

IC No.	Information collection instrument	Estimated annual responses	Filing fee (\$)	Total non-hour cost burden (yr)
		(a)	(b)	(a) × (b) = (c)
9, 10	Utility issue fee (Large entity)	236,380	960.00	226,924,800.00
9, 10	Utility issue fee (Small entity)	57,830	480.00	27,758,400.00
9, 10	Utility issue fee (Micro entity)	5,625	240.00	1,350,000.00
9, 10	Design issue fee (Large entity)	15,230	560.00	8,528,800.00
9, 10	Design issue fee (Small entity)	11,150	280.00	3,122,000.00
9, 10	Design issue fee (Micro entity)	2,210	140.00	309,400.00
9, 10	Plant issue fee (Large entity)	610	760.00	463,600.00
9, 10	Plant issue fee (Small entity)	655	380.00	248,900.00
9, 10	Plant issue fee (Micro entity)	10	190.00	1,900.00
9, 10	Reissue issue fee (Large entity)	265	960.00	254,400.00
9, 10	Reissue issue fee (Small entity)	90	480.00	43,200.00
9, 10	Reissue issue fee (Micro entity)	5	240.00	1,200.00
Total		356,625		274,394,575.00

Customers may incur postage costs when submitting the information in this collection by the USPTO by mail. The USPTO estimates that the average first-class postage cost for a mailed submission will be 49 cents and that approximately 5% submissions will be mailed to the USPTO per year, for a total estimated postage cost of \$8,737.19 per year.

The total annual (non-hour) respondent cost burden for this collection is estimated to be approximately \$274,403,312.19 per year.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

The USPTO is soliciting public comments to:

- (a) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (b) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (c) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (d) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology,

e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Marcie Lovett,

*Records Management Division Director,
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; “Pro Bono 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).

Title: Pro Bono Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0651—New.

Form Number(s): N/A.

Type of Request: Regular.

Number of Respondents: 20 respondents providing quarterly responses, for a total of 80 responses per year.

Average Hours per Response: 2 hours.

Burden Hours: 160 hours.

Cost Burden: \$65,600.00

Needs and Uses: The Leahy-Smith America Invents Act (AIA), Public Law 112–29 § 32 (2011) directs the USPTO to work with and support intellectual property law associations across the country in the establishment of pro bono programs designed to assist financially under-resourced independent inventors and small businesses. In support of this law, the USPTO, in collaboration with various non-profit organizations, has established a series of autonomous regional hubs that act as matchmakers to help connect

low income inventors with volunteer patent attorneys across the United States.

This information collection will ascertain the effectiveness of each individual regional hub with respect to their matchmaking efforts. The USPTO has worked with the Pro Bono Advisory Council (PBAC) to determine what information is necessary to ascertain the effectiveness of each regional pro bono hub’s matchmaking operations. PBAC is a well-established group of patent practitioners and patent pro bono regional hub administrators who have committed to provide support and guidance to patent pro bono programs across the country. The USPTO is responsible for the collection of this information, which is collected on a quarterly basis.

Specifically, the information will allow PBAC and the USPTO to ascertain the origination state of applicants, where applicants are being referred from, and what portion of applicants are completing and returning financial screening applications. Additionally the information will help track the number of invention screenings, disqualified applicants, corporations/law firms agreeing to accept cases, backlog of unmatched applicants, hours donated by lawyer referral service panel attorneys, and provisional and non-provisional applications filed, all on a quarterly basis. The information will also allow PBAC and the USPTO to understand program financial information including project cost, and depth of donor support.

The information, at its highest level, will allow PBAC and the USPTO to ascertain whether the regional hubs are matching qualified low income inventors with volunteer patent attorneys. It will also help establish the total economic benefit derived by low-income inventors in the form of donated

legal services. This information can then be used to promote the program to under-resourced inventors and patent practitioners.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: Quarterly.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to Obtain or Maintain 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 reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Further information can be obtained by:

- **Email:** InformationCollection@uspto.gov, John.Kirkpatrick@uspto.gov, or Gautam.Prakash@uspto.gov. Include "Pro Bono Survey 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 September 21, 2016 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: August 16, 2016.

Marcie Lovett,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Patent Law Treaty

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

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 October 21, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- **Email:** InformationCollection@uspto.gov. Include "0651-0073 comment" in the subject line of the message.
- **Federal Rulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>.
- **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 Raul Tamayo, Senior Legal Advisor, Office of Patent Legal Administration, United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450; by telephone at 571-272-7728; or by email at Raul.Tamayo.uspto.gov with "0651-0073 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 Patent Law Treaties Implementation Act of 2012 (PLTIA) amends the patent laws to implement the provisions of the Patent Law Treaty (PLT) in title II. The PLT harmonizes and streamlines formal procedures pertaining to the filing and processing of patent applications.

By a final rule titled "Changes to Implement the Patent Law Treaty" (RIN 0651-AC85) and published in the **Federal Register** on October 21, 2013, the USPTO revised the rules of practice for consistency with the changes in the PLT and title II of the PLTIA. One notable change pertains to the restoration of the right of priority to a foreign application or the benefit of a provisional application in a subsequent application filed within two months of the expiration of the twelve-month

period (six-month period for design applications) for filing such a subsequent application. The information in this collection relates to the petitions for restoration that may be filed in accordance with the revised rules.

The information in this collection can be submitted electronically through EFS-Web, the USPTO's Web-based electronic filing system, as well as on paper. The USPTO is therefore accounting for both electronic and paper submissions in this collection.

II. Method of Collection

Electronically if applicants submit the information using EFS-Web. By mail or hand delivery in paper form.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0651-0073.

Form Number(s): No form numbers.

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 Number of Respondents: 500 responses per year. The USPTO estimates that 120 responses will be received from small entities. Approximately 98% of the total responses for this collection will be submitted electronically.

Estimated Time per Response: The USPTO estimates it will take approximately 60 minutes (1 hour) to complete the information in this collection, including the time it takes for reading the instructions for the forms, gathering the necessary information, completing the forms, and submitting them to the USPTO. The time per response, estimated annual responses, and estimated annual hour burden associated with each instrument in this collection are shown in the table below.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 500 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent (Hourly) Cost Burden: \$205,000.00. The USPTO expects that attorneys in private firms will complete these applications. The professional hourly rate for attorneys is \$410. Using this hourly rate, the USPTO estimates that the total respondent cost burden for this collection is [AMOUNT] per year.

IC No.	Item	Hours (a)	Responses (yr) (b)	Burden (hrs/yr) (c) (a × b)	Rate (\$/hr) (d)	Total cost burden (e) (c × d)
1	Petition to Restore the Right of Priority under 37 CFR 1.55(b)(2).	1	250	250	\$410.00	\$102,500.00