

Questionnaire using the template which will be made available on the CHIPS Incentives Program application portal.

Information to be collected includes information pertaining to an applicant's:

- Project Description
- Project Site/Affected Environment
- Resource Consumption Rates and Effluent Emissions Streams and Impacts
- Tribal, Historic, and Cultural Resources
- Project Setting
- Vegetation Resources.
- Conservation Areas
- Coastal Zones and Navigable Waters
- Wetlands
- Floodplains
- Endangered Species
- Land Use and Zoning
- Solid Waste Management
- Hazardous or Toxic Substances
- Impacts to Water Quality/Water Resources
- Water Supply and Distribution System
- Wastewater Collection and Treatment Facilities
- Environmental Justice & Socioeconomics
- Transportation (Streets, Traffic and Parking)
- Air Quality
- Greenhouse Gases and their Environmental Effects
- Noise
- Health and Safety
- Permits and other Government Agency Involvement
- Public Notification/Controversy
- Environmental Experience and Approach

*Affected Public:* Businesses and other entities applying for CHIPS Act funding.

*Frequency:* Once per application.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* CHIPS Act of 2022 (Division A of Pub. L. 117–167).

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://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 on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://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 the title of the collection. To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed

information collection must be received on or before March 17, 2023.

**Sheleen Dumas,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### Agency Information Collection Activities, Submission for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review and Emergency Approval; Comment Request; CHIPS Pre-Application Information Collection

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency review and approval 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.

*Agency:* National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

*Title:* CHIPS Pre-Application.

*OMB Control Number:* 0693–XXXX.

*Form Number(s):* N/A.

*Type of Request:* Emergency submission, New Information Collection Request.

*Number of Respondents:* ~140 respondents.

*Average Hours per Response:* 40 hours.

*Burden Hours:* 5,600 hours.

*Needs and Uses:* Businesses and other entities applying for CHIPS Act funding under the CHIPS Incentive Program may, but are not required to, submit a pre-application via a form available at <https://applications.chips.gov/> to obtain feedback before submitting a full application. The pre-application phase creates an opportunity for dialogue between the Department of Commerce and the applicant to ensure the applicant is ready to meet program requirements and address program priorities.

Information to be collected includes:

- A Cover Page with general contact and project information;
- A Project Plan that describes each project expected to be included in the

future full application. The project plan should explain how each project satisfies the program description and the evaluation criteria in the CHIPS Incentive Program—Commercial Fabrication Facilities Notice of Funding Opportunity;

- Financial Information summarizing financial information for the applicant and the project(s), as well as a detailed sources and uses of funds, including overview of CHIPS incentive request;
- Workforce Development

Information describing the applicant's approach to recruit, train, and retain a diverse and skilled set of workers to fill the good jobs that will be created to operate its semiconductor facilities.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No.: PTO–P–2023–0003]

#### Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, Ninth Edition, Revision of July 2022

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** To provide updates to patent examination policy and procedures in a single source, which will improve access to essential guidance for all

stakeholders and help to ensure issuance of robust and reliable patents that promote and protect innovation, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO or Office) issued a revision of the Ninth Edition of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), published in February 2023 (July 2022 revision). The MPEP provides patent examiners and the public with a reference work on the practices and procedures relative to the prosecution of patent applications and other proceedings before the USPTO. The MPEP contains instructions to examiners, as well as other material in the nature of information and interpretation, and outlines the current procedures that examiners are required or authorized to follow in the normal examination of patent applications and during other Office proceedings.

**ADDRESSES:** The USPTO prefers that suggestions for improving the form and content of the MPEP be submitted via email to [mpepfeedback@uspto.gov](mailto:mpepfeedback@uspto.gov) or via the IdeaScale® tool available at <https://uspto-mpep.ideascale.com/a/index>. Written comments may also be submitted by mail addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, marked to the attention of Editor, Manual of Patent Examining Procedure.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeanne Clark, Editor of the MPEP, at [Jeanne.Clark@uspto.gov](mailto:Jeanne.Clark@uspto.gov) or 571-272-7714; Monique Cole Gary, Patent Examination Policy Advisor, at [Monique.Cole@uspto.gov](mailto:Monique.Cole@uspto.gov) or 571-272-1463; or Kathy Mosser, Patent Examination Policy Advisor, at [Kathleen.Mosser@uspto.gov](mailto:Kathleen.Mosser@uspto.gov) or 571-272-3435.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The USPTO issued a revision to the Ninth Edition of the MPEP, published in February 2023, which provides USPTO patent examiners, applicants, attorneys, agents, representatives of applicants, and other members of the public with a reference work on the practices and procedures relative to the prosecution of patent applications before the USPTO. The MPEP contains instructions to examiners, as well as other material in the nature of information and interpretation, and outlines the current procedures that examiners are required or authorized to follow in the normal examination of patent applications and during other Office proceedings. Although the MPEP does not have the force of law or the force of the rules in 37 CFR, it “is well known to those registered to practice in the [US]PTO and reflects the presumptions under which the [US]PTO operates.” *Critikon*,

