DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Sanctuary System Business Advisory Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of a meeting via web conference call of the Sanctuary System Business Advisory Council (Council). The web conference call is open to the public, and participants can dial into the call. Participants who choose to use the web conferencing feature in addition to the audio will be able to view the presentations as they are being given.

DATES: Members of the public wishing to participate in the meeting must register in advance by December 10, 2014. The meeting will be held Thursday, December 11, 2014, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET, and an opportunity for public comment will be provided at 4:05 p.m. ET. These times and the agenda topics described below are subject to change.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via web conference call. Register by contacting Rebecca Holyoke at rebecca.holyoke@noaa.gov or (301) 713–7264. Webinar and teleconference capacity may be limited.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rebecca Holyoke, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, 1305 East West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. (Phone: 301–713–7264, Fax: 301–713–0404; email: rebecca.holyoke@noaa.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: ONMS serves as the trustee for 14 marine protected areas encompassing more than 170,000 square miles of ocean and Great Lakes waters from the Hawaiian Islands to the Florida Keys, and from Lake Huron to American Samoa. National marine sanctuaries protect our Nation’s most vital coastal and marine natural and cultural resources, and through active research, management, and public engagement, sustains healthy environments that are the foundation for thriving communities and stable economies. One of the many ways ONMS ensures public participation in the designation and management of national marine sanctuaries is through the formation of advisory councils. The Sanctuary System Business Advisory Council (Council) has been formed to provide advice and recommendations to the Director regarding the relationship of the ONMS with the business community. Additional information on the Council can be found at http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/management/bac/welcome.html.

Matters To Be Considered: The fourth meeting of the Council will provide an opportunity for council representatives to hear about ONMS efforts to promote national marine sanctuaries as sentinel sites for change detection and building a better understanding of coastal, marine, and Great Lakes ecosystems (i.e., ONMS Sentinel Monitoring Program). Discussions will focus on potential expansion of or developing new collaborations to conduct research and monitoring, including engaging citizen scientists from sanctuary communities. The agenda is subject to change. The agenda is available at http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/management/bac/welcome.html.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1431, et seq. (Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.429, Marine Sanctuary Program)

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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).


Title: Representative and Address Provisions.

Agency Approval Number: 0651–0035.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 140,863 hours annually.

Number of Respondents: 560,595 responses per year.

Avg. Hours per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately 3 minute (0.05 hours) to 1.5 hours to prepare the appropriate form or documents and submit to the USPTO.

Needs and Uses: This information collection includes the information necessary to submit a request to grant or revoke power of attorney for an application, patent, or reexamination proceeding, and for a registered practitioner to withdraw as attorney or agent of record. This collection also includes the information necessary to change the correspondence address for an application, patent, or reexamination proceeding, to request a Customer Number and manage the correspondence address and list of practitioners associated with a Customer Number, and to designate or change the correspondence address or fee address for one or more patents or applications by using a Customer Number.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion.

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

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 “0651–0035 copy request” in the subject line of the message.
- Mail: Marcie Lovett, Records Management Division Director, 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 December 26, 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: November 20, 2014.

Marcie Lovett,
Records Management Division Director, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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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: Financial Transactions. Agency Approval Number: 0651–0043. Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection. Burden: 86,263 hours annually. Number of Respondents: 2,590,950 responses per year. Avg. Hours per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately 1 to 7 minutes (0.02 to .12 hours) to prepare the appropriate form or documents and submit to the USPTO. Needs and Uses: Under 35 U.S.C. 41 and 15 U.S.C. 1113, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) charges fees for processing and other services related to patents, trademarks, and information products. Customers may submit payments to the USPTO by several methods, including credit card, deposit account, electronic funds transfer (EFT), and paper check transactions. The provisions of 35 U.S.C. 41 and 15 U.S.C. 1113 are implemented in 37 CFR 1.16–1.28, 2.6–2.7, and 2.206–2.209. This information collection includes associated payment and account forms for the aforementioned financial transactions and methods. Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations. Frequency: On occasion. Respondent’s Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits. OMB Desk Officer: Nicholas A. Fraser, email: Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov. Paper copies can be obtained by:

• Email: InformationCollection@uspto.gov. Include “0651–43 copy request” in the subject line of the message.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Renewal of Department of Defense Federal Advisory Committees

AGENCY: DoD.

ACTION: Renewal of Federal Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing this notice to announce that it is renewing the charter for the Department of Defense Medicare-Eligible Retiree Health Care Board of Actuaries (“the Board”).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Freeman, Advisory Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, 703–692–5952.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: This committee’s charter is being renewed pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 1114 and in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended) and 41 CFR 102–3.50(a), established the Board. The Board is a statutory Federal advisory committee that provides independent advice and recommendations related to the actuarial matters associated with the Department of Defense (DoD) Medicare-Eligible Retiree Health Care Fund (“the Fund”) and other related matters. The Board, under the authority of 10 U.S.C. § 1114, will provide independent advice and recommendations related to actuarial matters associated with the Fund on matters referred by the Secretary of Defense, including those regarding:

a. Valuation of the Fund under 10 U.S.C. § 115(c):

b. Recommendations for such changes as in the Board’s judgment are necessary to protect the public interest and maintain the Fund on a sound actuarial basis; and

c. Advising the Secretary of Defense on all actuarial matters necessary to make determinations in order to finance liabilities of the Fund on an actuarially sound basis.

The Board reports to the Secretary of Defense annually on the actuarial status of the Fund and shall furnish its advice and opinion on matters referred to it by the Secretary. The Board shall periodically, but not less than once every four years, report to the President and the Congress on the status of the Fund and will include recommendations for such changes as in the Board’s judgment are necessary to protect the public interest and maintain the Fund on a sound actuarial basis.

The Secretary of Defense, through the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (USD(P&R)) may act upon the Board’s advice and recommendations.

The members are selected from among qualified professional actuaries who are members of the Society of Actuaries. The Board members will serve for a term of 15 years with annual renewals; except those Board members appointed to fill a vacancy occurring before the end of the term for which the predecessor was appointed and serve only until the end of such term. Board members may serve after the end of the term until a successor has taken the oath of office. The Secretary of Defense or the Deputy Secretary of Defense appoints the Board members. The Board’s chair will be designated by the USD(P&R), on behalf of the Secretary of Defense. Board members who are not full-time or permanent part-time Federal employees, will be appointed as experts or consultants pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 3109 to serve as special government employee (SGE) members and will, under the authority of 10 U.S.C. § 1114(a)(3), serve with compensation, to include travel and per diem for official travel, in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 5703. Board members who are full-time or permanent part-time Federal officers or employees shall be appointed pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.130(a) to serve as regular government employee (RGE) members. A member of the Board may be removed by the Secretary of Defense for misconduct or failure to perform