DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; “Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery”

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: Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery.

OMB Control Number: 0651–0038.

Form Number(s): N/A.

Type of Request: Regular.

Number of Respondents: 27,900.

Average Hours per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take an average of 11 min. (0.18 hours) to complete a single item in this collection, with completion times ranging from 5 minutes (.08 hours) to 120 minutes (2 hours), depending upon the instrument used.

Burden Hours: 5,059 hours.

Cost Burden: $0.

Needs and Uses: The Agency will collect, analyze, and interpret information gathered to identify strengths and weaknesses of current services. Based on feedback received, the Agency will identify operational changes needed to improve programs and services. The solicitation of feedback will target areas such as:

- Timeliness, appropriateness, accuracy of information, courtesy, efficiency of service delivery, and resolution of issues with service delivery. The USPTO is committed to hearing feedback from its customers. Responses will be assessed to identify service areas in need of improvement. If this information is not collected, then the Agency will miss opportunities to obtain vital feedback from their customers and stakeholders on ways to improve their program and services.

These information collections will not result in any new system of records containing privacy information and will not ask questions of a sensitive nature.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profits; not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: 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: June 12, 2015.

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

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Practitioner Conduct and Discipline

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the 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 August 18, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- Email: InformationCollection@uspto.gov. Include “0651–0017 comment” 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Dahlia George, Office of Enrollment and Discipline, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450; by telephone at 571–272–4097; or by email at Dahlia.George@uspto.gov with “0651–0017 comment” in the subject line. Additional information about this collection is also available at http://www.reginfo.gov under “Information Collection Review.”

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has the authority to establish regulations governing the conduct and discipline of agents, attorneys, or other persons representing applicants and other parties before the USPTO (35 U.S.C. 2 and 32–33). The USPTO Rules of Professional Conduct at 37 CFR 11.101–11.804 describe how agents, attorneys, or other practitioners representing applicants and other parties before the USPTO should conduct themselves professionally and outline their responsibilities for recordkeeping and reporting violations or complaints of misconduct to the USPTO, while the Investigations and Disciplinary Proceedings Rules (37 CFR 11.19–11.60) dictate how the USPTO can discipline agents, attorneys, or other persons representing applicants and other parties before the USPTO.

The Rules require an attorney or agent to maintain complete records of all funds, securities, and other properties of clients coming into his or her possession, and to render appropriate accounts to the client regarding the funds, securities, and other properties of clients coming into the practitioner’s possession, collectively known as “client property.” These recordkeeping requirements are necessary to maintain the integrity of client property. Each State Bar requires its attorneys to perform similar recordkeeping.

The Rules also require an attorney or agent to report knowledge of certain violations of the Rules to the USPTO. If a complaint is found to have merit, the USPTO will investigate and possibly prosecute violations of the Rules and provide the practitioner with the opportunity to respond to the complaint. The Director of the Office of Enrollment and Discipline (OED Director) may, after notice and opportunity for a hearing, suspend,
exclude, or disqualify any practitioner from further practice before the USPTO based on non-compliance with the regulations. Practitioners who have been excluded or suspended from practice before the USPTO, practitioners transferred to disability inactive status, and practitioners who have resigned must keep and maintain records of their steps to comply with the suspension or exclusion order, transfer to disability inactive status, or resignation, should they seek reinstatement. These records may serve as the practitioner’s proof of compliance with the order, transfer, resignation, and Rules.

The information collected, i.e., reports of alleged violations of the Rules, is used by the OED Director to conduct investigations and prosecute violations, as appropriate. If this information is not collected, the OED Director would have no knowledge of alleged violations and would be unable to enforce this provision of the Rules.

II. Method of Collection

Electronically via email; by postal mail, facsimile, or hand delivery in paper form.

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Estimated Total Annual (Non-hour) Respondent Cost Burden: $1,083.05.

There are no capital start-up, maintenance, or recordkeeping costs, as well as no filing fees associated with this information collection. The recordkeeping costs included with the recordkeeping-related responses are a burden hour/burden cost to respondents and are not part of the annualized cost burden for this collection. There are, however, associated postage costs.

Customers may incur postage costs when submitting some of the items covered by this collection to the USPTO by mail. The USPTO expects that practitioners will submit affidavits with attachments via postal mail or hand delivery in association with the Recordkeeping Maintenance Regarding Practitioners Under Suspension or Exclusion item, and estimates that 99 percent of those affidavits will be submitted by mail with the remainder submitted by facsimile or hand delivery.

The USPTO further expects that 25 percent of the Complaint/Violation Reporting item will be submitted electronically. Of the non-electronic submissions for this item, 1 percent of the item’s total responses will be submitted by hand delivery or facsimile and the remaining 74 percent will be submitted by postal mail. These two items are estimated to produce a total of 187 mailed submissions.

The average first-class USPS postage costs for a one-pound mailed
submission in a flat-rate envelope and a 
three-pound mailed submission in a 
small flat-rate box are $5.75 and $5.95, 
respectively. The Recordkeeping 
Maintenance Regarding Practitioners 
Under Suspension or Exclusion item 
requires the more expensive of those 
two postage options, while the 
Complaint/Violation Reporting item 
requires the cheaper flat-rate envelope. 
The USPTO calculates that the total 
postage costs will be $1,083.05. 
Therefore, the USPTO estimates that 
the total annual non-hour cost burden 
for this collection, in the form of postage 
costs, is $1,083.05. 

