and Employment and Wage Estimates. As a result, the USPTO estimates that the average hourly rate for independent inventors ($49.64) and paraprofessionals ($145) is $97.32.

The USPTO also expects that the responses to the complaints will be prepared by attorneys or invention promoters. The professional hourly rate for intellectual property attorneys in private firms is $438. The rate is established in estimates in the 2017 Report on the Economic Survey, published by the Committee on Economics of Legal Practice of the American Intellectual Property Law Association.

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**Estimated Total Annual (Non-Hourly) Cost Burden:** $245.50.

There are no capital startup, maintenance, or operating fees associated with this collection, nor are there filing or processing fees. There is a non-hourly cost associated with this collection in the form of postage costs.

For this collection, it is estimated that 12 complaints will be received by mail. The USPTO estimates that the first-class postage cost for a mailed complaint will be $0.50, for a total of $6 for mailed complaints. The USPTO estimates that it will receive 10 responses to complaints. Promotion firms may choose to send responses to complaints using overnight mail service costs at an estimated cost of $23.95 per response, for a total of $239.50 for mailed responses to complaints. The total postage cost associated with this collection will be $245.50. Therefore, the USPTO estimates that the total annual (non-hour) cost burden for this collection, in the forms of postage costs, is $245.50.

**IV. Request for Comments**

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection. They also will become a matter of public record.

Comments are invited on:

(a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility;
(b) The accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information;
(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
(d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, e.g., the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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