

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****United States Patent and Trademark Office**

[Docket No. PTO-P-2012-0039]

**Grant of Interim Extension of the Term of U.S. Patent No. 5,454,779; ResQPump®/ResQPOD® ITD****AGENCY:** United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.**ACTION:** Notice of Interim Patent Term Extension.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office has issued an order granting interim extension under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) for a one-year interim extension of the term of U.S. Patent No. 5,454,779.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary C. Till by telephone at (571) 272-7755; by mail marked to her attention and addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop Hatch-Waxman PTE, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450; by fax marked to her attention at (571) 273-7755; or by email to *Mary.Till@uspto.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 156 of Title 35, United States Code, generally provides that the term of a patent may be extended for a period of up to five years if the patent claims a product, or a method of making or using a product, that has been subject to certain defined regulatory review, and that the patent may be extended for interim periods of up to one year if the regulatory review is anticipated to extend beyond the expiration date of the patent.

On September 6, 2012, the Regents of the University of California timely filed an application under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) for an interim extension of the term of U.S. Patent No. 5,454,779. The patent claims the medical device, ResQPump® in connection with the ResQPOD® ITD. The application indicates that a Premarket Approval Application, PMA No. P110024, for the medical device has been filed, and is currently undergoing regulatory review before the Food and Drug Administration for permission to market or use the product commercially.

Review of the application indicates that, except for permission to market or use the product commercially, the subject patent would be eligible for an extension of the patent term under 35 U.S.C. 156, and that the patent should be extended for one year as required by 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5)(B). Because it is apparent that the regulatory review period will continue beyond the original expiration date of the patent, October 3,

2012, interim extension of the patent term under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) is appropriate.

An interim extension under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) of the term of U.S. Patent No. 5,454,779 is granted for a period of one year from the original expiration date of the patent.

Dated: September 27, 2012.

**Andrew Hirshfeld,**

Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy, United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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**BILLING CODE 3510-16-P****BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION****Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request****AGENCY:** Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.**ACTION:** Notice and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection (Bureau), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The Bureau is soliciting comments concerning its proposed information collections titled, "Generic Clearance for Collection of Information on Compliance Costs and Other Effects of Regulations." A proposed collection has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. A copy of the submission, including copies of a proposed collection and supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting the agency contact listed below.

**DATES:** Written comments are encouraged and must be received on or before November 9, 2012 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by agency name and Generic Clearance for Collection of Information on Compliance Costs and Other Effects of Regulations, to:

- *Agency:* Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Attention: PRA Office), 1700 G Street NW., Washington, DC 20552; (202) 435-9011; and *CFPB\_Public\_PRA@cfpb.gov*.
- *OMB:* Shagufta Ahmed, Office of Management and Budget, New

Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503; (202) 395-7873.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information should be directed to Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Attention: PRA Office), 1700 G Street NW., Washington, DC 20552, (202) 435-9011, or through the internet at *CFPB\_Public\_PRA@cfpb.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Generic Clearance for Collection of Information on Compliance Costs and Other Effects of Regulations.

*OMB Control Number:* 3170-XXXX.*Type of Review:* New generic collection.

*Abstract:* Congress created the Bureau in July 2010 through the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, Public Law 111-203, Title X (the Dodd-Frank Act), and the Bureau assumed certain rulemaking authorities in July 2011. The Dodd-Frank Act accords the Bureau responsibility for implementing, interpreting, and assuring compliance with various Federal consumer financial protection products and services. As outlined in the Dodd-Frank Act, among the Bureau's objectives is to identify regulations that are "outdated, unnecessary, or unduly burdensome" in order to reduce unwarranted regulatory burdens. In order to help support this objective, the Bureau must fully understand the implications of its regulations. Therefore, the Bureau seeks to collect qualitative information on compliance costs and other impacts of existing consumer financial regulations and any new potential rules the Bureau may propose.

