

TABLE 1—TOTAL BURDEN HOURS AND HOURLY COSTS TO PRIVATE SECTOR RESPONDENTS

Item No.	Item	Estimated annual respondents (a)	Responses per respondent (b)	Estimated annual responses (a) × (b) = (c)	Estimated time for response (hours) (d)	Estimated burden (hour/year) (c) × (d) = (e)	Rate ¹ (\$/hour) (f)	Estimated annual respondent cost burden (e) × (f) = (g)
1	Patent Pro Bono Survey (USPTO/550).	21	4	84	1.75 (105 minutes)	147	\$64	\$9,408
2	PTAB Pro Bono Survey (USPTO/552).	1	1	1	1.75 (105 minutes)	2	\$64	\$128
Totals	22	85	149	\$9,536

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Non-hourly Cost Burden: \$0. There are no capital start-up costs, maintenance costs, recordkeeping costs, filing fees, or postage costs associated with this information collection.

IV. Request for Comments

The USPTO is soliciting public comments to:

(a) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

All comments submitted in response to this notice are a matter of public record. The USPTO will include or summarize each comment in the request to OMB to approve this information collection. Before including an address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information (PII) in a comment, be aware that the entire comment—including PII—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask in your comment to withhold PII from public view, the

¹ The USPTO uses the mean hourly wage (\$64) for administrators according to the data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics’ May 2024 Occupational Employment Statistics Profile (occupation code 11–1021); <https://www.bls.gov/oes/tables.htm>.

USPTO cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so.

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COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act Guidance

AGENCY: Council on Environmental Quality.
ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: On September 29, 2025, the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) issued a memorandum to the heads of Federal departments and agencies (agencies) to assist agencies with compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and with establishing or revising agency NEPA implementing procedures. This guidance updates and replaces initial guidance issued on February 19, 2025.
DATES: This guidance was issued on September 29, 2025.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 29, 2025, CEQ issued a memorandum entitled Implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act to provide guidance to Federal agencies regarding implementation of NEPA. This guidance updates and replaces guidance issued on February 19, 2025, also entitled Implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act, which CEQ published at www.nepa.gov. The updated memorandum includes an overview of NEPA, including a discussion of recent amendments to the statute and recent

case law as relevant to agency implementation of NEPA. The memorandum also provides guidance for agencies to use when establishing or revising agency-specific NEPA implementing procedures. As an appendix to the memorandum, CEQ has included a template that agencies are encouraged to use as an initial framework for establishing or revising their NEPA implementing procedures, to the extent consistent with agency authorities and applicable law. CEQ developed this template with the assistance of a Federal agency working group established pursuant to Executive Order 14154, *Unleashing American Energy* (90 FR 8353, Jan. 20, 2025).

The guidance and the associated template are not mandatory or binding on Federal agencies. Rather, they are intended to expedite and simplify the permitting process and promote consistency as to NEPA’s implementation consistent with Section 5 of Executive Order 14154.

The guidance and template are available at www.nepa.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

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Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense (DoD).
ACTION: Arms sales notice.

SUMMARY: The DoD is publishing the unclassified text of an arms sales notification.

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