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ACTION: Notice of request for public comment and submission to OMB of proposed collections of information.

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

• Title of Information Collection: Brokering Prior Approval (License).
  • OMB Control Number: 1405–0142.
  • Type of Request: Extension of Currently Approved Collection.
  • Originating Office: Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, PM/DDTC.
  • Form Number: None.
  • Respondents: Business and Nonprofit Organizations.
  • Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,515.
  • Estimated Number of Responses: 150.
  • Average Hours per Response: 2 hours.
  • Total Estimated Burden: 300 hours.
  • Frequency: On Occasion.
  • Obligation to Respond: Required to Obtain Benefits.
  • Title of Information Collection: Annual Brokering Report.
  • OMB Control Number: 1405–0141.
  • Type of Request: Extension of Currently Approved Collection.
  • Originating Office: Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, PM/DDTC.
  • Form Number: None.
  • Respondents: Business and Nonprofit Organizations.
  • Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,515.
  • Estimated Number of Responses: 1,515.
  • Average Hours per Response: 2 hours.
  • Total Estimated Burden: 3,030 hours.
  • Frequency: On Occasion.

• Obligation to Respond: Mandatory.

DATES: Submit comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) until 30 days from March 3, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Direct comments to the Department of State Desk Officer in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). You may submit comments by the following methods:
  • E-mail: oira_submission@omb.eop.gov. You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and OMB control number in the subject line of your message.
  • Fax: 202–395–5806. Attention: Desk Officer for Department of State.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may obtain copies of the proposed information collections and supporting documents from Nicholas Memos, PM/DDTC, SA–1, 12th Floor, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20522–0112, who may be reached via phone at (202) 663–2804, or via e-mail at memosn@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:
  • Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary to properly perform 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 export, temporary import, temporary export and brokering of defense articles, defense services and related technical data are licensed by the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls in accordance with the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (22 CFR parts 120–130) and Section 38 of the Arms Export Control Act. Those of the public who manufacture or export defense articles, defense services, and related technical data, or the brokering thereof, must register with the Department of State. Persons desiring to engage in brokering activities must submit an application or written request to conduct the transaction to the Department to obtain a decision whether it is in the interests of U.S. foreign policy and national security to approve the transaction. Also, registered brokers must submit annual reports regarding all brokering activity that was transacted, and registered manufacturers and exporter must maintain records of defense trade activities for five years.

Methodology: These forms/ information collections may be sent to the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls via the following methods: Electronically, mail, and/or fax.

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Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) Request for Grant Proposals: Youth Leadership and Teacher Professional Development Program With Bosnia and Herzegovina

Announcement Type: New Cooperative Agreement.


Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 19.415.

Application Deadline: April 22, 2011.

Executive Summary: The Office of Citizen Exchanges, Youth Programs Division, of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for the Youth Leadership and Teacher Professional Development Program with Bosnia and Herzegovina. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3) may submit proposals to conduct U.S.-based exchange activities on civic education, leadership, and community service for high school students and teachers from Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Bureau will be supporting two exchanges for 21 participants each during the course of 2012; each exchange will be three to four weeks in duration. Applicants should apply to implement both exchanges. The Office of Public Affairs (OPA) of the U.S. Embassy in Sarajevo will recruit, screen, and select the participating secondary school students and teachers. OPA and the award recipient will jointly support follow-on activities for the alumni.

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Authority: Overall grant making authority for this program is contained in the Mutual Educational and Cultural