Therefore, the USPTO estimates that the total postage cost for this collection is $46,004 per year.

In addition, the USPTO also strongly advises applicants who file their petitions to cancel, notices of opposition, appeals, extensions of time to file an opposition, and additional papers for ex parte and inter partes cases electronically to keep a copy of the acknowledgment receipt as clear evidence that the file was received by the USPTO on the date noted. The USPTO estimates that it will take 5 seconds (0.001 hours) to print the acknowledgment receipt and that 56,634 petitions, notices, extensions, and other papers will be submitted electronically. Using the paraprofessional rate of $90 per hour, the USPTO estimates that the total recordkeeping cost for this collection will be $5,130 per year.

There is also annual nonhour cost burden in the way of filing fees associated with this collection. The petitions to cancel and the notices of opposition and appeal have filing fees. There are no filing fees for the extensions of time to file an opposition. The additional papers that are filed in ex parte and inter partes proceedings do not have their own specific fees, so they do not add new fees to the collection. The filing fees for the petitions to cancel and notices of opposition are per class of goods and services in the subject application or registration; therefore the total filing fees can vary depending on the number of classes. The total filing fees of $2,864,500 shown here are the minimum fees associated with this information collection.

Item	Responses (yr) (a)	Filing fees (b)	Total non-hour cost burden (yr) (a) × (b)
Petition to Cancel	476	$300.00	$142,800.00
Electronic Petition to Cancel	1,109	300.00	332,700.00
Notice of Opposition	2,015	300.00	604,500.00
Electronic Notice of Opposition	4,975	300.00	1,492,500.00
Extension of Time to File an Opposition	2,476	0.00	0.00
Electronic Request for Extension of Time to File an Opposition	22,284	0.00	0.00
Papers in Inter Partes Cases (file answers, amendments to pleadings, amendment of application or registration during proceeding, motions (such as consent motions, motions to extend, and motions to suspend), evidence, briefs, surrender of registration, abandonment of application, documents related to concurrent use applications, and appeals to court and civil actions in opposition and cancellation proceedings)	11,500	0.00	0.00
Electronic Papers in Inter Partes Cases (file answers, amendments to pleadings, amendment of application or registration during proceeding, motions (such as consent motions, motions to extend, and motions to suspend), evidence, briefs, surrender of registration, abandonment of application, documents related to concurrent use applications, and appeals to court and civil actions in opposition and cancellation proceedings)	25,000	0.00	0.00
Notice of Appeal	1,168	100.00	116,800.00
Electronic Notice of Appeal	1,752	100.00	175,200.00
Miscellaneous Ex Parte Papers	4,320	0.00	0.00
Electronic Miscellaneous Ex Parte Papers	1,514	0.00	0.00
Totals	78,589	.....	2,864,500.00

The USPTO estimates that the total non-hour respondent cost burden for this collection, in the form of postage and recordkeeping costs, in addition to the filing fees, is $2,915,634 per year.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed 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 (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (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.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 18, 2007.

Susan K. Fawcett,

Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Customer Information Services Group, Public Information Services Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Patent Public Advisory Strategic Planning Survey

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Patent and Trademark Office, Patent Public Advisory Committee, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this new information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 23, 2007.

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

- *E-mail: Susan.Fawcett@uspto.gov.* Include ''0651–00xx PPAC Strategic Planning Survey'' in the subject line of the message.
- *Fax:* 571–273–0112, marked to the attention of Susan K. Fawcett.
- *Mail:* Susan K. Fawcett, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Customer Information Services Group, Public Information Services Division, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450.
- *Federal e-Rulemaking Portal*: *http://www.regulations.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to the attention of 0651–00xx Patent Public Advisory Strategic Planning Survey c/o Andrew I.

Faile, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450; by facsimile at 571–273–6950, or by e-mail at *Andrew.faile@uspto.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Patent Public Advisory Committee (PPAC) was established under 35 U.S.C. 5 as a nine member committee appointed by the Secretary of Commerce and serving at the pleasure of the Secretary of Commerce, with the duty to review the policies, goals, performance, budget, and user fees of the United States Patent and Trademark Office with respect to patents. In order to obtain data for a review of the policies, goals, and performance, the PPAC will conduct a survey, gather and analyze issues pertaining to potential problems and improvements to the U.S. Patent systems. Through this survey the PPAC will assist the USPTO in meeting its strategic goals, including efforts to optimize the patent process, in a clearly and concisely articulated and documented format.

The outreach survey project will be designed to query from a representative diversity of business and industry sectors, as well as academia and others involved in developing innovation from conception to commercialization.

The PPAC intends to use the data to measure how well the agency is meeting established programmatic expectations, to identify any disjoints between industry expectations and USPTO performance, and to develop improvement strategies that are inline with the agency strategic plan.

To obtain data, the PPAC proposes to use data gathering mechanisms to include but not be limited to: Focus groups, online surveys and one-on-one interviews. Focus groups will include individuals representing a cross section of the external Intellectual Property community and analysis of survey results will obtain both quantitative and qualitative responses.

This is a voluntary survey. The collected data will not be linked to the respondent and contact information that is used for sampling purposes will be maintained in a separate file from the quantitative data. Respondents are not required to provide any identifying information such as their name, address, or Social Security Number. In order to access and complete the online survey, respondents will need to use the username and password provided by the USPTO.

II. Method of Collection

In person, by mail, and/or electronically over the Internet.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0651–00xx.

Form Number(s): N/A.

