Therefore, the USPTO estimates that the total annual (non-hour) cost burden for this collection, in the form of postage costs is $504.00 per year.

IV. Request for Comments

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 (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and 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, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.


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

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II. Method of Collection

Electronically if applicants submit the information using the TEAS forms. By mail or hand delivery if applicants choose to submit the information in paper form.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0651–0067.

| IC Instruments: The individual instruments in this collection, as well as their associated forms, are listed in the table below. |
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Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection

Affected Public: Individuals or households; businesses or other for-profits; and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Responses: The USPTO estimates that it will receive a total of 240 responses to this information collection annually, of which 60 will be filed by small entities. The USPTO estimates that 230 of the 240 responses will be filed electronically.

Estimated Time per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take the public 10 hours to complete the collection of information. This includes time to gather the necessary information, create the document, and submit the completed request to the USPTO. The USPTO calculates that, on balance, it takes the same amount of time to gather the necessary information, create the document, and submit it to the USPTO, whether the applicant submits the information in paper form or electronically.

The time per response, estimated annual responses, and estimated annual hour burden associated with each instrument in this information collection is shown in the table below.

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Estimated Total Annual Cost Burden (Non-Hourly): $57.50. There are postage costs associated with information disclosure citations in a patent. Customers may incur postage costs when submitting the information in this collection to the USPTO by mail through the United States Postal Service. The USPTO estimates that the average postage cost for a mailed one-pound submission will be $5.75 and approximately 10 submissions will be submitted to the USPTO requiring postage. The estimated postage cost for this collection will be $57.50.

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Therefore, the USPTO estimates that the total annual (non-hour) cost burden for this collection, in the form of postage is $57.50 per year.

IV. Request for Comments

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