

legal services. This information can then be used to promote the program to under-resourced inventors and patent practitioners.

**Affected Public:** Not-for-profit institutions.

**Frequency:** Quarterly.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Required to Obtain or Maintain Benefits.

**OMB Desk Officer:** Nicholas A. Fraser, email: [Nicholas\\_A\\_Fraser@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov).

Once submitted, the request will be publicly available in electronic format through [reginfo.gov](http://reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Further information can be obtained by:

- **Email:** [InformationCollection@uspto.gov](mailto:InformationCollection@uspto.gov), [John.Kirkpatrick@uspto.gov](mailto:John.Kirkpatrick@uspto.gov), or [Gautam.Prakash@uspto.gov](mailto:Gautam.Prakash@uspto.gov). Include "Pro Bono Survey copy request" in the subject line of the message.

- **Mail:** Marcie Lovett, Records Management Division Director, Office of the Chief Information Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before September 21, 2016 to Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB Desk Officer, via email to [Nicholas\\_A\\_Fraser@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov), or by fax to 202-395-5167, marked to the attention of Nicholas A. Fraser.

Dated: August 16, 2016.

**Marcie Lovett,**

*Records Management Division Director, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Patent and Trademark Office**

**Patent Law Treaty**

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal

agencies to comment on the extension of a continuing 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 October 21, 2016.

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

- **Email:** [InformationCollection@uspto.gov](mailto:InformationCollection@uspto.gov). Include "0651-0073 comment" in the subject line of the message.
- **Federal Rulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>.
- **Mail:** Marcie Lovett, Records Management Division Director, Office of the Chief Information Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information should be directed to Raul Tamayo, Senior Legal Advisor, Office of Patent Legal Administration, United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450; by telephone at 571-272-7728; or by email at [Raul.Tamayo.uspto.gov](mailto:Raul.Tamayo.uspto.gov) with "0651-0073 comment" in the subject line. Additional information about this collection is also available at <http://www.reginfo.gov> under "Information Collection Review."

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

The Patent Law Treaties Implementation Act of 2012 (PLTIA) amends the patent laws to implement the provisions of the Patent Law Treaty (PLT) in title II. The PLT harmonizes and streamlines formal procedures pertaining to the filing and processing of patent applications.

By a final rule titled "Changes to Implement the Patent Law Treaty" (RIN 0651-AC85) and published in the **Federal Register** on October 21, 2013, the USPTO revised the rules of practice for consistency with the changes in the PLT and title II of the PLTIA. One notable change pertains to the restoration of the right of priority to a foreign application or the benefit of a provisional application in a subsequent application filed within two months of the expiration of the twelve-month

period (six-month period for design applications) for filing such a subsequent application. The information in this collection relates to the petitions for restoration that may be filed in accordance with the revised rules.

The information in this collection can be submitted electronically through EFS-Web, the USPTO's Web-based electronic filing system, as well as on paper. The USPTO is therefore accounting for both electronic and paper submissions in this collection.

**II. Method of Collection**

Electronically if applicants submit the information using EFS-Web. By mail or hand delivery in paper form.

**III. Data**

**OMB Number:** 0651-0073.

**Form Number(s):** No form numbers.

**Type of Review:** Revision of a currently approved collection.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households; businesses or other for-profits; and not-for-profit institutions.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 500 responses per year. The USPTO estimates that 120 responses will be received from small entities. Approximately 98% of the total responses for this collection will be submitted electronically.

**Estimated Time per Response:** The USPTO estimates it will take approximately 60 minutes (1 hour) to complete the information in this collection, including the time it takes for reading the instructions for the forms, gathering the necessary information, completing the forms, and submitting them to the USPTO. The time per response, estimated annual responses, and estimated annual hour burden associated with each instrument in this collection are shown in the table below.

**Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours:** 500 hours.

**Estimated Total Annual Respondent (Hourly) Cost Burden:** \$205,000.00. The USPTO expects that attorneys in private firms will complete these applications. The professional hourly rate for attorneys is \$410. Using this hourly rate, the USPTO estimates that the total respondent cost burden for this collection is [AMOUNT] per year.

IC No.	Item	Hours (a)	Responses (yr) (b)	Burden (hrs/yr) (c) (a × b)	Rate (\$/hr) (d)	Total cost burden (e) (c × d)
1 .....	Petition to Restore the Right of Priority under 37 CFR 1.55(b)(2).	1	250	250	\$410.00	\$102,500.00

IC No.	Item	Hours (a)	Responses (yr) (b)	Burden (hrs/yr) (c) (a × b)	Rate (\$/hr) (d)	Total cost burden (e) (c × d)
2 .....	Petition to Restore the Benefit of a Prior-Filed Provisional Application under 37 CFR 1.7(a)(1)(ii).	1	250	250	410.00	102,500.00
	Total .....		500	500	.....	205,000.00

*Estimated Total Annual (Non-hour) Respondent Cost Burden:* \$748,064.50, based on filing fees and postage costs.

**Filing Fees**

There are filing fees associated with this collection. The items with filing fees are listed in the table below.

IC No.	Item	Estimated annual responses (a)	Filing fee (\$) (b)	Total non-hour cost burden (\$) (a) × (b) = (c)
1 .....	Grantable Petition to Restore the Right of Priority under 37 CFR 1.55(b)(2) ...	190	\$1,700.00	\$323,000.00
2 .....	Grantable Petition to Restore the Right of Priority under 37 CFR 1.55(b)(2)(small entity).	60	850.00	51,000.00
3 .....	Grantable Petition to Restore the Benefit of a Prior-Filed Provisional Application under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(1)(ii).	190	1,700.00	323,000.00
4 .....	Grantable Petition to Restore the Benefit of a Prior-Filed Provisional Application under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(1)(ii) (small entity).	60	850.00	51,000.00
	Total .....	500	.....	748,000.00

The USPTO estimates that the total non-hour cost burden associated with the filing fees for this collection will be \$748,000.00

**Postage Costs**

Customers may incur postage costs when submitting *some* of the items covered by this collection to the USPTO by mail. The USPTO expects that approximately 98 percent of the responses in this collection will be submitted electronically. Of the remaining 2 percent, the vast majority (98%) will be submitted by mail, for a total of 10 mailed submissions. The average first class USPS postage cost for a one-pound mailed submission in a flat-rate envelope is \$6.45. The USPTO estimates that the postage costs for the mailed submissions in this collection will total \$64.50.

Therefore, the USPTO estimates that the total annual (non-hour) cost burden for this collection, in the form of fees and postage is \$748,064.50 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, *e.g.*, 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: August 16th, 2016.

**Marcie Lovett,**

*Records Management Division Director, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Defense Science Board; Notice of Advisory Committee Meetings**

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of Advisory Committee Meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Science Board (DSB) and the 2016 DSB Summer Study Task Force on Capabilities for Constrained Military Operations (“the Summer Study Task Force”) will meet in closed session.

**DATES:** August 15–19 and 22–24, 2016, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; August 25, 2016, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and August 26, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Arnold and Mabel Beckman Center, 100 Academy Drive, Irvine, CA 92617.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Debra Rose, Executive Officer, Defense Science Board, 3140 Defense Pentagon, Room 3B888A, Washington, DC 20301–3140, via email at *debra.a.rose20.civ@mail.mil*, or via phone at (703) 571–0084.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

These meetings are being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102–3.150.

Due to circumstances beyond the control of the Designated Federal Officer and the Department of Defense, the Defense Science Board (DSB) was unable to provide the 15-calendar day public notification of subcommittee