The collections seek qualitative information on the impact of regulations on providers of consumer financial products and services (Providers). The Bureau seeks to better understand the compliance activities, burdens, and other economic costs and benefits associated with its potential rules and existing regulations. Additional input from Providers would give the Bureau a more nuanced understanding of costs, which it can use to provide solutions for reducing undue regulatory burden on Providers. To that end, the Bureau anticipates seeking to use the information from these collections to:

- Inform the Bureau's various rulemaking initiatives announced in the Bureau's regulatory agenda, most of which concern the mortgage industry;<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, "Fall 2011 Statement of Regulatory Priorities," (available at <http://www.consumerfinance.gov/regulations/fall-2011-statement-of-regulatory-priorities/>);

- Inform other rulemakings specifically required or authorized by the Dodd-Frank Act;
- Inform the Bureau's perspective on the appropriate approach to regulation of various industries in its jurisdiction;
- Supplement available information used for mandated analyses that the Bureau is required to perform for potential new rules, such as analyses required under section 1022 of the Act, the Regulatory Flexibility Act, and the Paperwork Reduction Act;
- Review impacts of the rules the Bureau inherited from other agencies;
- Perform reviews of significant new rules the Bureau adopts, as the Bureau is generally required to do within five years; and
- Develop new tools and solutions that can help Providers more easily implement and maintain compliance systems for consumer financial regulations.

These information collections will ask Providers of various sizes and mixes of business activity about their compliance systems and processes and how regulations and regulatory changes impact different aspects of their business operations. Collection methods may include structured interviews, focus groups, conference calls, and written questionnaires—delivered via email or administered through an online survey. In some cases, the Bureau may also conduct case studies to gather more in-depth and granular information from a targeted sample of institutions.

The information and data collected would aid the Bureau in determining what rules prove to be unduly burdensome on Providers and to identify the causes of such burden. In doing so, the Bureau would be better positioned to develop potential policy solutions that will reduce burden on Providers, without sacrificing the benefits of regulations on both consumers and Providers.

*Affected Public:* U.S. depository and non-depository financial institutions.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* Up to 2,750 respondents. This estimate includes 600 structured interview respondents, 75 focus group respondents, 2,000 written questionnaire respondents, and 75 case study respondents.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* Structured interviews and focus groups may take up to 1.5 hours per session, with up to an additional 1.5 hours of preparation. Written questionnaires may

take up to 1 hour per collection, with up to 1 hour of preparation. Case studies may take up to 16 hours for collections, with up to an additional 16 hours of preparation.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* Up to 9,008 hours.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection unless the information collection displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The Bureau published a 60-day **Federal Register** notice on June 14, 2012 (77 FR 35658). Comments were solicited and continue to be invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Bureau, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Bureau's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and the assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: October 1, 2012.

**Chris Willey,**

*Chief Information Officer, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

#### NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0045]

#### Federal Acquisition Regulation; Information Collection; Bid Guarantees, Performance and Payment Bonds, and Alternative Payment Protections

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

**ACTION:** Notice of reinstatement request for an information collection requirement regarding an existing OMB clearance.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Regulatory Secretariat will be

submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a previously approved information collection requirement concerning bid guarantees, performance and payment bonds, and alternative payment protections.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR), and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before December 10, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments identified by Information Collection 9000-0045, Bid Guarantees, Performance, and Payment Bonds, and Alternative Payment Protections by any of the following methods:

- *Regulations.gov:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal by searching the OMB control number. Select the link "Submit a Comment" that corresponds with "Information Collection 9000-0045, Bid, Performance, and Payment Bonds". Follow the instructions provided at the "Submit a Comment" screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and "Information Collection 9000-0045, Bid Guarantees, Performance, and Payment Bonds, and Alternative Payment Protections" on your attached document.

- *Fax:* 202-501-4067.

- *Mail:* General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (MVCB), 1275 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20417. ATTN: Hada Flowers/IC 9000-0045, Bid Guarantees, Performance, and Payment Bonds, and Alternative Payment Protections.

*Instructions:* Please submit comments only and cite Information Collection 9000-0045, Bid Guarantees, Performance, and Payment Bonds, and Alternative Payment Protections, in all correspondence related to this collection. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any