

patent practitioners across the United States for assistance in preparing and arguing *ex parte* appeals before the PTAB. The PTAB Bar Association's national clearinghouse provides nationwide access to legal representation for *pro bono ex parte* appeal services. The PTAB Pro Bono Program supports the purposes described above by facilitating the availability of *pro bono* services for proceedings before the PTAB, which the USPTO believes can help reduce the financial burden on under-resourced inventors seeking *ex parte* appeal assistance.

This information collection covers the surveys used in the Patent and PTAB Pro Bono Programs. The surveys gather information about the effectiveness of the programs and how participants utilize the programs' resources. The information, at its highest level, allows the USPTO to determine whether the regional hubs and national clearinghouse are matching qualified under-resourced inventors with volunteer patent practitioners and help estimate the total economic benefit derived by under-resourced inventors in the form of donated legal services. This information also helps the USPTO determine if the regional hubs and clearinghouse are effectively serving under-resourced inventors and whether they need additional support.

Forms:

- USPTO/550 (Patent Pro Bono Survey)
- USPTO/552 (PTAB Pro Bono Survey)

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: Quarterly, annually.

Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 22 respondents.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 85 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: The USPTO estimates that the responses in this information collection will take the public approximately 1.75 hours (105 minutes) to complete. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, create the document, and submit the completed item to the USPTO.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 149 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Non-hourly Cost Burden: \$0.

Justin Isaac,

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

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U.S. INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: Friday, February 20, 2026 10:30 a.m. (OPEN Portion) 11:00 a.m. (CLOSED Portion).

PLACE: Offices of the Corporation, Twelfth Floor Board Room, 1100 New York Avenue NW, Washington, DC.

STATUS: Parts of this meeting will be open to the public. The rest of the meeting will be closed to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Opening Remarks
2. Public Comment

Further Matters To Be Considered (Closed to the Public 11:00 a.m.)

1. Chairman Opens Meeting
2. CEO's Remarks
3. Project Approvals
4. Report to the Board
 - Audit Committee Report
5. Administrative Matters
6. Executive Session
7. Chairman Adjourns Meeting

Attendance at the Open Portion of the Meeting: Members of the public planning to virtually attend the open portion of the Board meeting are asked to register. To attend, present at, or submit a written statement to the Board prior to the virtual public hearing, individuals must register with DFC Corporate Secretary Heather Carroll at corporate.secretary@dfc.gov by 5:00 p.m. EST, Wednesday, February 18, 2026.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Agenda subject to change. Information on the meeting may be obtained from the Corporate Secretary via email at corporate.secretary@dfc.gov.

Dated: February 13, 2026.

Lisa Wischkaemper,

Administrative Counsel, U.S. International Development Finance Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Agency Information Collection Extension

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, intends to amend and extend for three years an information collection request with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The collection of information relates to DOE Loan Guarantees for Energy Projects under OMB Control No. 1910-5134.

DATES: Comments regarding this information collection revision and extension must be received on or before April 20, 2026. If you anticipate any difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be sent to Uchechukwu "Emeka" Eze, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Ste. 4B-122, Washington, DC 20585-0121, telephone: (202) 586-1092, or by email at LPO.IFR@hq.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Uchechukwu "Emeka" Eze, telephone: (202) 586-1092, or by email at: LPO.IFR@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and 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.

This information collection request contains:

- (1) *OMB No.:* 1910-5134;
- (2) *Information Collection Request Titled:* DOE Loan Guarantees for Energy Projects;
- (3) *Type of Review:* Revision and extension of a currently approved collection;
- (4) *Purpose:* DOE's Loan Guarantees for Energy Projects program is