Type of Review: New information collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government; and state, local, or tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,665 responses per year. It is estimated that the PPAC will conduct 6 focus groups of 20 respondents, 6 virtual focus groups of 20 attendees, 4 online surveys of up to 600 participants, and up to 25 one-on-one interviews.

The respondent group will include industry leadership throughout the United States. Due to the nature of the survey, which is being conducted as an outreach support project, the respondent group is expected to be higher than a random sampling survey audience. The PPAC expects to conduct these surveys once. The PPAC estimates that 70% of online surveys will be completed, 60% of all focus group invitees will attend, 60% of online surveys will be submitted, and 50% of the one-on-one interviews will be attended.

Estimated Time per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take approximately 10 minutes (0.17 hours) to complete the online version of this survey. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, complete the request, and submit it to the USPTO. The expectation is that it will take approximately 30 minutes (0.5 hours) to complete a focus group session; and 20 minutes (0.33 hours) to complete a one-on-one interview.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 536 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden: $162,944. The USPTO believes that a variety of professionals and industry leaders will be responding to these surveys, and as such the basis used for cost burden is that of the professional hourly rate of $304 for associate attorneys in private firms.

Item	Estimated time for response (in minutes)	Estimated annual responses	Estimated annual burden hours
PPAC Focus Group Session	30	120	60
PPAC Virtual Focus Groups	30	120	60
PPAC Online Strategic Planning Survey	10	2,400	408
PPAC One-On-One Interview Survey	20	25	8
Total	.....	2,665	536

Estimated Total Annual Non-hour Respondent Cost Burden: $0. There are no capital start-up, maintenance, operation, or recordkeeping costs, nor are there any filing fees associated with this information collection.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper planning of strategic initiatives, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (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.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 18, 2007.

Susan K. Fawcett,

Records Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Customer Information Services Group, Public Information Services Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No. PTO–P–2007–0021]

Grant of Interim Extension of the Term of U.S. Patent No. 4,927,855; NUVIGIL(TM) (armodafinil)

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of interim patent term extension.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office has issued an order granting interim extension under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) for a one-year interim extension of the term of U.S. Patent No. 4,927,855.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary C. Till by telephone at (571) 272–7755; by mail marked to her attention and addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop Hatch-Waxman PTE., P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450; by fax marked to her attention at (571) 273–7755, or by e-mail to *Mary.Till@uspto.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 156 of Title 35, United States Code, generally provides that the term of a patent may be extended for a period of up to five years if the patent claims a product, or a method of making or using a product, that has been subject to certain defined regulatory review, and that the patent may be extended for interim periods of up to a year if the regulatory review is anticipated to extend beyond the expiration date of the patent.

On May 7, 2007, Cephalon, Inc., an agent of Laboratoire L. Lafon, the owner of record in the United States Patent and Trademark Office of U.S. Patent No. 4,927,855, timely filed an application under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) for an interim extension of the term of U.S. Patent No. 4,927,855. The patent claims the human drug product NUVIGIL(TM) (armodafinil) and a method of said product. The application indicates, and the Food and Drug Administration has confirmed, that a new drug application (NDA 21–875) for the human drug product NUVIGIL(TM) (armodafinil) has been filed and is currently undergoing regulatory review before the Food and Drug Administration for permission to market or use the product commercially.

Review of the application indicates that, except for permission to market or use the product commercially, the subject patent would be eligible for an extension of the patent term under 35 U.S.C. 156, and that the patent should be extended for one year as required by 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5)(B). Because it is apparent that the regulatory review period will continue beyond the original expiration date of the patent (May 22, 2007), interim extension of the patent term under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) is appropriate.

An interim extension under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) of the term of U.S. Patent No. 4,927,855 is granted for a period of one year from the expiration date of the patent, i.e., until May 22, 2008.

Dated: May 18, 2007.

Jon W. Dudas,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Sub Committee Meeting of the President's Commission on Care for America's Returning Wounded Warriors

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Federal Advisory Committee Sub Committee Meeting Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Sunshine in the Government Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended) and 41 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 102–3.140 thorough 160, the Department of Defense announces the forthcoming sub committee meeting:

Subcommittees of the Commission will conduct preparatory work meetings at Ft. Bragg and Camp Lejeune, North Caroline June 19th to gather information, conduct research and analyze relevant issues and facts in preparation for a meeting of the Commission. Pursuant to section 102–3.160(a) of 41 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), these subcommittee meetings are not open to the public, and the subcommittees are required to report their findings to the Commission for further deliberation.

Dated: May 18, 2007.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, DoD.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Sub Committee Meeting of the President's Commission on Care for America's Returning Wounded Warriors

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Federal Advisory Committee Sub Committee Meeting Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Sunshine in the Government Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended) and 41 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 102–3.140 through 160, the Department of Defense announces the forthcoming sub committee meeting:

Subcommittees of the Commission will conduct preparatory work meetings in the New Jersey area June 15th to gather information, conduct research and analyze relevant issues and facts in preparation for a meeting of the Commission. Pursuant to section 102–3.160(a) of 41 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), these subcommittee meetings are not open to the public, and the subcommittees are required to report their findings to the Commission for further deliberation. Locations include the East Orange VA Health Center. Additionally, the Sub Committees may visit public and private hospitals in the area for investigation of Centers of Excellence that apply to the Commission's Charter.

Dated: May 18, 2007.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, DoD.

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ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Notice

AGENCY: United States Election Assistance Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Public Teleconference Meetings for the Working Subcommittees of the Technical Guidelines Development Committee.

DATES AND TIMES: