

shall maintain and use these procedures.

(b) COA shall identify for the Department all members of its board of directors or other governing body, employees, and site evaluators who also serve as officers, directors, employees, or owners of adoption service providers. COA shall demonstrate it has procedures in place to ensure that any such relationships will not influence any accreditation or approval decisions, and shall maintain and use these procedures.

(c) COA shall disclose to the Department any other situation or circumstance that may create the appearance of a conflict of interest.

(2) *Liability*: COA agrees to maintain sufficient resources to defend challenges to its actions as an accrediting entity, including by maintaining liability insurance for its actions as an accrediting entity brought by agencies and/or persons seeking to be accredited or approved or who are accredited or approved, and to inform the Department immediately of any events that may affect its ability to defend itself (*e.g.*, change in or loss of insurance coverage, change in relevant state law). COA agrees that it will consult with the Department immediately if it becomes aware of any other legal proceedings related to its acts as an accrediting entity, or of any legal proceedings not related to its acts as an accrediting entity that may threaten its ability to continue to function as an accrediting entity.

Article 7

Liaison Between the Department and the Accrediting Entity

(1) COA's principal point of contact for communications relating to its functions and duties as an accrediting entity will be the Director of Intercountry Adoption Accreditation. The Department's principal point of contact for communication is the Accrediting Entity Liaison officer in the Office of Children's Issues, Office of Overseas Citizens Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs, U.S. Department of State.

(2) The parties will keep each other currently informed in writing of the names and contact information for their principal points of contact. As of the signing of this Agreement, the respective principal points of contact are as set forth in Attachment 1.

Article 8

Certifications and Assurances

(1) COA certifies that it will comply with all requirements of applicable State and Federal law.

Article 9

Agreement, Scope, and Period of Performance

(1) *Scope*:

(a) This agreement is not intended to have any effect on any activities of COA that are not related to its functions as an accrediting entity for adoption service providers providing adoption services in intercountry adoptions.

(b) Nothing in this agreement shall be deemed to be a commitment or obligation to provide any Federal funds.

(c) All accrediting entity functions and responsibilities authorized by this agreement are to occur only during the duration of this agreement.

(d) Nothing in this agreement shall release COA from any legal requirements or responsibilities imposed on the accrediting entity by the IAA, UAA, 22 CFR part 96, or any other applicable laws or regulations.

(2) *Duration*: COA's designation as an accrediting entity and this agreement shall remain in effect for five years from signature, unless terminated earlier by the Department in conjunction with the suspension or cancellation of the designation of COA. The Parties may agree mutually in writing to extend the designation of the accrediting entity and the duration of this agreement. If either Party does not wish to renew the agreement, it must provide written notice no less than one year prior to the termination date, and the Parties will consult to establish a mutually agreed schedule to transfer adoption service providers to another accrediting entity, including by transferring a reasonable allocation of collected fees for the remainder of the accreditation or approval period of such adoption service providers.

(3) *Changed Circumstances*: If unforeseen circumstances arise that will render COA unable to continue to perform its duties as an Accrediting Entity, COA will immediately inform the Department of State. The Parties will consult and make an effort to find a solution that will enable COA to continue to perform until the end of the contract period. If no such solution can be reached, the contract may be terminated on a mutually agreed date or, if mutual agreement cannot be reached, on not less than 14 months written notice from COA.

(4) *Severability*: To the extent that the Department determines, within its

reasonable discretion, that any provision of this agreement is inconsistent with the Convention, the IAA, the UAA, the regulations implementing the IAA and UAA, or any other provision of law, that provision of the agreement shall be considered null and void and the remainder of the agreement shall continue in full force and effect as if the offending portion had not been a part of it.

(5) *Entirety of Agreement*: This agreement is the entire agreement of the Parties and may be modified only upon written agreement of the Parties.

Dated: July 11, 2016.

