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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

U.S. Education Mission to Brazil; Brasilia, Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo, Brazil, August 30–September 6, 2012

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration, U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service is publishing this supplement to the Notice of the U.S. Education Mission to Brazil, 77 FR 13560, Mar. 7, 2012, to announce that the Mission will be executive-led and to amend the Notice to provide for selection of applicants on a rolling basis.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The U.S. Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration, U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service now anticipates that this Mission will be led by a senior-level U.S. government official. For that reason, consistent with Department policy, participants will now be selected through a two-tier vetting process. In order to expedite the notification of applicants, the U.S. Department of Commerce will review applications and make selection decisions on a rolling basis.

Amendments

1. For the reasons stated above, the Timeframe for Recruitment and Applications section of the Notice of the *Education Mission to Brazil*, 77 FR 13560, Mar. 7, 2012, is amended to read as follows:

Timeframe for Recruitment and Applications

Mission recruitment will be conducted in an open and public manner, including publication in the **Federal Register**, posting on the Commerce Department trade mission calendar (<http://export.gov/industry/education/>) and other Internet web sites, press releases to general and trade

media, direct mail, notices by industry trade associations and other multiplier groups, and publicity at industry meetings, symposia, conferences, and trade shows. Recruitment for the mission will begin immediately and conclude no later than August 15, 2012. The U.S. Department of Commerce will review applications and make selection decisions on a rolling basis beginning April 4, 2012. Applications received after August 15, 2012 will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) 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: United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

Title: Rules for Patent Maintenance Fees.

Form Number(s): PTO/SB/45/47/65/66.

Agency Approval Number: 0651-0016.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 43,605 hours annually.

Number of Respondents: 573,161 responses per year.

Avg. Hours per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately 20 seconds (0.006 hours) to 8 hours to submit the information in this collection, including the time to gather the necessary information, prepare the appropriate form or petition, and submit the completed request to the USPTO.

Needs and Uses: Under 35 U.S.C. 41 and 37 CFR 1.20(e)–(i) and 1.362–1.378, the USPTO charges fees for maintaining in force all utility patents based on applications filed on or after December 12, 1980. Payment of these maintenance fees is due at 3½, 7½, and 11½ years after the date the patent was granted. If the USPTO does not receive payment of the appropriate maintenance fee and any applicable surcharge within a grace period of six months following each of the above due dates (at 4, 8, or 12 years after the date of grant), the patent will expire at that time. After a patent expires, it is no longer enforceable. The public uses this collection to submit patent maintenance fee payments, to file petitions regarding delayed or refused payments, and to designate an address to be used for fee-related correspondence.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; businesses or other for-profits; and not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: On occasion and three times at four-year intervals following the grant of the patent.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

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Once submitted, the request will be publicly available in electronic format through the Information Collection Review page at www.reginfo.gov.

Paper copies can be obtained by:

- **Email:**

InformationCollection@uspto.gov. Include “0651-0016 copy request” in the subject line of the message.

- **Mail:** Susan K. Fawcett, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before April 26, 2012 to Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB Desk Officer, via email to Nicholas_A._Fraser@omb.eop.gov, or by fax to 202-395-5167, marked to the attention of Nicholas A. Fraser.

Dated: March 22, 2012.

Susan K. Fawcett,

Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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