DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; “Patent Review and Derivation Proceedings”

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: Patent Review and Derivation Proceedings.

Form Number(s): N/A.
Type of Request: Regular.
Number of Respondents: 11,994 responses per year.
Average Hours per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take the public between an estimated 6 minutes (0.10 hours) to 165.30 hours to complete an individual form in this collection.

Burden Hours: 1,474,449 hours.
Cost Burden: $54,307,175 per year.

Needs and Uses: The public will use this information collection to petition the Board to seek the institution of—and to participate in—inter partes reviews, post-grant reviews, covered business method patent reviews, and derivation proceedings.

The Board disseminated information that it collects (unless filed under seal) through various publications and databases. This information collection includes the filings of the parties and decisions and orders by the Board in trials and derivation proceedings.

Opinions authored by the Board have varying degrees of authority attached to them. There are precedential opinions which, when published, are binding and provide the criteria and authority that the Board will use to decide all other factually similar cases (until the opinion is overruled or changed by statute).

There are informative opinions, which are non-precedential and illustrate the norms of Board decision-making for the public. There are representative opinions, which are non-precedential and are publicly available opinions that are not designed as precedential or informative. Since public policy favors a widespread publication of opinions, the Board publishes all publicly available opinions, even if the opinions are not binding precedent upon the Board.

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

Respondent’s Obligation: Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits.
OMB Desk Officer: Nicholas A. Fraser, email: Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov.

Once submitted, the request will be published 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@usp.gov. Include “0651–0069 copy request” in the subject line of the message.
• Mail: Marcie Lovett, Records and Information Governance Division Director, Office of the Chief Administrative 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 December 21, 2018 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.

Marcie Lovett, Records Management Division Director, USPTO, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; “Matters Related to First Inventor to File”

The Department of Commerce 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: Matters Related to First Inventor to File.

OMB Control Number: 0651–0071.
Form Number(s): None.
Type of Request: Regular.
Number of Respondents: 23,681 responses per year.
Average Time per Response: The USPTO expects that it will take between 2 and 10 hours to respond to the items in this collection, depending upon the instrument used. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, create the document, and submit the completed request to the USPTO.

Burden Hours: 207,362 hours per year.
Cost Burden: $80.40 per year.

Needs and Uses: This information collection is necessary so that patent applicants and/or patentees may: (1) Provide a statement if a nonprovisional application filed on or after March 16, 2013, other than a nonprovisional international design application, claims the benefit of, or priority to, the filing date of a foreign, provisional, or nonprovisional application filed prior to March 16, 2013, and also contains, or contained at any time, a claim to a claimed invention that has an effective filing date (as defined in 37 CFR 1.109) on or after March 16, 2013; (2) identify the inventionship and ownership or obligation to assign ownership of each claimed invention on its effective filing date (as defined in 37 CFR 1.109) or on its date of invention, as applicable, in an application or patent naming one or more joint inventors, when necessary for purposes of a USPTO proceeding; and (3) show that a disclosure was by the inventor or joint inventor, or was by a party who obtained the subject matter from the inventor or a joint inventor, or that there was a prior public disclosure by the inventor or a joint inventor, or by a party who obtained the subject matter from the inventor or a joint inventor.

The USPTO will use the statement that a nonprovisional application filed on or after March 16, 2013, other than a nonprovisional international design application, claims the benefit of, or priority to, the filing date of a foreign, provisional, or nonprovisional application filed prior to March 16, 2013, and contains, or contained at any time, a claim to a claimed invention that has an effective filing date (as defined in 37 CFR 1.109) on or after March 16, 2013, or lack of such a statement) to readily determine whether the nonprovisional application is subject to the changes to 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 in the AIA. The USPTO will use the identification of the inventorship and ownership or obligation to assign ownership when it is necessary to determine whether a U.S. patent or U.S. patent application publication resulting from another nonprovisional application qualifies as prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(a)(2) or pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 102(e). The USPTO will use information concerning whether a disclosure was by the inventor or joint inventor, or was by a party who obtained the subject matter from the inventor or a joint inventor, or that there was a prior public disclosure by the inventor or a joint inventor, or by a party who obtained the subject matter...
from the inventor or a joint inventor, to determine whether the disclosure qualifies as prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(a)(1) or (a)(2).

