

**AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:**

35 U.S.C. 1, 6, 23, 24, and 135.

**PURPOSE(S):**

To carry out the duties of the USPTO under 35 U.S.C. 6 and 135, in particular, to review adverse decisions of patent examiners regarding patent applications; to determine the priority and patentability of inventions in interference proceedings; and to conduct Inter Partes Reviews, Post Grant Reviews, and Proceedings under the Transitional Program from Covered Business Methods Patents, and Derivation Proceedings. Routine uses of records maintained in the system, including categories of users and the purposes of such uses:

Records relating to interferences which do not involve an unpublished application are open to public inspection. Records relating to interferences which do involve an unpublished application (37 CFR 41.6) are open to public inspection after the interference has terminated, if any application or patent in the interference is or becomes published. Otherwise, information concerning these records is provided outside the Office only upon authorization of the applicants or owners of the applications or patents involved, or when necessary to carry out the provisions of any act of Congress or in such special circumstances as may be determined by the Director. Copies of settlement agreements filed under 35 U.S.C. 135(c) are kept separate from other interference records if the party filing them so requests, and are made available, as provided in the statute, only to Government agencies on written request or to any person on a showing of good cause.

In addition to the routine uses in the Prefatory Statement of General Routine Uses, as found at 46 FR 63501-63502 (December 31, 1981), routine uses of these records will also include:

(1) Disclosure for law enforcement purposes to the appropriate agency or other authority, whether federal, state, local, foreign, international or tribal, charged with the responsibility of enforcing, investigating, or prosecuting a violation of any law, rule, regulation, or order in any case in which there is an indication of a violation or potential violation of law (civil, criminal, or regulatory in nature).

(2) Disclosure to an agency, organization, or individual for the purpose of performing audit or oversight operations as authorized by law, but only such information as is necessary and relevant to such audit or oversight function.

(3) Disclosure to contractors and their agents, grantees, experts, consultants, and others performing or working on a contract, service, grant, cooperative agreement, or other work assignment for the USPTO, when necessary to accomplish an agency function related to this system of records. Individuals provided information under this routine use are subject to the same Privacy Act requirements and limitations on disclosure as are applicable to the USPTO employees.

**DISCLOSURE TO CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES:**

Not applicable.

**POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:****STORAGE:**

Paper records in file folders or in electronic form. Electronic records held in confidence are in a password-controlled system.

**RETRIEVABILITY:**

Filed by Interference Number, cross-indexed to the names of the parties. The records may be indexed by applicant or patentee name, but not by witness name.

**SAFEGUARDS:**

Records of settlement agreements held in confidence are located in lockable metal file cabinets or in metal file cabinets in secured rooms or secured premises with access limited to those whose official duties require access. Electronic files are stored in secured premises with access limited to those whose official duties require access. The electronic files are password-protected and can only be accessed by authorized personnel.

**RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:**

Records retention and disposal is in accordance with the series records schedules.

**SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:**

Chief Administrative Patent Judge, Patent Trial and Appeal Board, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

**NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:**

Information about the records contained in this system may be obtained by sending a request in writing, signed, to the system manager at the address above or to the address provided in 37 CFR part 102 subpart B for making inquiries about records covered by the Privacy Act. Requesters should provide their name, address, and

record sought (including Interference Number, if known) in accordance with the procedures for making inquiries appearing in 37 CFR part 102 subpart B.

**RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

Requests from individuals should be addressed as stated in the notification section above.

**CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:**

The general provisions for access, contesting contents, and appealing initial determinations by the individual concerned appear in 37 CFR part 102 subpart B. Requests from individuals should be addressed as stated in the notification section above.

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

Applicants for patent and patentees, the patent attorneys or agents authorized by such persons to represent them, those authorized by the applicant to furnish information, and witnesses and other parties involved in the taking of testimony.

**EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:**

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(1), Patent Interference Proceedings records which relate to applications subject to a secrecy order pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 181 or are otherwise subject to security classification pursuant to E.O. 12065 or the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, are exempted from the notification, access, and contest requirements of the agency procedures (under 5 U.S.C. 552a(c)(3), (d), (e)(1), (e)(4)(G), (H), and (I), and (f)). This exemption is made to prevent disclosure of information which might be detrimental to national security and in accordance to agency rules, which appear in 37 CFR part 102 subpart B.

Dated: March 26, 2013.

**Susan K. Fawcett,**

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

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## **COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED**

### **Procurement List; Proposed Addition**

**AGENCY:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

**ACTION:** Proposed Addition to the Procurement List.

**SUMMARY:** The Committee is proposing to add a service to the Procurement List that will be provided by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

*Comments Must Be Received On or Before: 4/29/2013.*

**ADDRESSES:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, 1401 S. Clark Street, Suite 10800, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

*For Further Information or to Submit Comments Contact:* Barry S. Lineback, Telephone: (703) 603-7740, Fax: (703) 603-0655, or email [CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov](mailto:CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 8503(a)(2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the proposed action.

#### **Addition**

If the Committee approves the proposed addition, the entities of the Federal Government identified in this notice will be required to procure the service listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

The following service is proposed for addition to the Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

#### **Service**

*Service Type/Location:* Section 508 Assurance Service, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, 200

Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC.

*NPA's:* National Industries for the Blind, Alexandria, VA (Prime Contractor); Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind, Washington, DC (Subcontractor).

*Contracting Activity:* Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Washington, DC.

**Barry S. Lineback,**

*Director, Business Operations.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

### **Office of the Secretary**

#### **Revised Non-Foreign Overseas Per Diem Rates**

**AGENCY:** Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of Revised Non-Foreign Overseas Per Diem Rates.

**SUMMARY:** The Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee is publishing Civilian Personnel Per Diem Bulletin Number 288. This bulletin lists revisions in the per diem rates prescribed for U.S. Government employees for official travel in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands and Possessions of the

United States. AEA changes announced in Bulletin Number 194 remain in effect. Bulletin Number 288 is being published in the **Federal Register** to assure that travelers are paid per diem at the most current rates.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* April 1, 2013.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mrs. Sonia Malik, 571-372-1276.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This document gives notice of revisions in per diem rates prescribed by the Per Diem Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee for non-foreign areas outside the continental United States. It supersedes Civilian Personnel Per Diem Bulletin Number 287. Distribution of Civilian Personnel Per Diem Bulletins by mail was discontinued. Per Diem Bulletins published periodically in the **Federal Register** now constitute the only notification of revisions in per diem rates to agencies and establishments outside the Department of Defense. For more information or questions about per diem rates, please contact your local travel office. The text of the Bulletin follows: The changes in Civilian Bulletin 288 are updated rates for Alaska.

Dated: March 25, 2013.

**Aaron Siegel,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*