

comments on this collection of information was published on October 19, 2017 (82 FR 48722). No comments were received.

We are again soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the BIA; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the BIA enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the BIA minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Abstract:** The BIA is seeking renewal of the approval for the information collection conducted under 25 U.S.C. 43, 36 Stat. 472, *inter alia*, and implementing regulations, at 25 CFR part 5, regarding verification of Indian preference for employment. The purpose of Indian preference is to encourage qualified Indian persons to seek employment with the BIA and Indian Health Service (IHS) by offering preferential treatment to qualified candidates of Indian heritage. BIA collects the information to ensure compliance with Indian preference hiring requirements. The information collection relates only to individuals applying for employment with the BIA and IHS. The tribe's involvement is limited to verifying membership information submitted by the applicant. The collection of information allows certain persons who are of Indian descent to receive preference when appointments are made to vacancies in positions with the BIA and IHS as well as in any unit that has been transferred intact from the BIA to a Bureau or office within the Department of the Interior or the Department of Health and Human Services and that continues to perform functions formerly performed as part of the BIA and IHS. You are eligible for preference if (a) you are a member of a

federally recognized Indian tribe; (b) you are a descendent of a member and you were residing within the present boundaries of any Indian reservation on June 1, 1934; (c) you are an Alaska native; or (d) you possess one-half degree Indian blood derived from tribes that are indigenous to the United States.

**Title of Collection:** Verification of Indian Preference for Employment in BIA and IHS.

**OMB Control Number:** 1076–0160.

**Form Number:** BIA 4432.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Respondents/Affected Public:** Qualified Indian persons who are seeking preference in employment with the BIA and IHS.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:** 5,000 per year, on average.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** 5,000 per year, on average.

**Estimated Completion Time per Response:** 30 minutes.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:** 2,500 hours.

**Respondent's Obligation:** A response is required to obtain a benefit.

**Frequency of Collection:** On occasion.

**Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:** \$6,920.

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The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

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**Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Application for Admission to Haskell Indian Nations University and to Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we,

the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) are proposing to renew an information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 22, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments on this information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget's Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior by email at *OIRA\_Submission@omb.eop.gov*; or via facsimile to (202) 395–5806. Please provide a copy of your comments to Ms. Jacquelyn Cheek, Special Assistant to the Director, Bureau of Indian Education, 1849 C Street NW, Mailstop 3609–MIB, Washington, DC 20240; facsimile: (202) 208–3312; or email to: *Jacquelyn.Cheek@bie.edu*. Please reference OMB Control Number 1076–0114 in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Ms. Jacquelyn Cheek, phone: 202–631–4074. You may also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

A **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day public comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on April 27, 2017 (82 FR 19382). No comments were received.

We are again soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the BIE; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the BIE enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the BIE minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

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public record. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Abstract:** The BIE is requesting early renewal of OMB approval for the admission forms for Haskell and SIPI. These admission forms are used in determining program eligibility of American Indian and Alaska Native students for educational services. These forms are utilized pursuant to the Blood Quantum Act, Public Law 99–228; the Snyder Act, Chapter 115, Public Law 67–85; and, the Indian Appropriations of the 48th Congress, Chapter 180, page 91, For Support of Schools, July 4, 1884. The application was revised following input from students on the form. Haskell reduced the length of the application form to a page and a half. SIPI's application did not change. Submission of these eligibility application forms is mandatory in determining a student's eligibility for educational services. The information is collected on two forms: Application for Admission to Haskell form and SIPI form.

**Title of Collection:** Application for Admission to Haskell Indian Nations University and to Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute.

**OMB Control Number:** 1076–0114.

**Form Number:** None.

**Type of Review:** Early revision of currently approved collection.

**Respondents/Affected Public:**  
Students.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:** 4,000 per year, on average.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** 4,000 per year, on average.

**Estimated Completion Time per Response:** 30 minutes per Haskell application; 30 minutes per SIPI application.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:** 1,750 hours.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Response is required to obtain a benefit.

**Frequency of Collection:** Once per year for Haskell; each trimester for SIPI.

**Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:** \$10,000.

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The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

### [Investigation No. 332–562 and Investigation No. 332–563]

#### **Global Digital Trade 2: The Business-to-Business Market, Key Foreign Trade Restrictions, and U.S. Competitiveness; and Global Digital Trade 3: The Business-to-Consumer Market, Key Foreign Trade Restrictions, and U.S. Competitiveness; Scheduling of Hearing**

**AGENCY:** United States International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Scheduling of public hearing.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission has scheduled a public hearing for March 6, 2018, in connection with the second and third of three investigations on global digital trade: Investigation No. 332–562, *Global Digital Trade 2: The Business-to-Business Market, Key Foreign Trade Restrictions, and U.S. Competitiveness*; and investigation No. 332–563, *Global Digital Trade 3: The Business-to-Consumer Market, Key Foreign Trade Restrictions, and U.S. Competitiveness*. Procedures relating to participation are set forth below.

#### **DATES:**

February 20, 2018: Deadline for filing request to appear at the public hearing

February 26, 2018: Deadline for filing pre-hearing briefs and statements

March 6, 2018: Public hearing

March 20, 2018: Deadline for filing post-hearing briefs and statements

April 6, 2018: Deadline for filing all other written submissions for investigation No. 332–362

August 15, 2018: Deadline for filing all other written submissions for investigation No. 332–563

**ADDRESSES:** All Commission offices, including the Commission's hearing rooms, are located in the United States International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC. All written submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. The public file for these investigations may be reviewed on the

Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information relating to *Global Digital Trade 2*, contact co-Project Leaders Dan Kim (202–205–3234 or [dan.kim@usitc.gov](mailto:dan.kim@usitc.gov)) and Alissa Tafti (202–205–3244 or [alissa.tafti@usitc.gov](mailto:alissa.tafti@usitc.gov)); and for information relating to *Global Digital Trade 3*, contact Project Leader Ricky Ubee (202–205–3493 or [ravinder.ubee@usitc.gov](mailto:ravinder.ubee@usitc.gov)) or Deputy Project Leader Christopher Robinson (202–205–2602 or [christopher.robinson@usitc.gov](mailto:christopher.robinson@usitc.gov)). For information on the legal aspects of these investigations, contact William Gearhart in the Commission's Office of the General Counsel (202–205–3091 or [william.gearhart@usitc.gov](mailto:william.gearhart@usitc.gov)). The media should contact Margaret O'Laughlin, Office of External Relations (202–205–1819 or [margaret.olaghlin@usitc.gov](mailto:margaret.olaghlin@usitc.gov)). Hearing-impaired individuals may obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal at 202–205–1810. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its website (<https://www.usitc.gov>). Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202–205–2000.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In his letter of January 13, 2017, the United States Trade Representative (USTR) requested that the Commission conduct three investigations and prepare three reports relating to global digital trade. The Commission delivered the first of these reports, *Global Digital Trade 1: Market Opportunities and Key Foreign Trade Restrictions*, on August 29, 2017 and released it to the public on September 28, 2017.

The Commission invites members of the public with an interest in the matter to participate in a hearing for the second and third investigations in this series and provide information that relates to the reports that the Commission has been asked to prepare. For the second report (*Global Digital Trade 2: The Business-to-Business Market, Key Foreign Trade Restrictions, and U.S. Competitiveness*) the USTR requested that the Commission, based on available information, including a survey of U.S. firms in selected industries particularly involved in digital trade:

- Provide qualitative, and to the extent possible, quantitative analysis of measures in key foreign markets (identified in the first report) that affect the ability of U.S. firms to develop and/or supply business-to-business digital products and services abroad; and