*Inc. v. Becton Dickinson Vascular Access, Inc.*, 120 F.3d 1253, 1257 (Fed. Cir. 1997).

In the February 2023 publication of the MPEP revision, sections of chapters 100, 200, 400–1500, 1700, 1800, 2000–2200, 2400, 2500, and 2700–2900 have been updated. The updated sections have a revision indicator of [R–07.2022], meaning these sections have been updated to reflect USPTO patent practice and relevant case law as of July 31, 2022. In addition, Chapter FPC—Form Paragraphs Consolidated, the Foreword, Introduction, Subject Matter Index, and all appendices except Appendix I and Appendix P have been updated. The changes in the February 2023 publication are discussed in the Change Summary for the Ninth Edition, Revision 07.2022. The Change Summary is available in three renditions at <https://www.uspto.gov/MPEP>. Citation to a section in the current revision of the MPEP should be to “e9 r07.2022,” e.g., MPEP 2163 (e9 r07.2022).

The February 2023 publication of the revision of the Ninth Edition of the MPEP may be viewed or downloaded free of charge from the USPTO website at <https://www.uspto.gov/MPEP> and is available to search online at <https://mpep.uspto.gov>. Archived copies of each of the prior revisions and editions of the MPEP continue to be available for reference on the USPTO website at <https://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/old/index.htm>.

**Katherine K. Vidal,**

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

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## COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

### Procurement List; Proposed Additions and Deletions

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

**ACTION:** Proposed additions to and deletions from the Procurement List.

**SUMMARY:** The Committee is proposing to add service(s) to the Procurement List that will be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and deletes product(s) and service(s) previously furnished by such agencies.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before: April 2, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, 355 E Street SW, Suite 325, Washington, DC 20024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information or to submit comments contact: Michael R. Jurkowski, Telephone: (703) 785-6404, or email [CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov](mailto:CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 8503(a)(2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the proposed actions.

### Additions

If the Committee approves the proposed additions, the entities of the Federal Government identified in this notice will be required to procure the service(s) listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

The following service(s) are proposed for addition to the Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

#### Service(s)

*Service Type:* Warehouse Services  
*Mandatory for:* Naval Air War Center Air Division, Naval Air Systems Command, Granite City, IL

*Designated Source of Supply:* Professional Contract Services, Inc., Austin, TX  
*Contracting Activity:* DEPT OF THE NAVY, NAVAL AIR WARFARE CENTER AIR DIV

### Deletions

The following product(s) and service(s) are proposed for deletion from the Procurement List:

#### Product(s)

NSN(s)—Product Name(s):

7520-01-058-9976—Pen, Ballpoint, Stick, Hexagonal Barrel, Green, Medium Point  
7510-00-161-6211—Cup, Supply, Self-Stacking, Clear

*Designated Source of Supply:* Alphapointe, Kansas City, MO

*Contracting Activity:* GSA/FAS ADMIN SVCS ACQUISITION BR (2, NEW YORK, NY

NSN(s)—Product Name(s): 4820-00-052-4651—Valve, Ball, Piping

*Designated Source of Supply:* The Opportunity Center Easter Seal Facility—The Ala ES Soc, Inc., Anniston, AL

*Contracting Activity:* DLA LAND AND MARITIME, COLUMBUS, OH

NSN(s)—Product Name(s): 8340-00-262-2397—Cover, Tent

*Designated Source of Supply:* APEX, Inc., Anadarko, OK

*Contracting Activity:* DLA TROOP SUPPORT, PHILADELPHIA, PA

NSN(s)—Product Name(s): 6645-01-467-8479—Clock, Wall, Black Custom Logo,