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., 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. 

Dated: June 12, 2015. 

Marcie Lovett, 
Records Management Division Director, 
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 Additions 

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

ACTION: Proposed Additions to the 
Procurement List. 

SUMMARY: The Committee is proposing 
to add products and services to the 
Procurement List that will be furnished 
by nonprofit agencies employing 

persons who are blind or have other 
severe disabilities. 

DATES: Comments Must Be Received On 
Or Before: 7/20/2015. 

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: 
Barry S. Lineback, Telephone: (703) 
603–7740, Fax: (703) 603–0655, or email 
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 actions. 

Additions 

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

The following products and services 
are proposed for addition to the 
Procurement List for production by the 
nonprofit agencies listed:

Products 

NSN(s)—Product Name(s) 

6530–00–NIB–0212—Cold Pack, Instant, 
Disposable, 5" x 6", 24/BX 
6530–00–NIB–0213—Cold Pack, Instant, 
Disposable, 5" x 7", 16/BX 
6530–00–NIB–0214—Cold Pack, Instant, 
Disposable, 5" x 7", 48/BX 
6530–00–NIB–0215—Cold Pack, Instant, 
Disposable, 6" x 8", 24/BX 
6530–00–NIB–0216—Cold Pack, Instant, 
Disposable, 6" x 8", 24/BX 
6530–00–NIB–0217—Cold Pack, Instant, 
Disposable, 5" x 6", 80/BX 
6530–00–NIB–0218—Cold Pack, Instant, 
Disposable, 5" x 6", 24/BX 
6530–00–NIB–0219—Cold Pack, Instant, 
Disposable, 5" x 7", 48/BX 
6530–00–NIB–0220—Cold Pack, Instant, 
Disposable, 5" x 7", 16/BX 
6530–00–NIB–0221—Cold Pack, Instant, 
Disposable, 5" x 8.75", 24/BX 
6530–00–NIB–0225—Hot Pack, Instant, 
Disposable, 5" x 6", 80/BX 
6530–00–NIB–0226—Hot Pack, Instant, 
Disposable, 5" x 7", 80/BX 
6530–00–NIB–0253—Hot Pack, Instant, 
Disposable, 6" x 8", EA 
6530–00–NIB–0254—Cold Pack, Instant, 

Long-Lasting, Disposable, 5" x 6", EA 
6530–00–NIB–0255—Cold Pack, Instant, 
Long-Lasting, Disposable, 5" x 7", EA 
6530–00–NIB–0256—Cold Pack, Instant, 
Long-Lasting, Disposable, 6" x 8", EA 
6530–00–NIB–0257—Cold Pack, Instant, 
Disposable, 5" x 6", EA 
6530–00–NIB–0258—Cold Pack, Instant, 
Disposable, 5" x 7", EA 
6530–00–NIB–0259—Cold Pack, Instant, 
Disposable, 6" x 8.75", EA

Mandatory Purchase For: Total Government 
Requirement 

Mandatory Source of Supply: Central 
Association for the Blind and Visually 
Impaired, Utica, NY 

Contracting Activity: Defense Logistics 
Agency Troop Support 
Distribution: B-List 

NSN(s)—Product Name(s) 

7045–00–NIB–0416—Privacy Shield, 16:9 
Aspect Ratio Computer Monitor, 23.0" 
Widescreen 
7045–00–NIB–0417—Privacy Filter, Framed, 
Black, 20.0" Widescreen 

Mandatory Purchase For: Total Government 
Requirement 

Mandatory Source of Supply: Bosma 
Enterprises, Indianapolis, IN 

Contracting Activity: General Services 
Administration 
Distribution: B-List 

NSN(s)—Product Name(s) 

6530–00–NIB–0105—Kit, Shelter-In-Place 
Mandatory Purchase For: Total Government 
Requirement 

Mandatory Source of Supply: Wiscraft Inc., 
Milwaukee WI 

Contracting Activity: General Services 
Administration 
Distribution: A-List 

NSN(s)—Product Name(s) 

8105–00–NIB–1412—Aquapad Sand-less 
Sandbag 

Mandatory Purchase For: 100% of the 
requirement of the Department of 
Defense 

Mandatory Source of Supply: Envision 
Industries, Inc. in Wichita, KS 

Contracting Activity: Defense Logistics 
Agency Troop Support, Construction & 
Equipment 
Distribution: C-List 

NSN(s)—Product Name(s) 

7530–01–352–6616—Note Pad, Self-Stick, 
Fanfold, Yellow, 3" x 3" 

Mandatory Purchase For: Total Government 
Requirement 

Mandatory Source of Supply: Association for 
the Blind and Visually Impaired— 
Goodwill Industries of Greater Rochester, 
Rochester, NY 

Contracting Activity: General Services 
Administration 
Distribution: A-List 

NSN(s)—Product Name(s) 

4240–01–469–8738—Hearing Protection, 
Over-The-Head Earmuff, NRR 27dB 

Mandatory Purchase For: Total Government 
Requirement 

Mandatory Source of Supply: Access: 
Supports for Living Inc., Middletown, 
NY