COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Public Meeting of the Nebraska Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

AGENCY: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act that the Nebraska Advisory Committee (Committee) to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a meeting on Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Central Time. The purpose for the meeting is to discuss the proposal for their project on effects of the pandemic on education in the state.

DATES: The meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 18, 2022, from 4:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Central Time. Online Registration (Audio/Visual): Join ZoomGov Meeting https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1613334131?pwd=WDMwV2o5QXdaNlNBY2gyTkxaNmtJZz09. Telephone (Audio Only): Dial 833 568 8864 USA Toll Free; Access code: 161 333 4131#

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Victoria Moreno at vmoreno@usccr.gov or by phone at 434–515–0204.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is available to the public through the Zoom link above. If joining only via phone, callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges.

Individuals who are deaf, deafblind and hard of hearing may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at (202) 809–9618. Records and documents discussed during the meeting will be available for public viewing as they become available at http://www.usccr.gov. Persons interested in the work of this Committee are advised to go to the Commission’s website, http://www.usccr.gov, or may contact the Regional Programs Unit at the above email or email address. The meeting will be available for public viewing as they become available online.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Special Priorities Assistance

The Department of Commerce 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. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the Federal Register on June 14, 2022, during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

Agency: Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce. Title: Special Priorities Assistance. OMB Control Number: 0694–0057. Form Number(s): BIS–999. Type of Request: Regular submission, revision, and extension of a current information collection. Number of Respondents: 1200. Average Hours per Response: 30 minutes. Burden Hours: 600.

Needs and Uses: The information collected from defense contractors and suppliers on Form BIS–999, Request for Special Priorities Assistance, is required for the enforcement and administration of special priorities assistance under the Defense Production Act, the Selective Service Act and the Defense Priorities and Allocation System regulation. Contractors may request Special Priorities Assistance (SPA) when placing rated orders with suppliers, to obtain timely delivery of products, materials, or services from suppliers, or for any other reason under the DPAS, in support of approved national programs. The Form BIS–999 is used to apply for such assistance.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title I of the Defense Production Act.

This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed 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 collection or the OMB Control Number 0694–0057.

Sheleen Dumas, Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Commerce Department.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No.: PTO–P–2022–0031]

Extension of the Cancer Immunotherapy Pilot Program

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On June 29, 2016, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) implemented the Cancer Immunotherapy Pilot Program in support of the White House’s National Cancer Moonshot initiative, which sought to accelerate cancer research. The program permits patent applications pertaining to cancer
immunotherapy to be advanced out of
turn for examination. To date, over 880
petitions requesting participation in the
pilot program have been filed, and over
650 patents have been granted under the
program. In view of the continued
interest in the Cancer Immunotherapy
Pilot Program, as well as the White
House’s reignition of the National
Cancer Moonshot initiative, the USPTO
is extending the program, with all
parameters remaining the same, until
January 31, 2023. The USPTO will also
continue to evaluate whether to expand
the scope of the pilot program and to
what extent during this extension
period.

DATES: Pilot duration: The Cancer
Immunotherapy Pilot Program will
continue to run until January 31, 2023.
Therefore, petitions to make special
under the Cancer Immunotherapy Pilot
Program must be filed on or before