Michele Thoren Bond,

Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs, U.S. Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 9641]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Application To Determine Returning Resident Status

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. 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 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to September 19, 2016.

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

- *Web:* Persons with access to the Internet may comment on this notice by going to www.Regulations.gov. You can search for the document by entering "Docket Number: DOS-2016-0046" in the Search field. Then click the "Comment Now" button and complete the comment form.

- *Email:* PRA_BurdenComments@state.gov. You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and the 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 collection

instrument and supporting documents, to Andrea Lage, who may be reached at PRA_BurdenComments@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection:* Application to Determine Returning Resident Status.
 - *OMB Control Number:* 1405–0091.
 - *Type of Request:* Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.
 - *Originating Office:* CA/VO/L/R.
 - *Form Number:* DS–0117.
 - *Respondents:* Immigrant Visa Petitioners.
 - *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 4,400.
 - *Estimated Number of Responses:* 4,400.
 - *Average Time per Response:* 30 Minutes.
 - *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 2,200 Hours.
 - *Frequency:* Once.
 - *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: Under INA Section 101(a)(27)(A)[8 U.S.C. 1101], Form DS–0117 is used by consular officers to determine the eligibility of an alien applicant for special immigrant status as a returning resident because he or she remained out of the United States for more than one year because of circumstances outside of his or her control.

Methodology: The DS–0117 is available online. Applicants will fill out the application online, print the form,

and submit the DS–0117 during their interview at a Consular Post.

Karin King,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 9639]

Notice of Receipt of Application for a Presidential Permit for the Pembina-Emerson Land Port of Entry Expansion Project on the U.S.-Canada Border at Pembina, North Dakota, and Emerson, Manitoba, Canada

SUMMARY: The Department of State hereby gives notice that, on May 24, 2016, it received an application for a Presidential Permit to expand the Pembina-Emerson Land Port of Entry (LPOE) on the U.S.-Canada Border at Pembina, North Dakota, and Emerson, Manitoba, Canada. The North Dakota Department of Transportation filed this application. The Department of State's jurisdiction over this application is based upon Executive Order 11423 of August 16, 1968, as amended. As provided in E.O. 11423, the Department is circulating this application to relevant federal agencies for review and comment. Under E.O. 11423, the Department has the responsibility to determine, taking into account input from these agencies and other stakeholders, whether issuance of a Presidential Permit for the proposed expansion of this border crossing would serve the national interest. Interested members of the public are invited to submit written comments regarding this application on or before October 31, 2016, to the U.S.-Canada Border Affairs Officer, via email at CanadaPresidentialPermits@state.gov or by mail at WHA/CAN—Room 3918, Department of State, 2201 C St. NW., Washington, DC 20520.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact the Canada Border Affairs Officer via email at CanadaPresidentialPermits@state.gov, by phone at 202 647–2170, or by mail at Office of Canadian Affairs—Room 3918, Department of State, 2201 C St. NW., Washington, DC 20520. Information about Presidential permits is available on the Internet at <http://www.state.gov/p/wha/rt/permit/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The application and supporting documents are available for review at <http://www.state.gov/p/wha/rt/permit/canada/index.htm>.

Dated: July 14, 2016.

Keith Gilges,

Acting Deputy Director, WHA/CAN, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 9644]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: “Della Robbia: Sculpting With Color in Renaissance Florence” Exhibition

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), E.O. 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236–3 of August 28, 2000 (and, as appropriate, Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003), I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition “Della Robbia: Sculpting with Color in Renaissance Florence,” imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Massachusetts, from on or about August 9, 2016, until on or about December 4, 2016; National Gallery of Art, Washington, District of Columbia, from on or about February 5, 2017, until on or about June 4, 2017, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these Determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of the imported objects, contact the Office of Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs in the Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202–632–6471; email: section2459@state.gov). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, L/PD, SA–5, Suite 5H03, Washington, DC 20522–0505.

Dated: July 11, 2016.

Mark Taplin,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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