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**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*

Dated: October 21, 2016.

**Angela Somma,**

Chief, Endangered Species Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Telecommunications and Information Administration

#### Multistakeholder Process To Promote Collaboration on Vulnerability Research Disclosure

**AGENCY:** National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) will convene a meeting of a multistakeholder process concerning the collaboration between security researchers and software and system developers and owners to address security vulnerability disclosure on November 7, 2016.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on November 7, 2016, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for details.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the American Institute of Architects, 1735 New York Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Allan Friedman, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Room 4725, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4281; email: [afriedman@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:afriedman@ntia.doc.gov). Please direct media inquiries to NTIA's Office of Public Affairs: (202) 482-7002; email: [press@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:press@ntia.doc.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background:** On March 19, 2015, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, working with the Department of Commerce's Internet Policy Task Force (IPTF), issued a Request for Comment to "identify substantive cybersecurity

issues that affect the digital ecosystem and digital economic growth where broad consensus, coordinated action, and the development of best practices could substantially improve security for organizations and consumers."<sup>1</sup> This Request built on earlier work from the Department, including the 2011 Green Paper *Cybersecurity, Innovation, and the Internet Economy*,<sup>2</sup> as well as comments the Department had received on related issues.<sup>3</sup> On July 9, 2015, after reviewing the comments, NTIA announced that the first issue to be addressed would be "collaboration on vulnerability research disclosure,"<sup>4</sup> and subsequently announced that the first meeting of a multistakeholder process on this topic would be held on September 29, 2015, and subsequent meetings were convened on December 2, 2015, and April 8, 2016.<sup>5</sup>

**Matters To Be Considered:** The November 7, 2016 meeting is a continuation of a series of NTIA-convened multistakeholder discussions concerning collaboration on vulnerability disclosure. Stakeholders will engage in an open, transparent, consensus-driven process to develop voluntary principles guiding the collaboration between vendors and researchers about vulnerability information. Stakeholders will review the work of the ongoing working groups, and identify strategies for maximizing the impact of stakeholder outputs. More information about stakeholders' work is available at: <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/other-publication/2015/multistakeholder-process-cybersecurity-vulnerabilities>.

**Time and Date:** NTIA will convene a meeting of the multistakeholder process to promote collaboration on

<sup>1</sup> U.S. Department of Commerce, Internet Policy Task Force, Request for Public Comment, Stakeholder Engagement on Cybersecurity in the Digital Ecosystem, 80 FR 14360, Docket No. 150312253-5253-01 (Mar. 19, 2015), available at: [http://www.ntia.doc.gov/files/ntia/publications/cybersecurity\\_rfc\\_03192015.pdf](http://www.ntia.doc.gov/files/ntia/publications/cybersecurity_rfc_03192015.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Department of Commerce, Internet Policy Task Force, *Cybersecurity, Innovation, and the Internet Economy* (June 2011) (Green Paper), available at: [http://www.nist.gov/itl/upload/Cybersecurity\\_Green-Paper\\_FinalVersion.pdf](http://www.nist.gov/itl/upload/Cybersecurity_Green-Paper_FinalVersion.pdf).

<sup>3</sup> See Comments Received in Response to Federal Register Notice Developing a Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity, Docket No. 140721609-4609-01, available at: [http://csrc.nist.gov/cyberframework/rfi\\_comments\\_10\\_2014.html](http://csrc.nist.gov/cyberframework/rfi_comments_10_2014.html).

<sup>4</sup> NTIA, *Enhancing the Digital Economy Through Collaboration on Vulnerability Research Disclosure* (July 9, 2015), available at: <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/blog/2015/enhancing-digital-economy-through-collaboration-vulnerability-research-disclosure>.

<sup>5</sup> NTIA, *Cybersecurity Vulnerabilities*, <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/other-publication/2015/multistakeholder-process-cybersecurity-vulnerabilities>.

vulnerability research disclosure on November 7, 2016, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time. The meeting date and time are subject to change. Please refer to NTIA's Web site, <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/other-publication/2015/multistakeholder-process-cybersecurity-vulnerabilities>, for the most current information.

**Place:** The meeting will be held at the American Institute of Architects, 1735 New York Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20006. The location of the meeting is subject to change. Please refer to NTIA's Web site, <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/other-publication/2015/multistakeholder-process-cybersecurity-vulnerabilities>, for the most current information.

