DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 7497]

60–Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection; Passport Demand Forecasting Study Phase III, 1405–0177

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: Passport Demand Forecasting Study Phase III.
• OMB Control Number: OMB No. 1405–0177.
• Type of Request: Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.
• Originating Office: Bureau of Consular Affairs, Passport Services Office: CA/PPT.
• Form Number: n/a.
• Respondents: A nationally representative sample of United States citizens and other categories of individuals entitled to a U.S. Passport.
• Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,000 respondents monthly per survey.
• Estimated Number of Responses: 48,000 annually.
• Average Hours Per Response: 10 minutes.
• Total Estimated Burden: 8,000 hours annually.
• Frequency: Monthly.
• Obligation to Respond: Voluntary.

DATE(S): The Department will accept comments from the public up to 60 days from June 8, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Direct comments and questions to Rachel Arndt. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:
• E-mail: ArndtRM@state.gov.
• Fax: 202–736–9272.

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 Rachel Arndt, 2100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., SA–29, Room 3006, Washington, DC 20520, who may be reached on 202–663–2647 or at ArndtRM@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
CA/PPT will conduct monthly panel studies that will be conducted using multiple methodologies. Methodologies can include telephone, Web/Internet, mail, and mixed mode surveys to ensure the survey reaches the appropriate audience and leverages the best research method to obtain responses given the survey topic and panel member preference. The panel data will cover an estimated 48,000 respondents and include variables covering passport, travel, and socio-demographic variables of interest to CA/PPT.

Date: June 2, 2011.

Barry J. Conway,
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Passport Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.

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Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations; “Lyonel Feininger: At the Edge of the World”

Summary: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, et seq.; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, et seq.), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, and Delegation of Authority No. 236–3 of August 28, 2000, I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition “Lyonel Feininger: At the Edge of the World,” imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, New York, from on or about June 30, 2011, until on or about October 16, 2011, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these Determinations be published in the Federal Register.

For Further Information Contact: For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Paul W. Manning, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202–632–6469). The
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Notice of Intent to Establish A Federal Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice of intent to establish the Foreign Affairs Policy Board (FAPB).

Under the provisions of Public Law 92–463, Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given that the Department intends to establish the Foreign Affairs Policy Board. The Department affirms that this advisory committee is necessary and in the public interest.

Nature and Purpose: The Foreign Affairs Policy Board will provide the Secretary of State, the Deputy Secretaries of State, and the Director of Policy Planning, independent, informed advice and opinions concerning matters of U.S. foreign policy. It will review and assess: (1) Global threats and opportunities; (2) trends that implicate core national security interests; (3) tools and capacities of the civilian foreign affairs agencies; (4) priorities and strategic frameworks for U.S. foreign policy; and (5) any other topics raised by the Secretary of State, the Deputy Secretaries of State, or the Director of Policy Planning. It will not perform the function of any existing Department staff or committee.

For further information about this advisory committee, please contact Kelly Wheeler at (202) 647–4697.

Dated: June 1, 2011.

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Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy; Notice of Open Meeting

The Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy (ACIEP) will meet from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, June 20, 2011, in room 1107 of the Harry S. Truman Building at the U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street NW, Washington, DC. The meeting will be hosted by the Assistant Secretary of State for Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs Jose W. Fernandez and Committee Chair Ted Kassinger. The ACIEP serves the U.S. Government in a solely advisory capacity, and provides advice concerning issues and challenges in international economic policy. The meeting will focus on issues relating to the advent of cloud computing as a new business model in international trade, the implications of this for multinational corporations, and the role of U.S. international policymaking in this arena. Subcommittee reports and discussions will be led by the Investment Subcommittee, the Economic Sanctions Subcommittee, and the Subcommittee on Women in International Economic Policy.

This meeting is open to public participation, though seating is limited. Entry to the building is controlled; to obtain pre-clearance for entry, members of the public planning to attend should provide, by Thursday, June 16, their name, professional affiliation, valid identification, and any other information their organization requests. Members of the public planning to attend should contact Maryruth Coleman, Office Director, Office of Economic Policy Analysis and Public Diplomacy, U.S. Department of State, at (202) 647–2231 or EnochT@state.gov.

For additional information, contact Deputy Outreach Coordinator Tiffany Enoch, Office of Economic Policy Analysis and Public Diplomacy, Bureau of Economic, Energy and Business Affairs, at (202) 647–2231 or EnochT@state.gov.

This announcement might appear in the Federal Register less than 15 days prior to the meeting. The Department of State finds that there is an exceptional circumstance requiring the ACIEP to hold this public meeting on June 20th, in that the ACIEP has been requested to provide input and information to another Department advisory committee, the Advisory Committee on International Communications and Information Policy, which is holding its public meeting on June 28th.

Dated: June 2, 2011.

Maryruth Coleman,

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Waiver of Restriction on Assistance to the Central Government of Tajikistan

Pursuant to Section 7086(c)(2) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2010 (Division F, Pub. L. 111–117), as carried forward by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011 (Div. B, Pub. L. 112–10) (“the Act”), and Department of State Delegation of Authority Number 245–1, I hereby determine that it is important to the national interest of the United States to waive the requirements of Section 7086(c)(1) of the Act with respect to Tajikistan and I hereby waive such restriction.

This determination shall be reported to the Congress, and published in the Federal Register.

Dated: May 26, 2011.

Thomas Nides,
Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources.