DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Invention Promoters/Promotion Firms Complaints

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. The USPTO invites comment on this information collection renewal, which helps the USPTO assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the Federal Register on March 31, 2022 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.


Title: Invention Promoters/Promotion Firms Complaints.

OMB Control Number: 0651–0044.

Needs and Uses: Pursuant to the Inventors’ Rights Act of 1999, 35 U.S.C. 297, and implementing regulations at 37 CFR part 4, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is required to provide a forum for the publication of complaints concerning invention promoters and responses from the invention promoters. Upon receipt of a complaint, the USPTO will forward it to the inventor promoter for a response. The USPTO does not investigate these complaints or participate in any legal proceedings against invention promoters or promotion firms. Under the Act, USPTO is responsible for making complaints and responses available to the public on the USPTO’s website. A complaint submitted to the USPTO must be clearly marked, or otherwise identified, as a complaint. The complaint must include: (1) The name and address of the complaint; (2) the name and address of the invention promoter; (3) the name of the customer; (4) the invention promotion services offered or performed by the invention promoter; (5) the name of the mass media in which the invention promoter advertised providing such services; (6) and example of the relationship between the customer and the invention promoter; and (7) a signature of the complainant. Identifying information is necessary so that the USPTO can both forward the complaint to the invention promoter or promotion firm as well as notify the complainant that the complaint has been forwarded. Complainants should understand that the complaints will be forwarded to the invention promoter for response and that the complaint and response will be made available to the public as required by the Inventors’ Rights Act. If the USPTO does not receive a response from the invention promoter, the complaint will be published without a response. The USPTO does not accept under this program complaints that request confidentiality.

This information collection contains one form, Complaint Regarding Invention Promoter (PTO/2048A), which is used by the public to submit a complaint under this program. This form is available for download from the USPTO website. Use of this form is voluntary, and the complainant may submit his or her complaint without the form via any of the approved methods of collection as long as the complainant includes the necessary information and the submission is clearly marked as a Complaint filed under the Inventors’ Rights Act. There is no associated form for submitting responses to a complaint.

Form:

• PTO/2048A (Complaint Regarding Invention Promoter).

Type of Review: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Affected Public: Private sector; individuals or households.

Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.

Frequency: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 22 respondents.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 22 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: The USPTO estimates that the responses in this information collection will take the public approximately 15 minutes (0.25 hours) to 30 minutes (0.5 hours) to complete. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, create the document, and submit the completed request to the USPTO.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 8 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Non-Hourly Cost Burden: $51.

This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view Departmental Dockets, USPTO information collections currently under review by OMB.
Written comments and recommendations for this information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function and entering either the title of the information collection or the OMB Control Number 0651–0044. Further information can be obtained by:

- **Email:** InformationCollection@uspto.gov. Include “0651–0044 information request” in the subject line of the message.
- **Mail:** Kimberly Hardy, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450.

Kimberly Hardy,
Information Collections Officer, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office.

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Bureau or CFPB) is publishing this notice seeking comment on a Generic Information Collection titled, “Sample Form Usability Research and Communication Testing,” prior to requesting the Office of Management and Budget’s (OMB’s) approval of this collection under the Generic Information Collection “Generic Information Collection Plan for the Development and Testing of Disclosures and Related Materials” under OMB Control number 3170–0022.

**DATES:** Written comments are encouraged and must be received on or before July 25, 2022 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by the title of the information collection, OMB Control Number (see below), and docket number (see above), by any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** https://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- **Email:** PRA_Comments@cfpb.gov. Include Docket No. CFPB–2022–0041 in the subject line of the email.
- **Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:** Comment intake, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection (Attention: PRA Office), 1700 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20552.

Please note that due to circumstances associated with the COVID–19 pandemic, the Bureau discourages the submission of comments by mail, hand delivery, or courier. Please note that comments submitted after the comment period will not be accepted. In general, all comments received will become public records, including any personal information provided. Sensitive personal information, such as account numbers or Social Security numbers, should not be included.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Documentation prepared in support of this information collection request is available at www.regulations.gov. Requests for additional information should be directed to Anthony May, Paperwork Reduction Act Officer, at (202) 841–0544, or email: CFPB_PRA@cfpb.gov. If you require this document in an alternative electronic format, please contact CFPB_Accessibility@cfpb.gov. Please do not submit comments to these email boxes.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

- **Title of Collection:** Sample Form Usability Research and Communication Testing.
- **OMB Control Number:** 3170–0022.
- **Type of Review:** Request for approval of a generic information collection under an existing Generic Information Collection Plan.
- **Affected Public:** Individuals.
- **Estimated Number of Respondents:** 268.
- **Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 153.

**Abstract:** In connection with the rulemaking required to implement section 1071 of the Dodd-Frank Act, the CFPB will be developing a sample form for collecting the demographic data required for collection by the statute. This form is intended to show one example of a form that lenders, to facilitate their compliance with the statute, might provide to their small business customers. As contemplated by the statute, those small business customers will be able to choose the extent to which they complete the sample form or any other form presented to those customers by the lenders. The CFPB believes that the purposes of the statute will be furthered to the extent small business owners understand the purpose and nature of the statutorily-required demographic data collection.

We intend to conduct qualitative research to learn more about potential concerns that small business owners may have about providing demographic data to lenders while applying for business credit, including audience research with small business owners to assess their knowledge and understanding of the upcoming 1071 rule, as well as concerns that may impact their willingness to complete a form of this type. There are two purposes for this research:

- The Sample Form Usability Research is intended to identify possible concerns or issues small business owners may have with submitting demographic data via sample forms and explore possible approaches to form design and language that might bear on willingness to provide the data.

- The Communication Testing Research is intended to identify small business owners’ knowledge and understanding of the upcoming 1071 rule as well as concerns that may impact their willingness to complete a form of this type. It will help develop implementation materials to facilitate lenders’ compliance with the statutory requirements.

**Request for Comments:** The Bureau is soliciting comments on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Bureau, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) The accuracy of the Bureau’s estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methods and the assumptions used; (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, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be submitted to OMB as part of its review of this request. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Anthony May,
Paperwork Reduction Act Officer, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION

[Docket No. CFPB–2022–0041]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comment.

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