officials.
3. Wednesday, September 29, 2010, 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. EST, for the corporate and business community.
4. Thursday, September 30, 2010, 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. EST, for non-governmental and non-profit organizations.

For specific instructions for each webinar, please visit http://www.noaa.gov/climateresources/meetings. Additional information about the proposed NOAA Climate Service, including questions and answers can be found at http://www.noaa.gov/climate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Brady Phillips, NOAA Office of Communications and External Affairs, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230. (Phone: 202–482–2365, Fax: 202–482–3154, E-mail: brady.phillips@noaa.gov); or visit http://www.noaa.gov/climateresources/meetings.


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