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*Burden Hours:* 1533.33.

*Cost Burden:* \$0.

*Needs and Uses:* This information collection is necessary so that applicants that file applications with the USPTO, Japan Patent Office, and Korean Intellectual Property Office may participate in the International Work Sharing Program. The Program enables its participants to engage in the exchange of IP documents between the patent offices of the United States, Japan, and Korea in order to facilitate efficient worldwide patent examinations.

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*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Nicholas A. Fraser, email: [Nicholas\\_A\\_Fraser@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov).

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Further information can be obtained by:

- Email: [InformationCollection@uspto.gov](mailto:InformationCollection@uspto.gov). Include "0651-0079 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 January 15, 2016 to Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB Desk Officer, via email to [Nicholas\\_A\\_Fraser@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov), or by fax to 202-395-5167, marked to the attention of Nicholas A. Fraser.

**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; Patents External Quality Survey**

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:* Patents External Quality Survey.

*OMB Control Number:* 0651-0057.

*Form Number(s):*

- No forms associated

*Type of Request:* Regular.

*Number of Respondents:* 3,100.

*Average Minutes per Response:* The USPTO estimates that it will take the public 10 minutes (.17 hours) to gather the necessary information, prepare for submission, and submit a single item in this collection.

*Burden Hours:* 516.67.

*Cost Burden:* \$0.

*Needs and Uses:* Individuals who work at firms that file more than six patent applications a year use the Patents External Quality Survey to provide their perceptions of examination quality to the USPTO. The USPTO uses the feedback gathered from the survey to assist them in targeting key areas for examination quality improvement and to identify important areas for examiner training.

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

*Frequency:* Semi-annually.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Nicholas A. Fraser, email: [Nicholas\\_A\\_Fraser@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov). Once submitted, the request will be publicly available in electronic format through [reginfo.gov](http://reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

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**Marcie Lovett,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Department of the Army**

[Docket ID USA-2015-HQ-0037]

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by January 15, 2016.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Fred Licari, 571-372-0493.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title, Associated Form and OMB Number:* Army Sex Offender Information; Department of the Army Form 3975; OMB Control Number 0702-0128.

*Type of Request:* Reinstatement.

*Number of Respondents:* 550.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 550.

*Average Burden per Response:* 20 minutes.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 183.

*Needs and Uses:* The information collection requirement is necessary to obtain and record the sex offender registration information of those sex offenders who live, work or go to school on Army installations. Respondents are any convicted sex offender required to register pursuant to any DoD, Army, State government, law, regulation, or policy where they are employed, reside, or are a student. The information collected is used by Army law enforcement to ensure the sex offender is compliant with any court order restrictions.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; individuals or households.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Ms. Jasmeet Sehra.