

Scientific and Statistical Committee—8 a.m.  
 Salmon Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.  
 Salmon Technical Team—8 a.m.  
 Enforcement Consultants—3 p.m.  
 Chair's Reception—6 p.m.

*Day 4—Sunday, April 6, 2014*

California State Delegation—7 a.m.  
 Oregon State Delegation—7 a.m.  
 Washington State Delegation—7 a.m.  
 Groundfish Management Team—8 a.m.  
 Groundfish Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.  
 Salmon Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.  
 Salmon Technical Team—8 a.m.  
 Enforcement Consultants—As Needed

*Day 5—Monday, April 7, 2014*

California State Delegation—7 a.m.  
 Oregon State Delegation—7 a.m.  
 Washington State Delegation—7 a.m.  
 Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.  
 Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team—8 a.m.  
 Groundfish Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.  
 Groundfish Management Team—8 a.m.  
 Salmon Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.  
 Salmon Technical Team—8 a.m.  
 Enforcement Consultants—As Needed

*Day 6—Tuesday, April 8, 2014*

California State Delegation—7 a.m.  
 Oregon State Delegation—7 a.m.  
 Washington State Delegation—7 a.m.  
 Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.  
 Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team—8 a.m.  
 Groundfish Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.  
 Groundfish Management Team—8 a.m.  
 Salmon Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.  
 Salmon Technical Team—8 a.m.  
 Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel—1 p.m.  
 Enforcement Consultants—As Needed

*Day 7—Wednesday, April 9, 2014*

California State Delegation—7 a.m.  
 Oregon State Delegation—7 a.m.  
 Washington State Delegation—7 a.m.  
 Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.  
 Groundfish Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.  
 Groundfish Management Team—8 a.m.  
 Salmon Technical Team—8 a.m.  
 Enforcement Consultants—As Needed

*Day 8—Thursday, April 10, 2014*

California State Delegation—7 a.m.  
 Oregon State Delegation—7 a.m.  
 Washington State Delegation—7 a.m.  
 Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.

Additional detail on agenda items, Council action, and meeting rooms, is described in Agenda Item A.4, Proposed Council Meeting Agenda, and will be in the advance April 2014 briefing materials and posted on the Council Web site ([www.pcouncil.org](http://www.pcouncil.org)).

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come

before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during these meetings. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

**Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Carolyn Porter at (503) 820-2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: March 14, 2014.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

*Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Patent and Trademark Office**

**Global Intellectual Property Academy (GIPA) Surveys**

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as part of its continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this extension of a continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before May 19, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- Email: [InformationCollection@uspto.gov](mailto:InformationCollection@uspto.gov). Include "0651-0065 comment" 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.
- Federal Rulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information

should be directed to the attention of J. David Binsted, Program Manager, Global Intellectual Property Academy, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450; by telephone at 571-272-1500; or by email at [james.binsted@uspto.gov](mailto:james.binsted@uspto.gov). Additional information about this collection is also available at <http://www.reginfo.gov> under "Information Collection Review."

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) surveys international and domestic participants of the USPTO's Global Intellectual Property Academy (GIPA) training programs to obtain feedback from the participants on the effectiveness of the various services provided to them in the training programs. GIPA was established in 2006 to offer training programs on enforcement of intellectual property rights, patents, trademarks, and copyrights. The training programs offered by GIPA are designed to meet the specific needs of foreign government officials (including judges, prosecutors, police, customs officials, patent, trademark, and copyright officials, and policy makers) concerning various intellectual property topics, such as global intellectual property rights protection and enforcement and strategies to handle the protection and enforcement issues in their respective countries.

