

DEPARTMENT OF STATE**[Public Notice: 5771]****60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: DS-230, Application for Immigrant Visa and Alien Registration, OMB Number 1405-0015****ACTION:** Notice of request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment in the **Federal Register** preceding submission to OMB. We are conducting this process in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

- *Title of Information Collection:* Application for Immigrant Visa and Alien Registration.

- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0015.
- *Type of Request:* Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State (CA/VO).

- *Form Number:* DS-230.
- *Respondents:* Immigrant visa applicants.

- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 475,000 per year.

- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 475,000 per year.

- *Average Hours per Response:* 2 hours.

- *Total Estimated Burden:* 950,000 hours per year.

- *Frequency:* Once per respondent.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

DATE(S): The Department will accept comments from the public up to 60 days from April 13, 2007.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- E-mail: VisaRegs@state.gov (Subject line must read DS-230 Reauthorization).
- Mail (paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions): Chief, Legislation and Regulation Division, Visa Services—DS-1884 Reauthorization, 2401 E. Street, NW., Washington DC 20520-30106.
- Fax: (202) 663-3898.

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and OMB control number in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents, to Lauren Prosnik of the Office of Visa

Services, U.S. Department of State, 2401 E. Street, NW., L-603, Washington, DC 20522, who may be reached at (202) 663-2951 or prosnikla@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of our functions.

- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

Abstract of proposed collection: Form DS-230 is used to elicit information to determine the eligibility of aliens applying for immigrant visas.

Methodology: The information will be collected in person at posts.

Dated: March 30, 2007.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE**[Public Notice: 5770]****30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: DS-4100, Iran Program Vetting, OMB 1405-0176**

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment and submission to OMB of proposed collection of information.

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

- *Title of Information Collection:* Iran program vetting.

- *OMB Control Number:* OMB 1405-0176.

- *Type of Request:* Extension of currently approved collection.

- *Originating Offices:* Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Bureau of Democracy Human Rights and Labor, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

- *Form Number:* DS 4100.

- *Respondents:* Program applicants.

- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 200.

- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 200.

- *Average Hours per Response:* 1 hour.

- *Total Estimated Burden:* 200 hours.
- *Frequency:* On occasion.

- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain or Retain Benefit.

DATE(S): Submit comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for up to 30 days from April 13, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Direct comments and questions to Katherine Astrich, the Department of State Desk Officer in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), who may be reached at 202-395-4718. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- E-mail: kastrich@omb.eop.gov. You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and OMB control number in the subject line of your message.

- Mail (paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions): Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.
- Fax: 202-395-6974

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may obtain copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents from Thomas Hill, who may be reached at 202-647-2942 or at HillTM2@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary to properly perform our functions.

- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond,

Abstract of proposed collection: A critical component of the Administration's Iran policy is the support for indigenous Iranian voices calling for freedom. President Bush himself has pledged this support and the State Department has made the awarding of grants for this purpose a key component of its Iran policy. As a condition of licensing these activities, the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) has requested the Department of State to follow certain procedures to effectuate the goals of Sections 481(b), 531(a), 571, 582, and 635(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (as