DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.


Title: Global Intellectual Property Academy (GIPA) Surveys.

Form Number(s): None.

Agency Approval Number: 0651–0065.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 163 hours annually.

Number of Respondents: 650 responses per year.

Avg. Hours per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take participants of the GIPA training programs 15 minutes (0.25 hours) to complete the surveys. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, complete the survey, and submit the completed survey to the USPTO.

Needs and Uses: The pre-program, post-program, and alumni surveys will be used to obtain feedback from the participants of the various GIPA training classes. The pre-program surveys allow participants to provide feedback on the program expectations and training needs immediately prior to participating in the GIPA training programs. The post-program surveys allow participants to provide feedback on program effectiveness, service, facilities, teaching practices, and processes immediately after completing the GIPA training programs. The alumni surveys allow participants to provide feedback on program effectiveness approximately one year after completing the GIPA training programs.

The USPTO will use the data collected from the surveys to evaluate the percentage of foreign officials trained by GIPA who have initiated or implemented a positive intellectual property change in their organization and to evaluate the percentage of foreign officials trained by GIPA who increased their expertise in intellectual property. The data will also be used to evaluate the satisfaction of the participants with the intellectual property program and the value of the experience as it relates to future job performance. The USPTO also uses the survey data to meet organizational performance and accountability goals.

Affected Public: Individuals.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Nicholas A. Fraser, email: Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov.

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 “0651–0065 Global Intellectual Property Academy (GIPA) Surveys copy request” in the subject line of the message.
• Fax: 571–273–0112, marked to the attention of Susan K. Fawcett.
• Mail: Susan K. Fawcett, Records Officer, USPTO, 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 June 27, 2014 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: May 21, 2014.

Susan K. Fawcett,
Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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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).


Title: Response to Office Action and Voluntary Amendment Forms.

Form Number(s): PTO 1771, 1822, 1957, 1960, and 1966.

Agency Approval Number: 0651–0050.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 132,122 hours annually.

Number of Respondents: 271,783 responses per year.

Avg. Hours per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately 10 to 40 minutes (0.17 to 0.67 hours) to complete the submission, depending on the request. This includes time to gather the necessary information, prepare the responses, substitute applications, amendments, petitions, or additional papers, and submit the completed request to the USPTO, depending on the complexity of the situation.

Needs and Uses: This information is required by the Trademark Act of 1946, Sections 1, 3, 4, 6, 11, 12, 23, 26, 27, 44, and 60, 15 U.S.C. 1051, 1053, 1054, 1056, 1057, 1058, 1061, 1091, 1094, 1095, 1126 and 1141, respectively. The information in this collection is a matter of public record and is used by the public for a variety of private business purposes related to establishing and enforcing trademark rights. This information is important to the public, as both common-law trademark owners and Federal trademark registrants must actively protect their own rights. This collection includes the information needed by the USPTO to review the various types of responses, substitute applications, amendments, petitions and other papers filed in connection with applications for registration.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profits or non-profit institutions.

Frequency: On occasion.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID DoD–2014–OS–0077]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary of Defense, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Defense Security Service (DSS) announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by July 28, 2014.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:


Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this Federal Register document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

Any associated form(s) for this collection may be located within this same electronic docket and downloaded for review/testing. Follow the instructions at http://www.regulations.gov for submitting comments. Please submit comments on any given form identified by docket number, form number, and title.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the Defense Security Service, ATTN: Ms. Helmut Hawkins, Industrial Security Program Policy, Clearance Oversight Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Alexandria, VA 22314.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Industry Cost Collection Report Survey; OMB Control Number 0704–0458.

Needs and Uses: Executive Order 12829, “National Industrial Security Program” requires the Department of Defense to account each year for the costs associated with implementation of the National Industrial Security Program and report those costs to the Director of the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO). In furtherance of this requirement, and pursuant with 32 CFR, Subpart F, section 2001.61(b); Classified National Security Information; Final Rule, the Secretary of Defense, acting as executive agent for NISP, is obligated to collect cost estimates for classification-related activities of contractors, licensees, certificate holders, and grantees and report them to ISOO annually. The cost collection methodology employed since 1996 was validated with the ISOO in December 2007. Participation in the survey is strictly voluntary. Input is integrated into total cost figure for the President and is never associated with a specific facility. A affected Public: A statistical sample of active and cleared businesses, or other profit and non-profit organizations under Department of Defense Security Cognizance, approved for storage of classified materials.

Annual Burden Hours: 125 hours.
Number of Respondents: 749.
Responses per Respondent: 1.
Total Annual Responses: 749.
Average Burden per Response: 10 minutes.
Frequency: Annually.

Collection of this data is required to comply with the reporting requirements of Executive Order 12829, “National Industrial Security Program.” This collection of information requests the assistance of the Facility Security Officer to provide estimates of annual security labor cost in burdened, current year dollars and the estimated percentage of security labor dollars to the total security costs for the facility. Security labor is defined as personnel whose positions exist to support operations and staff in the implementation of government security requirements for the protection of classified information. Guards who are required as supplemental controls are included in security labor. This data will be incorporated into a report produced to ISOO for the estimated cost of securing classified information within industry. The survey will be distributed electronically via a Web-based commercial survey tool.


Aaron Siegel,
Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

[Docket ID DoD–2014–OS–0005]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS), DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

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