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

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent’s Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Nicholas A. Fraser, email: Nicholas_A._Fraser@omb.eop.gov.

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Marcie Lovett, Director, Records and Information Governance Division, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, USPTO.

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BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION

Credit Union Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), this notice sets forth the announcement of a public meeting of the Credit Union Advisory Council (CUAC or Council) of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection (Bureau). The notice also describes the functions of the Council.

DATES: The meeting date is Thursday, December 6, 2018, from approximately 1 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. eastern daylight time. The meeting will take place via conference call.

Access: The subcommittee meetings will be conducted via conference call and are open to the general public. Members of the public will receive the agenda and dial-in information when they RSVP.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Crystal Dully, Outreach and Engagement Associate, Consumer Advisory Board and Councils Office, External Affairs, at 202–435–9588, CFPB_CABandCouncilsEvents@cfpb.gov. If you require this document in an alternative electronic format, please contact CFPB_Accessibility@cfpb.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 2 of the CUAC Charter provides that pursuant to the executive and administrative powers conferred on the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection by section 1012 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank Act), the Director established the Credit Union Advisory Council under agency authority.

Section 3 of the CUAC Charter states: “The purpose of the Advisory Council is to advise the Bureau in the exercise of its functions under the federal consumer financial laws as they pertain to consumer banks with total assets of $10 billion or less.”

II. Agenda

The Credit Union Advisory Council will discuss artificial intelligence in consumer financial services and consumer access to financial records.

Persons who need a reasonable accommodation to participate should contact CFPB_504Request@cfpb.gov, 202–435–9EEO, 1–855–233–0362, or 202–435–9742 (TTY) at least ten business days prior to the meeting or event to request assistance. The request must identify the date, time, location, and title of the meeting or event, the nature of the assistance requested, and contact information for the requester.

CFPB will strive to provide, but cannot guarantee that accommodation will be provided for late requests.

Written comments will be accepted from interested members of the public and should be sent to CFPB_CABandCouncilsEvents@cfpb.gov, a minimum of seven (7) days in advance of the meeting. The comments will be provided to the CUAC members for consideration.

Individuals who wish to join the Credit Union Advisory Council must RSVP via this link https://consumer-financial-protection-bureau.forms.fm/cfpb-advisory-board-and-councils-december-conference-call by noon, December 5, 2018. Members of the public must RSVP by the due date.

III. Availability

The Council’s agenda will be made available to the public on Wednesday November 21, 2018, via consumerfinance.gov. A summary of this meeting will be available after the meeting on the Bureau’s website consumerfinance.gov.

Dated: November 16, 2018.

Kirsten Sutton,
Chief of Staff, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

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BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION

Community Bank Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), this notice sets forth the announcement of a public meeting of the Community Bank Advisory Council (CBAC or Council) of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection (Bureau). The notice also describes the functions of the Council.

DATES: The meeting date is Thursday, December 6, 2018, from approximately 1 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. eastern daylight time. The meeting will take place via conference call.

Access: The subcommittee meetings will be conducted via conference call and are open to the general public. Members of the public will receive the agenda and dial-in information when they RSVP.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 2 of the CBAC Charter provides that pursuant to the executive and administrative powers conferred on the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection (Bureau). The notice also describes the functions of the Council.

DATES: The meeting date is Thursday, December 6, 2018, from approximately 1 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. eastern daylight time. The meeting will take place via conference call.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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Section 2 of the CBAC Charter provides that pursuant to the executive and administrative powers conferred on the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection (Bureau). The notice also describes the functions of the Council.