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All applications must be postmarked by March 7, 2016.

Dated: January 22, 2016.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 9429]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Special Immigrant Visa Biodata Form

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

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this Notice is to allow 30 days for public comment.

DATES: Submit comments directly to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) up to March 4, 2016.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Sumitra Siram, Sumitra Siram, Program Officer, Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration, Office of Admissions, 2025 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20522 who may be reached on 202-453-9250 or at SiramS@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection:* Special Immigrant Visa Biodata Form.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0203.

- *Type of Request:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Office of Admissions, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM/A).
- *Form Number:* DS-0234.
- *Respondents:* Iraqi and Afghan Special Immigrant Visa applicants.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 12,000.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 12,000.
- *Average Time per Response:* 20 minutes.
- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 4000 hours.
- *Frequency:* On Occasion.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this 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 information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Abstract of proposed collection:

Form DS-234 is being added to this collection to elicit information used to determine the eligibility of Iraqis and Afghan nationals applying for special immigrant visas.

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.

Dated: January 27, 2016.

Simon Henshaw

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy; Notice of Open Meeting

The Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy (ACIEP) will meet from 2 until 5 p.m., on Wednesday, February 17, in Washington, DC at the State Department, 320 21st Street NW. in conference room 4477. The meeting will be hosted by the Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs, Charles H. Rivkin and Committee Chair Paul R. Charron. The ACIEP serves the U.S. government in a solely advisory capacity, and provides advice concerning topics in international economic policy. It is expected that the ACIEP subcommittees will provide updates on their work.

This meeting is open to public participation, though seating is limited. Entry to the building is controlled. To obtain pre-clearance for entry, members of the public planning to attend should no later than Friday, February 12, provide their full name and professional affiliation to Alan Krill by email: KrillA@state.gov. Requests for reasonable accommodation should be made to Alan Krill before Friday, February 12. Requests made after that date will be considered, but might not be possible to fulfill.

This announcement might appear in the **Federal Register** less than 15 days prior to the meeting. The Department of State finds that there is an exceptional circumstance for such publication. Processing this **Federal Register** notice was delayed by a weather emergency in Washington, DC that closed the federal government on Friday, January 22, and Monday and Tuesday, January 25 and 26; and curtailed operations on Wednesday, January 27. The Department is providing as much notice to the public as possible given the emergency.

For additional information, contact Alan Krill, Office of Economic Policy Analysis and Public Diplomacy, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, at (202) 647-0812, or KrillA@state.gov.

Dated: January 28, 2016.

Alan Krill,

Designated Federal Official, U.S. Department of State.

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