This collection contains three surveys: Pre-program, post-program, and alumni. The pre-program survey is designed to obtain the background and experience of a participant and is delivered to the participant prior to their arrival for a GIPA training program. The post-program survey is used to analyze the overall effectiveness of the program and is conducted at the conclusion of the training program. The alumni survey is used to determine the value of the GIPA training program on the future job performance of the participant. The data obtained from these participation satisfaction surveys will be used to evaluate the percentage of foreign officials trained by GIPA who have initiated or implemented a positive intellectual property change in their organization; the percentage of foreign officials trained by GIPA who increased their expertise in intellectual property; the satisfaction with the intellectual property program, and the value of the experience as it relates to future job performance. The data received from these surveys will also be used to help the USPTO meet organizational

performance and accountability goals through the following legislative mandates: Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA), the President’s Management Agenda (PMA), and the Office of Management and Budget’s (OMB) Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART). These surveys also support various business goals developed by the USPTO to fulfill customer service and performance goals, to assist the USPTO in strategic planning for future initiatives, to verify existing service standards, and to establish new ones.

The GIPA surveys are voluntary surveys. The USPTO expects to hire a survey contractor to conduct these surveys. The surveys will primarily be conducted electronically, but the USPTO will also have paper surveys to mail to those participants who have poor Internet connectivity or have access restrictions. In-person surveys may also be conducted. Survey participants will be able to access the online surveys through links provided to them in email invitations. The links provided in these emails are individualized links that are uniquely tied to the survey participants so passwords, user ids, or usernames are not needed to access the surveys.

Information collected from the surveys will be kept private, to the extent provided by law. Responses to the pre-program, post-program, and alumni surveys can be linked to the participants and to the demographic data collected from them during the various GIPA training programs. However, the actual data recorded from the surveys will not be directly linked to the participants. Any data linking the individual to their responses will not be retained after the data has been

aggregated. The USPTO will have limited access to the data. The only data that the USPTO can access will be the aggregated survey data and the frequency of the responses; the agency will not be able to view the individual responses or the data related to the survey. The survey contractor will have access to individual survey responses for analysis purposes only and will only report the aggregated data and the frequency of the responses. The USPTO does not intend to collect any personal identifying data from the participants and intends to maintain the contact information for the participants in a separate file from the quantitative data.

**II. Method of Collection**

The surveys will primarily be online surveys but the USPTO will also have paper surveys to mail to those participants who have poor Internet connectivity or have access restrictions. The surveys will also be distributed by email. In-person surveys may also be conducted.

**III. Data**

*OMB Number:* 0651–0065.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households and businesses or other for profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 650 responses per year. The USPTO estimates that approximately 350 of the surveys will be filed electronically.

*Estimated Time per Response:* The USPTO estimates that it takes the public approximately 15 minutes (0.25 hours) to complete the surveys in this collection. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, respond to the survey, and submit it to

the USPTO. The USPTO calculates that, on balance, it takes the same amount of time to complete and submit the surveys, whether the participant completes the survey in paper or electronically.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours:* 163 hours per year.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden:* \$28,688 per year. The USPTO expects that the audience for the GIPA training programs will typically consist of high-ranking government officials, judges, lawyers, examiners, and others. The USPTO estimates that roughly 20% of the attendees fall into the high-ranking categories, while the rest make up 80% of the attendees. The USPTO estimates that the hourly rate for 20% of the attendees would be roughly equivalent to the professional hourly rate of \$389, while the rest would be roughly equivalent to the para-professional hourly rate of \$122. Using these U.S. hourly rates, the USPTO estimates a professional hourly rate of \$78 and a paraprofessional hourly rate of \$98, for a total hourly rate of \$176. Please note that since individuals with varying job titles and pay grades typically attend the GIPA training programs, the USPTO is currently unable to derive a concise international labor rate for these individuals. Due to this and the fact that the training is conducted in the United States, the USPTO is using the corresponding United States pay rates to calculate the hourly labor rates. If the agency can obtain more concise hourly labor rate data for these individuals, these rates will be used to calculate the respondent burden in the future. The USPTO estimates that the total respondent cost burden for this collection is \$28,688 per year.

Item	Estimated time for response (minutes)	Estimated annual responses	Estimated annual burden hours
Pre-Program Survey .....	15	100	25
Electronic Pre-Program Survey .....	15	100	25
Post-Program Survey .....	15	100	25
Electronic Post-Program Survey .....	15	100	25
Alumni Survey .....	15	100	25
Electronic Alumni Survey .....	15	150	38
<b>Total .....</b>		<b>650</b>	<b>163</b>

*Estimated Total Annual Non-hour Respondent Cost Burden:* \$0 per year. There are no maintenance, operation, capital start-up, or recordkeeping costs associated with this information collection. These surveys do not have

filing or other fees associated with them. The USPTO expects to conduct these surveys electronically using a survey tool and may also conduct in-person surveys. In either case, there will be no

postage costs associated with these surveys.

