Department of Commerce
Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; “Post Patent Public Submissions”

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.


Title: Post Patent Public Submissions. OMB Control Number: 0651–0067. Form Number(s):

- PTO/SB/42
- Type of Request: Regular.
- Number of Respondents: 100 responses per year.
- Average Hours per Response: The USPTO expects that it will take the public 10 hours to respond to the items in this collection. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, create the document, and submit the completed request to the USPTO.
- Burden Hours: 1,000 hours per year.
- Cost Burden: $11.50 per year.
- Needs and Uses: This information collection is necessary so that the public may submit, in a patent file, prior art consisting of patents or printed publications which the person making the submission believes to have a bearing on the patentability of any claim of the patent, and statements of the patent owner that were filed by the patent owner in a proceeding before a Federal court or the USPTO in which the patent owner took a position on the scope of any claim of the patent. The public may use this information to aid in ascertaining the patentability and/or scope of the claims of the patent. The USPTO may use the information during subsequent reissue or reexamination proceedings, except that the USPTO’s use of statements of the patent owner that were filed by the patent owner in a proceeding before a Federal court or the USPTO in which the patent owner took a position on the scope of any claim of the patent will be limited to determining the meaning of a patent claim in ex parte reexamination proceedings that have already been ordered and in inter partes review and post review proceedings that have already been instituted.

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

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent’s Obligation: Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits.

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Once submitted, the request will be publicly available in electronic format through 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. Include “0651–0067 information request” in the subject line of the message.
- Mail: Marcie Lovett, Records and Information Governance Division Director, Office of the Chief Technology Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22314–1450.

Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled

Procurement List; Deletions

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

Action: Deletions from the Procurement List.

Summary: This action deletes products and services from the Procurement List that were furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

Dates: Date deleted from the Procurement List: October 29, 2018.

Addresses: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, 1401 S Clark Street, Suite 715, Arlington, Virginia 22202–4149.

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Supplementary Information:

Deletions

On 8/24/2018 (83 FR 165), the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice of proposed deletions from the Procurement List.

After consideration of the relevant matter presented, the Committee has determined that the products and services listed below are no longer suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 8501–8506 and 41 CFR 51–2.4.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities.

2. The action may result in authorizing small entities to furnish the products and services to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O’Day Act (41 U.S.C. 8501–8506) in connection with the product(s) and service(s) deleted from the Procurement List.

End of Certification

Accordingly, the following products and services are deleted from the Procurement List: