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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of the President's major disaster declaration for Private Non-Profit organizations in the State of New Mexico, dated 11/23/2011, is hereby amended to include the following areas as adversely affected by the disaster. *Primary Counties:* Los Alamos, Pueblo of Cochiti.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

James E. Rivera,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 7742]

Notice of Information Collection Under Emergency Review: 60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: DS-234, Special Immigrant Visa Biodata Form, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, Office of Admissions (PRM/A)

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice of request for emergency OMB approval.

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

- *Title of Information Collection:* Special Immigrant Visa Biodata Form.
- *OMB Control Number:* none.
- *Type of Request:* Emergency Review.
- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, Office of Admissions (PRM/A).
- *Form Number:* DS-234.
- *Respondents:* Iraqi and Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Applicants.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 12,000 per year.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 12,000 per year.
- *Average Hours per Response:* 20 minutes.
- *Total Estimated Burden:* 4000 hours.
- *Frequency:* Once per applicant.
- *Obligation to respond:* Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from

the public and affected agencies. Emergency review and approval of this collection has been requested from OMB by February 29, 2012. If granted, the emergency approval is only valid for 180 days. Direct comments to the Department of State Desk Officer in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

You may submit comments by the following methods:

- *Email:* oir_submission@omb.eop.gov. You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and OMB control number in the subject line of your message.
- *Fax:* (202) 395-5806. Attention: Desk Officer for Department of State.

During the first 60 days of the emergency approval period, a regular review of this information collection is also being undertaken. The submitting agency requests written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information. Comments will be accepted until 60 days from the date that this notice is published in the **Federal Register**.

You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Email:* ssiram@state.gov.
- *Mail (paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions):* Office of Admissions, PRM, U.S. Department of State, 2025 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20522.

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 Sumitra Siram, who may be reached on (202) 453-9250 or at SiramS@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-234 elicits information used to determine the eligibility of Iraqis and Afghan nationals who are applying for special immigrant visas to receive refugee resettlement benefits.

Methodology:

The SIV Biodata information form (DS-234) is submitted electronically by the applicant to the National Visa Center, which will forward the forms to the Refugee Processing Center of the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration.

Additional Information:

Dated: December 21, 2011.

Kelly A. Gauger,

Deputy Director, Office of Admissions, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 7743]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Department of State Acquisition Regulation (DOSAR)

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:* Department of State Acquisition Regulation (DOSAR).
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0050.
- *Type of Request:* Extension of Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Administration, Office of the Procurement Executive (A/OPE).
- *Form Number:* N/A.
- *Respondents:* Any business, other for-profit, individual, not-for-profit, or household organizations wishing to receive Department of State contracts.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 3,166.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 3,166.
- *Average Hours per Response:* Varies.
- *Total Estimated Burden:* 275,970 hours.
- *Frequency:* On occasion.
- *Obligation To Respond:* Voluntary.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to 60 days from December 28, 2011.

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

- *Email:* LatvanasBA@state.gov You must include the information collection title and OMB control number in the subject line of your message.

- *Mail (paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions):* Barbara Latvanas, Procurement Analyst, Department of State, Office of the Procurement Executive, 2201 C Street, NW., Suite 900, State Annex Number 27, Washington, DC 20522.

- *Fax:* (703) 875-6155.

- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Barbara Latvanas, Procurement Analyst, Department of State, Office of the Procurement Executive, 1000 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 900, Arlington, VA 22209. You must include the 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 Barbara Latvanas, Procurement Analyst, Office of the Procurement Executive, Department of State, Washington, DC 20522, who may be reached on (703) 516-1755.

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: This information collection covers pre-award and post-award requirements of the DOSAR. During the pre-award phase, information is collected to determine which bids or proposals offer the best value to the U.S. Government. Post-award actions include monitoring the contractor's performance; issuing modifications to the contract; dealing with unsatisfactory performance; issuing payments to the contractor; and closing out the contract upon its completion.

Methodology: Information is collected from prospective offerors to evaluate their proposals. The responses provided by the public are part of the offeror's proposals in response to Department solicitations. This information may be submitted electronically (through fax or email), or may require a paper submission, depending upon complexity. After contract award, contractors are required to submit information, on an as-needed basis, and relate to the occurrence of specific circumstances.

Dated: December 19, 2011.

Corey M. Rindner,

Procurement Executive, Bureau of Administration, Department of State.

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**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

2012 Special 301 Review: Identification of Countries Under Section 182 of the Trade Act of 1974: Request for Public Comment and Announcement of Public Hearing

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Request for written submissions from the public and announcement of public hearing.

SUMMARY: Section 182 of the Trade Act of 1974 (Trade Act) (19 U.S.C. 2242) requires the United States Trade Representative (USTR) to identify countries that deny adequate and effective protection of intellectual property rights (IPR) or deny fair and equitable market access to U.S. persons who rely on intellectual property protection. (The provisions of Section 182 are commonly referred to as the "Special 301" provisions of the Trade Act.). The USTR is required to determine which, if any, of these countries should be identified as Priority Foreign Countries. Acts, policies, or practices that are the basis of a country's identification as a Priority Foreign Country can be subject to the procedures set out in sections 301-305 of the Trade Act.

In addition, USTR has created a "Priority Watch List" and "Watch List" to assist the Administration in pursuing the goals of the Special 301 provisions. Placement of a trading partner on the Priority Watch List or Watch List indicates that particular problems exist in that country with respect to IPR protection, enforcement, or market access for persons relying on intellectual property. Trading partners

placed on the Priority Watch List are the focus of increased bilateral attention concerning the problem areas.

USTR chairs an interagency team that reviews information from many sources, and that consults with and makes recommendations to the USTR on issues arising under Special 301. Written submissions from interested persons are a key source of information for the Special 301 review process. In 2012, USTR will conduct a public hearing as part of the review process.

USTR is hereby requesting written submissions from the public concerning foreign countries' acts, policies, or practices that are relevant to the decision as to whether a particular trading partner should be identified as a priority foreign country under Section 182 of the Trade Act, or be placed on the Priority Watch List or Watch List. Interested parties, including foreign governments, wishing to testify at the public hearing must submit a request to testify at the hearing and a short hearing statement. The deadlines for these procedures are set out below.

DATES: The schedule for the 2012 Special 301 review is set forth below.

Friday, February 10, 2012—For interested parties, except for foreign governments: Submit written comments, requests to testify at the Special 301 Public Hearing, and hearing statements.

Friday, February 17, 2012—For foreign governments: Submit written comments, requests to testify at the Special 301 Public Hearing, and hearing statements.

Thursday, February 23, 2012—Special 301 Committee Public Hearing for interested parties, including representatives of foreign governments, will be held at the offices of USTR, 1724 F Street NW., Washington, DC 20508. Any change in the date or location of the hearing will be announced on <http://www.ustr.gov>.

On or about April 30, 2011—In accordance with statutory requirements, USTR will publish the 2012 Special 301 Report on or about April 30, 2012.

ADDRESSES: All written comments, requests to testify, and hearing statements should be sent electronically via <http://www.regulations.gov>, docket number USTR-2011-0021. Submissions should contain the term "2011 Special 301 Review" in the "Type comment" field on <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paula Karol Pinha, Director for Intellectual Property and Innovation, Office of the United States Trade Representative, at (202) 395-5419. Further information about Special 301 can be found at <http://www.ustr.gov>.