

filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Stichting Cito, Anhem, The Netherlands has been added as a party to this venture. Also, UNED, Madrid, Spain has withdrawn as a party to this venture.

In addition, John Wiley & Sons, has changed its name to Wiley, Hoboken, NJ.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and IMS Global intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On April 7, 2000, IMS Global filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on September 13, 2000 (65 FR 55283).

The last notification was filed with the Department on July 16, 2012. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on September 5, 2012 (77 FR 54611).

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Director of Civil Enforcement, Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Heterogeneous System Architecture Foundation

Notice is hereby given that, on October 9, 2012, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), Heterogeneous System Architecture Foundation ("HSA Foundation") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd., Gyeonggi-do, REPUBLIC OF KOREA; Symbio, San Jose, CA; Arteris, Inc., Sunnyvale, CA; Vivante

Corporation, Sunnyvale, CA; Apical Ltd., London, UNITED KINGDOM; MulticoreWare, Cupertino, CA; Sonics, Inc., Milpitas, CA; Qualcomm Incorporated, San Diego, CA; and LG Electronics, Inc., Seocho-gu, Seoul, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, have been added as parties to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and HSA Foundation intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On August 31, 2012, HSA Foundation filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on October 11, 2012 (77 FR 61786).

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Federal Bureau of Investigation

[OMB Number 1110-0035]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Existing Collection, Comments Requested: Approval of an Existing Collection; The National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) Point of Contact (POC) State Final Determination Electronic Submission

ACTION: 60-day notice.

The Department of Justice (DOJ), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division's NICS Section will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 60 days until January 7, 2013. This process is conducted in accordance with Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 1320.10.

If you have comments (especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time), suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with

instructions or additional information, please contact Sherry L. Kuneff, Management and Program Analyst, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Criminal Justice Information Services Division, National Instant Criminal Background Check System Section, Module A-3, 1000 Custer Hollow Road, Clarksburg, West Virginia 26306, or facsimile at (304) 625-7540.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency/component, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's/component's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of the information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of This Information

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Approval of an Existing Collection.

(2) *Title of the Forms:*

The National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) Point-of-Contact (POC) State Final Determination Electronic Submission

(3) *Agency Form Number, if any, and the applicable component of the department sponsoring the collection:* Form Number: 1110-0035.

Sponsor: Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Department of Justice (DOJ)

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:*

Primary: Full Point-of-Contact (POC) States; Partial POC States; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)-qualified Alternate Permit States.

Brief Abstract: This collection is requested of Full POC States, Partial POC States, and the Bureau ATF-qualified Alternate Permit States. Per Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 25.6(h), POC States are required

to transmit electronic determination messages to the FBI CJIS Division's NICS Section of the status of a firearm background check in those instances in which a transaction is "open" (transactions unresolved before the end of the operational day on which the transaction was initiated); "denied" transactions; transactions reported to the NICS as open and subsequently changed to proceed; and overturned denials. The POC State must send this response to the NICS immediately upon communicating their determination to the Federal Firearms Licensee or in those cases in which a response has not been communicated, no later than the end of the operational day in which the transaction was initiated. For those responses that are not received, the NICS will assume the transaction resulted in a "proceed." <http://www.fbi.gov/programs/nics/index.htm>.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:*

There are 21 POC States that are required to submit electronic notifications to the FBI CJIS Division's NICS Section and 18 ATF-qualified Alternate Permit States voluntarily submit electronic notifications to the FBI CJIS Division's NICS Section. Both POC States and ATF-qualified Permit States conduct an average of 5,859,797 transactions per year. It is estimated that 26 percent of these transactions would be affected by this collection and would require electronic messages sent to the NICS. This translates to 1,523,547 transactions, which would be the total number of annual responses. The other 74 percent would not be reported in this collection. It is estimated it will require one minute (60 seconds) for each POC State and ATF-qualified Alternate Permit State to transmit the information per transaction to the NICS. Thus, it is estimated that collectively all respondents will spend 25,392 hours yearly submitting determinations to the NICS. If the number of transactions were distributed evenly among the POC States and ATF-qualified Alternate Permit States, then 651 hours would be the estimated time for each of the 39 states to respond. Record-keeping time is part of the routine business process and is not part of this calculation.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:*

The average yearly hour burden for submitting final determinations combined is: (5,859,797 total checks × 26 percent)/60 seconds = 25,392 hours.

(7) *Estimates of Total Annual Cost Burden:*

Due to the variety of technical requirements that exist among the different POC state systems, the multiplicity of available technology, and indeterminate volume of transactions, the total annual cost burden to the POC States and ATF-alternate Permit States were estimated to be approximately \$13,390,000. This figure includes start-up costs for initial implementation which were estimated according to industry standard data and limited information provided by the POC states. This figure also includes NICS Section estimated annual costs for post-implementation, which includes operation and maintenance, hardware/software upgrades, and overhead based on 13 Full POC States.

If additional information is required, contact: Jerri Murray, Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Policy and Planning Staff, Justice Management Division, 145 N Street NE., Room 3W-1407B, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: November 1, 2102.

Jerri Murray,

*Department Clearance Officer for PRA,
United States Department of Justice.*

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Justice Programs

[OMB Number 1121-0259]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comments Requested; Bureau of Justice Assistance Application Form: Public Safety Officer's Medal of Valor

ACTION: 30-day notice.

The Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP) has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** Volume 77, Number 168, page 52369, on August 29, 2012, allowing for a 60 day comment period.

The purpose of this notice is to allow for an additional 30 days for public comment until December 6, 2012. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10. Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice, especially the

estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to Maria A. Berry, Senior Advisor by email at M.A.Berry@ojp.usdoj.gov or by telephone at 202-353-8643, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, 810 Seventh Street NW., Washington, DC 20531.

Additionally, comments may be submitted to OMB via facsimile to (202) 395-7285. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of a previously approved collection for which approval will expire in November 2012.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* None.

(4) *Affected public who will be as or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: State, local and tribal government agencies within the United States and its territories.

Abstract: The Bureau of Justice Assistance, a component of the Office of Justice Program, Department of Justice, administers the Public Safety Officer's Medal of Valor program. Once a year, the President of the United States of America may award and present in the name of Congress, a Medal of Valor of appropriate design, with ribbons and appurtenances, to a public safety officer