

invention has been created; (2) the status of any statutory bar that pertains to the potential invention or that may pertain to the invention in the future. The information collected may allow the Government to begin a patent application process.

The Inventor Information Sheet is used to collect from individuals who have been named as potential inventors on a NIST Invention Disclosure Form. The collection of this information is used for multiple purposes:

(1) Some of the information may be required to file a patent application, if NIST seeks to protect a federally owned invention, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 207.

(2) The form, in part, is a statement made by the respondent declaring whether the respondent considers herself/himself to be an inventor.

(3) Some of the information is needed for NIST to determine potential assignees with which NIST would potentially negotiate consolidation of rights and other patent related matters.

(4) Some of the information helps NIST determine under which statutory authority NIST may consolidate rights in an invention with other potential assignees.

(5) Country citizenship information is required to determine whether a Scientific and Technology agreement or treaty with the respondent's country may impact the U.S. Government's rights to the invention.

The information is collected by the Technology Partnerships Office and shared with the Office of Chief Counsel at NIST. The information may also be shared with non-Governmental entities that may have ownership rights to the potential invention. The Government collects this information to execute the policy and objective of the Congress expressed at 35 U.S.C. 200. 35 U.S.C. 207 authorizes Federal agencies to apply for, obtain, and maintain patents or other forms of protection . . . on inventions in which the Federal Government owns a right, title, or interest. 35 U.S.C. 207 also authorizes each Federal agency to undertake all other suitable and necessary steps to protect and administer rights to federally owned inventions on behalf of the Federal government. The information collected through the NIST DN-45 is necessary for NIST to execute the authority granted at 35 U.S.C. 207.

The proposed changes update contact information, clarify instructions, mention a submission portal, delete one question that wasn't being used, and add a question about potential licensees or collaborators.

## II. Method of Collection

Information is collected by completing the NIST DN-45 form. The form can be completed either by entering information into a Microsoft Word template, or by entering information via an online portal.

## III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 0693-0085.

*Form Number(s):* NIST DN-45.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved information collection.

*Affected Public:* Individuals.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* Invention Disclosure Form—10 per year. Inventor Information Form—100 per year.

*Estimated Time per Response:* Invention Disclosure Form: 3 hours. Inventor Information Form: 30 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* Invention Disclosure Form: 30 hours. Inventor Information Form: 50 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$500.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

## IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we

cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Sheleen Dumas,**

*Departmental PRA Compliance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Public Meeting of the National Sea Grant Advisory Board

**AGENCY:** Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the National Sea Grant Advisory Board (Board), a Federal Advisory Committee. Board members will discuss and provide advice on the National Sea Grant College Program (Sea Grant) in the areas of program evaluation, strategic planning, education and extension, science and technology programs, and other matters as described in the agenda found on the Sea Grant website. For more information on this Federal Advisory Committee please visit the Federal Advisory Committee database: <https://www.facadatabase.gov/FACA/FACAPublicPage>.

**DATES:** The announced meeting is scheduled for Tuesday December 16, 2025 from 3 p.m.–6 p.m. and Wednesday December 17, 2025 from 3 p.m.–6 p.m. (EST).

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held virtually. For more information about the virtual meeting see below in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For any questions concerning the meeting, please contact Ms. Susan Holmes, National Sea Grant College Program. Email: [oar.sg-feedback@noaa.gov](mailto:oar.sg-feedback@noaa.gov) Phone Number (301) 734-1077.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Status:** The meeting will be open to public participation with a public comment period on Tuesday, December 16 at 3:15 p.m. The Board expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted verbal or written statements. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation

will be limited to a total time of three (3) minutes. Written comments should be received by Ms. Susan Holmes by Tuesday, December 9, 2025 to provide sufficient time for Board review. Written comments received after the deadline will be distributed to the Board, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date.

**Special Accommodations:** The Board meeting is virtually accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ms. Susan Holmes by Tuesday, December 9, 2025.

The Board, which consists of a balanced representation from academia, industry, state government and citizens groups, was established in 1976 by Section 209 of the Sea Grant Improvement Act (Pub. L. 94-461, 33 U.S.C. 1128). The Board advises the Secretary of Commerce and the Director of the National Sea Grant College Program with respect to operations under the Act, and such other matters as the Secretary refers to them for review and advice.

**Matters To Be Considered:** Board members will discuss and vote on a couple of reports regarding program evaluation, the selection of new committee membership, and other topics that need Board feedback: <https://seagrant.noaa.gov/About/Advisory-Board>.

**David Holst,**  
Chief Financial Officer/Administrative Officer, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Legal Processes

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

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (hereafter “USPTO” or “Agency”) 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 comments on the information collection renewal of 0651-0046, which helps the USPTO assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the reporting burden to the public. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on July 8, 2025, during a 60-day comment period (90 FR 30053). This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, you must submit comments regarding this information collection on or before December 22, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for this information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website, <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 either the title of the information collection or the OMB Control Number, 0651-0046. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

- This information collection request may be viewed at <http://www.reginfo.gov>. Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce, USPTO information collections currently under review by OMB.

- Email:** [InformationCollection@uspto.gov](mailto:InformationCollection@uspto.gov). Include “0651-0046 information request” in the subject line of the message.

- Mail:** Justin Isaac, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

- Telephone:** Kyu Lee, Office of General Law, 571-272-3000.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Legal Processes.

**OMB Control Number:** 0651-0046.

**Abstract:** This collection covers information requirements related to civil actions and claims involving current and former employees of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). The rules for these legal processes may be found under 37 CFR part 104, which outlines procedures for service of process, demands for employee testimony and production of documents in legal proceedings, reports of unauthorized testimony, employee indemnification, and filing claims against the USPTO under the Federal Tort Claims Act (28 U.S.C. 2672) and the corresponding Department of Justice regulations (28 CFR part 14). The public may also petition the USPTO Office of General Counsel under 37 CFR 104.3 to waive or suspend these rules in extraordinary cases.

The procedures under 37 CFR part 104 ensure that service of process intended for current and former employees of the USPTO is handled properly. The USPTO will accept service of process only for an employee acting in an official capacity. This collection is necessary so that respondents or their representatives can serve a summons or complaint on the USPTO, demand employee testimony and documents related to a legal proceeding, or file a claim under the Federal Tort Claims Act. Respondents may also petition the USPTO to waive or suspend these rules. This collection is also necessary so that current and former USPTO employees may properly forward service and demands to the Office of General Counsel, report unauthorized testimony, and request indemnification. The USPTO covers current employees as respondents under this information collection even though their responses do not require approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act. In those instances where both current and former employees may respond to the USPTO, the agency estimates that the number of respondents will be low.

For filing claims under the Federal Tort Claims Act, the public may use Standard Form 95 “Claim for Damage, Injury, or Death,” which is provided by the Department of Justice. Since the publication of the 60-day **Federal Register** notice, the USPTO has updated the postage costs associated with this information collection to reflect correct postage usage and rates, therefore the non-hourly cost burden for this information collection is revised from \$1,379 to \$6,002.

#### Forms:

- Standard Form 95 (Claim for Damage, Injury, or Death).

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

**Affected Public:** Private sector.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Required to obtain or retain benefits.

**Frequency:** On occasion.

**Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:** 309 respondents.

**Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** 309 responses.

**Estimated Time per Response:** The USPTO estimates that the responses in this information collection will take the