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
For questions regarding this pilot program in
general, please contact Susy Tsang-
Foster, Senior Legal Advisor, Office of
Patent Legal Administration, Office of the
Deputy Commissioner for Patent
Examination Policy, at 571–272–7711 or
susy.tsang-foster@uspto.gov. For
questions related to a particular
petition, please contact Gary B. Nickol,
Supervisory Patent Examiner, at 571–
272–0835 or gary.nickol@uspto.gov; or
Brandon J. Fetterolf, Supervisory Patent
 Examiner, at 571–272–2919 or
brandon.fetterolf@uspto.gov, both of
Technology Center 1600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June
29, 2016, the USPTO published a notice for
the implementation of the Cancer
Immunotherapy Pilot Program. See
Cancer Immunotherapy Pilot Program,
81 FR 42328 (Cancer Immunotherapy
Notice). The pilot program was designed
to support the global fight against
cancer. The Cancer Immunotherapy
Notice indicated that an applicant could
have an application advanced out of
turn (accorded special status) for
examination without meeting all the
current requirements of the accelerated
examination program set forth in item
VIII of section 708.02(a) of the Manual of
Patent Examining Procedure (9th ed.,
rev. 10.2019, June 2020), if the
application contained at least one claim
to a method of treating a cancer using
immunotherapy and the applicant met
other requirements specified in the
Cancer Immunotherapy Notice.
The Cancer Immunotherapy Notice
established that the pilot program
would run for 12 months, beginning on
June 29, 2016. Over the course of the
pilot program, the USPTO has extended
it four times through notices published in
the Federal Register. The most recent
notice extended the program until
September 30, 2022 and requested
public comments on whether to expand
the scope of pilot program and whether
to extend it. See Extension of the Cancer
Immunotherapy Pilot Program and
Request for Comments, 87 FR 38714
(June 29, 2022) (Extension Notice). The
Office received one written submission
containing three comments from a law
firm in response to the request for
public comments in the Extension
Notice. The Office appreciates the
thoughtful comments. The submission
is posted at https://
www.regulations.gov/document/PTO-P-
2022-0019-0001/comment. The USPTO
is continuing to evaluate whether to
expand the program and to what extent.
Various stakeholders from around the
world—including independent
inventors, universities, research
institutions, hospitals, medical centers,
government agencies, and large and
small companies—have filed petitions
to participate in the pilot program. To
date, over 880 petitions requesting
participation have been filed, and over
650 patents have been granted under the
pilot program. In view of the continued
interest in the pilot program, the USPTO
is hereby extending it through January
31, 2023. The extension will enable the
program to continue without lapse as
the USPTO continues its ongoing
evaluation of whether to expand the
program and to what extent. The
requirements of the pilot program will
not be modified at this time.

Katherine K. Vidal,
Under Secretary of Commerce for
Intellectual Property and Director of the United States
Patent and Trademark Office.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Department of the Air Force
Acceptance of Group Application
Under Public Law 95–202 and
Department of Defense Directive
(DODD) 1000.20

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force,
DoD Civilian/Military Service Review
Board.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of
Section 401, Public Law 95–202 and
DOD Directive 100.20, the Department of
Defense Civilian/Military Service
Review Board has accepted an
application on behalf of a group known
as “Former Members of the Free Iraq
Forces and Free Iraq Civil Affairs
Program Who Served Under Direct
Command of U.S. Army and U.S.
Marine Corps Units During Operation
Iraqi Freedom Across the Iraqi Freedom
Theater of Operations During the Period
2002 Through 2018.” Persons with
information or documentation pertinent
to the determination of whether service
of this group should be considered
active military service to the Armed
Forces of the United States are
encouraged to submit such information
or documentation within 60 days to the
DoD Civilian/Military Service Review
Board (DoD C/MSRB), 1500 West
Perimeter Road, Suite 3700, Joint Base
Andrews, MD 20762.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Mr. John K. Vallario, President, DoD C/
MSRB, at 240–612–5380,
john.vallario.1@us.af.mil. Copies of
documents or other materials submitted
cannot be returned.

Adriane Paris,
Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Department of the Navy
Certificate of Alternate Compliance for
USS AUGUSTA (LCS 34)

AGENCY: Department of the Navy (DoN),
Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of issuance of certificate
of alternate compliance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Navy hereby
announces that a Certificate of Alternate
Compliance has been issued for USS
AUGUSTA (LCS 34). Due to the special
construction and purpose of this vessel,
the Admiralty Counsel of the Navy has
determined it is a vessel of the Navy
which, due to its special construction
and purpose, cannot comply fully with
the navigation lights provisions of the
International Regulations for Preventing
Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS)
without interfering with its special
function as a naval ship. The intended
effect of this notice is to warn mariners
in waters where 72 COLREGS apply.

DATES: This Certificate of Alternate
Compliance is effective September 28,
2022 and is applicable beginning
September 21, 2022.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Lieutenant Commander Andrea Liou,
JACC, U.S. Navy, Admiralty Attorney,
Office of the Judge Advocate General,
Admiralty and Claims Division (Code