**Other Information:** The meeting is open to the public and the press. The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Allan Friedman at (202) 482-4281 or [afriedman@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:afriedman@ntia.doc.gov) at least seven (7) business days prior to the meeting. The meeting will also be webcast. Requests for real-time captioning of the webcast or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Allan Friedman at (202) 482-4281 or [afriedman@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:afriedman@ntia.doc.gov) at least seven (7) business days prior to the meeting. There will be an opportunity for stakeholders viewing the webcast to participate remotely in the meeting through a moderated conference bridge, including polling functionality. Access details for the meeting are subject to change. Please refer to NTIA's Web site, <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/other-publication/2015/multistakeholder-process-cybersecurity-vulnerabilities>, for the most current information.

Dated: October 21, 2016.

**Kathy D. Smith,**

Chief Counsel, National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Post Allowance and Refiling

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, Commerce.

*Title:* Post Allowance and Refiling.

*OMB Control Number:* 0651-0033.

*Form Number(s):* PTO/SB/44/50/51/51S/52/53/56/141, PTO/AIA/05/06/07, and PTOL-85B.

*Type of Request:* Regular.

*Number of Respondents:* 379,600 response.

*Estimated Average Hours per*

*Response:* The USPTO estimates that it will take the public from 12 minutes (0.20 hours) to 5 hours to gather the necessary information, prepare the appropriate form or document, and submit the information to the USPTO.

*Burden Hours:* 207,065 burden hours.

*Cost Burden:* \$35,734,150.00.

*Needs and Uses:* This collection of information encompasses the action an applicant must take to submit an issue fee payment to the USPTO. The USPTO is required by 35 U.S.C. 131 and 151 to examine applications and, when appropriate, allow applications and issue them as patents. When an application for a patent is allowed by the USPTO, the USPTO issues a notice of allowance and the applicant must pay the specified issue fee (including the publication fee, if applicable) within three months to avoid abandonment of the application. If the appropriate fees are paid within the proper time period, the USPTO can then issue the patent. If the fees are not paid within the designated time period, the application is abandoned. The rules outlining the procedures for payment of the issue fee and issuance of a patent are found at 37 CFR 1.18 and 1.311-1.317.

This collection of information also encompasses several actions that may be taken after issuance of a patent. A certificate of correction may be requested to correct an error or errors in the patent. If the USPTO determines that the request should be approved, the USPTO will issue a certificate of correction. For an original patent that is believed to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, the assignee(s) or inventor(s) may apply for reissue of the patent, which entails several formal requirements, including provision of an oath or declaration specifically identifying at least one error being relied upon as the basis for reissue and stating the reason for the belief that the original patent is wholly or partially inoperative or invalid. The rules outlining these procedures are found at 37 CFR 1.171-1.178 and 1.322-1.325.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Kimberly Keravuori, email: [Kimberly\\_R\\_Keravuori@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Kimberly_R_Keravuori@omb.eop.gov).

Once submitted, the request will be publicly available in electronic format through [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.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](mailto:InformationCollection@uspto.gov). Include "0651-0073 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 November 28, 2016 to Kimberly Keravuori, OMB Desk Officer, via email to [Kimberly\\_R\\_Keravuori@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Kimberly_R_Keravuori@omb.eop.gov), or by fax to 202-395-5167, marked to the attention of Kimberly Keravuori.

Dated: October 20, 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

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Patent Law Treaty

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, Commerce.

*Title:* Patent Law Treaty.

*OMB Control Number:* 0651-0073.

*Form Number(s):* No form numbers.

*Type of Request:* Regular.

*Number of Respondents:* 500.

*Estimated Average Hours per Response:* The USPTO estimates that it will take approximately 1 hour (60 minutes) 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.

*Burden Hours:* 500 burden hours.

*Cost Burden:* \$748,064.50.

*Needs and Uses:* 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.

As covered in the final rule titled, "Changes to Implement the Patent Law Treaty" (RIN 0651-AC85), the USPTO adopted the rules of practice for consistency with the PLT and title II of the PLTIA. 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.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Kimberly Keravuori, email: [Kimberly\\_R\\_Keravuori@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Kimberly_R_Keravuori@omb.eop.gov).

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Further information can be obtained by:

- *Email:* [InformationCollection@uspto.gov](mailto:InformationCollection@uspto.gov). Include "0651-0073 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.

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Dated: October 20, 2016.

**Marcie Lovett,**

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

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