DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before December 17, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to John W. Hounsell, Program Manager, Office of Program Management, National Technical Information Service, Department of Commerce, 5301 Shawnee Road, Alexandria, VA 22312 (or at PRAcomments@doc.gov). All comments received are part of the public record. Comments will generally be posted without change. All Personally Identifiable Information (for example, name and address) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to John W. Hounsell, at email: jhounsell@ntis.gov or telephone: 703–605–6184.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This notice informs the public that the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) is requesting the renewal of an information collection described in Section II for use in connection with the final rule entitled “Certification Program for Access to the Death Master File.” The final rule was published on June 1, 2016 and became effective on November 28, 2016. The information collection described in Section II, was approved and became effective on December 23, 2016.

II. Method of Collection

Title of Information Collection: “Limited Access Death Master File Accredited Conformity Assessment Body Application for Firewalled Status” (Firewalled Status Application Form).

Description of the need for the information and the proposed use: NTIS issued a final rule establishing a program through which persons may become eligible to obtain access to Death Master File (DMF) information about an individual within three years of that individual’s death (81 FR 34882, June 1, 2016). The final rule was promulgated under Section 203 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, Public Law 113–67 (Act). The Act prohibits the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) from disclosing DMF information during the three-year period following an individual’s death (Limited Access DMF), unless the person requesting the information has been certified to access the Limited Access DMF pursuant to certain criteria in a program that the Secretary establishes. The Secretary delegated the authority to carry out Section 203 to the Director of NTIS. The final rule requires that, in order to become certified, a Person must submit a written attestation from an “Accredited Conformity Assessment Body” (ACAB), as defined in the final rule, that such Person has information security systems, facilities and procedures in place to protect the security of the Limited Access DMF, as required under Section 1110.102(a)(2) of the final rule. A Certified Person also must provide a new written attestation periodically for renewal of its certification as specified in the final rule. The ACAB must be independent of the Person or Certified Person seeking certification, unless it is a conformity assessment body which qualifies for “firewalled status” pursuant to Section 1110.502 of the final rule.

The Firewalled Status Application Form collects information that NTIS will use to evaluate whether the respondent qualifies for “firewalled status” under the rule, and, therefore, can provide a written attestation in lieu of an independent ACAB’s attestation. This information includes specific requirements of Section 1110.502(b) of the final rule, which the respondent ACAB must certify are satisfied, and the provision of specific information by the respondent ACAB, such as the identity of the Person or Certified Person that would be the subject of the attestation and the basis upon which the certifications were made.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0692–0015.
Form Number(s): NTIS FM101.
Type of Review: Regular submission. AFFECTED PUBLIC: Accredited Conformity Assessment Bodies seeking firewalled status under 15 CFR 1110.502 because they are “owned, managed or controlled” by the Person or Certified Person for whom they are providing assessment(s) and or audit(s) under the final rule for the “Certification Program for Access to the Death Master File.”

Estimated Number of Respondents: NTIS expects to receive approximately 250 applications and renewals for certification every year, of which it expects that approximately 20% of the required assessments will be provided by Accredited Conformity Assessment Bodies that will seek firewalled status in a given year. Accordingly, NTIS estimates that it will receive approximately 50 Firewalled Status Application Forms per year.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office
[Docket No. PTO–P–2019–0034]

October 2019 Patent Eligibility Guidance Update

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be submitted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at https://www.regulations.gov. To submit comments via www.regulations.gov, enter docket number PTO–P–2019–0034 on the home page and click “search.” The site will provide a search results page listing all documents associated with this docket. Find a reference to this page listing all documents associated with the October 2019 Patent Eligibility Guidance Update responding to each of the major themes from the public comments. The October 2019 Patent Eligibility Guidance Update also includes three appendices. The first appendix (Appendix 1) provides new examples that are illustrative of major themes from the comments. The second appendix (Appendix 2) is a comprehensive index of examples for use with the 2019 Patent Eligibility Guidance, including examples issued prior to the publication of the 2019 Patent Eligibility Guidance. The third appendix (Appendix 3) lists and discusses selected eligibility cases from the Supreme Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. The October 2019 Patent Eligibility Guidance Update, including the appendices, is available to the public on the USPTO’s website (https://www.uspto.gov/patenteligibility). Feedback on the October 2019 Patent Eligibility Guidance Update or on any patent eligibility issue is welcome on an ongoing basis. Instructions for submitting feedback are provided in the ADDRESSES section of this notice.

Dated: October 11, 2019.

Andrei Ianu,
Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASING FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Additions

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

ACTION: Additions to the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action adds products to the Procurement List that will be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

DATES: Date added to the Procurement List: November 17, 2019.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael R. Jurkowski, Telephone: (703) 603-2117, Fax: (703) 603-0655, or email CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additions

On 6/7/2019, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the products and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the products listed below are 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 any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the products to the Government.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the products 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 products proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

End of Certification

Accordingly, the following products are added to the Procurement List:

Products

NSN(s)—Product Name(s):

5590–00–NIB–0013—Paper, Abrasive, Aluminum Oxide, 9” x 11” Sheet, 220 Grit

5590–00–NIB–0014—Paper, Abrasive, Aluminum Oxide, 9” x 11” Sheet, 180A Grit