**IV. Request for Comments**

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or

included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

The USPTO is soliciting public comments to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Dated: March 14, 2014.

**Susan K. Fawcett,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### United States Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No. PTO-C-2014-0017]

#### National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Evaluation Committee Charter Renewal

**AGENCY:** United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Services Administration, renewed the Charter for the National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Evaluation Committee on February 28, 2014.

**DATES:** The Charter for the National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Evaluation Committee was renewed on February 28, 2014.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Palafoutas, Program Manager, National Medal of Technology and Innovation Program, United States Patent and Trademark Office, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; telephone (571) 272-9821 or by electronic mail at [nmti@uspto.gov](mailto:nmti@uspto.gov). Information is also available

at <http://www.uspto.gov/about/nmti/index.jsp>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Services Administration, renewed the Charter for the National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Evaluation Committee (NMTI Committee) on February 28, 2014. The NMTI Committee was established in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act and provides advice to the Secretary of Commerce regarding recommendations of nominees for the National Medal of Technology and Innovation (Medal). The duties of the NMTI Committee are solely advisory in nature. Nominations for this Medal are solicited through an open, competitive, and nationwide call for nominations, and the NMTI Committee members are responsible for reviewing the nominations received. The NMTI Committee members are distinguished experts in the private and public sectors with experience in, or an understanding of, the promotion of technology, technological innovation, and/or the development of technological manpower. The NMTI Committee evaluates the nominees and forwards its recommendations, through the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property, to the Secretary of Commerce who, in turn, forwards her recommendations for the Medal to the President.

Dated: March 12, 2014.

**Michelle K. Lee,**

*Deputy Undersecretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Deputy Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### United States Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No. PTO-P-2014-0013]

#### Request for Comments and Notice of Roundtable Event on the Use of Crowdsourcing and Third-Party Preissuance Submissions To Identify Relevant Prior Art

**AGENCY:** United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (Office) is hosting a

roundtable event to solicit public opinions regarding the use of crowdsourcing and third-party preissuance submissions to identify relevant prior art and enhance the quality of examination as well as the quality of issued patents. Members of the public are invited to participate. The roundtable will provide a forum for an informal discussion of the topics identified in this notice. Written comments in response to these topics also are requested.

**DATES:** *Event:* The roundtable event will be held on April 10, 2014, beginning at 12:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT), and ending at 5:00 p.m. EDT.

*Registration:* Registration to attend the roundtable in person or via webcast is required by April 4, 2014. Additionally, members of the public who wish to participate in the roundtable as a speaker must do so by request in writing no later than March 27, 2014. See the "Event Registration Information" section of this notice for additional details on how to register.

*Comments:* Any member of the public, whether attending the roundtable or not, may submit written comments on any of the topics identified in part III of the

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section, below, for consideration by the Office. Written comments must be received on or before April 25, 2014, to ensure consideration. Persons submitting written comments should note that the Office will not provide a response because this notice is not a notice of proposed rulemaking. Written comments should be sent by electronic mail addressed to [CrowdsourcingRoundtable2014@uspto.gov](mailto:CrowdsourcingRoundtable2014@uspto.gov). Comments also may be submitted by postal mail addressed to: Mail Stop Comments—Patents, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, marked to the attention of Nicole Dretar Haines. Although comments may be submitted by postal mail, the Office prefers to receive comments by electronic mail.

Comments will be available for public inspection via the Office's Internet Web site at [http://www.uspto.gov/patents/init\\_events/index.jsp](http://www.uspto.gov/patents/init_events/index.jsp), and at the Office of the Commissioner for Patents, located in Madison East, Tenth Floor, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA 22314, upon request. Because comments will be available for public inspection, information that is not desired to be made public, such as an address or phone number, should not be included in the comments.