

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Patent and Trademark Office**

**National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Application**

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, invites comments on a proposed extension of an existing information collection: 0651–0060 (National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Application).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before April 16, 2018.

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

- *Email:* [InformationCollection@uspto.gov](mailto:InformationCollection@uspto.gov). Include “0651–0060 comment” in the subject line of the message.
- *Federal Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.
- *Mail:* Marcie Lovett, Records and Information Governance Division Director, Office of the Chief Technology 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 John Palafoutas, Program Manager, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450, by telephone at 571–272–8400, or by email at [nmti@uspto.gov](mailto:nmti@uspto.gov) with “0651–0060 comment” in the subject line. Additional information about this information is also available at <http://www.reginfo.gov> under “Information Collection Review.”

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

The National Medal of Technology and Innovation is the highest honor for technological achievement bestowed by the President of the United States of America’s leading innovations. Established by an Act of Congress in

1980, the medal of Technology was first awarded in 1985. The Medal is awarded annually to individuals, teams (of up to four individuals), companies, or divisions of companies. The Medal recognizes outstanding contributions to the Nation’s economic, environmental and social well-being through the development and commercialization of technology products, processes and concepts, technological innovation, and development of the Nation’s technological workforce.

The purpose of the National Medal of Technology and Innovation is to recognize those who have made lasting contributions to America’s competitiveness, standard of living, and quality of life through technological innovation, and to recognize those who have made substantial contributions to strengthening the Nation’s technological workforce. By highlighting the national importance of technological innovation, the Medal also seeks to inspire future generations of Americans to prepare for and pursue technical careers to keep America at the forefront of global technology and economic leadership.

The National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Evaluation Committee, a distinguished independent committee appointed by the Secretary of Commerce, reviews and evaluates the merit of all candidates nominated through an open, competitive solicitation process. The committee makes its recommendations for Medal candidates to the Secretary of Commerce who, in turn, makes recommendations to the President for final selection. The National Medal of Technology and Innovation Laureates are announced by the White House once the Medalists are notified of their selection.

The public uses the online National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Application to nominate an individual’s, team’s, or company’s extraordinary leadership and innovation in technological achievement and outstanding contribution to strengthening the nation’s technological workforce. The application collects general and biographical information

about the nominee, general information about the nominator, and a discussion of the nominee’s contribution/ achievements, and must be accompanied by six letters of recommendation or support from individuals who have first-hand knowledge of the cited achievement(s).

**II. Method of Collection**

The nomination application and instructions can be accessed from the USPTO website. All nominations should be submitted via the online portal on [www.uspto.gov/nmti](http://www.uspto.gov/nmti).

**III. Data**

*OMB Number:* 0651–0060.

*IC Instruments and Forms:* N/A.

*Type of Review:* Revision of an existing information collection.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions; individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 50 responses per year.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* The USPTO estimates that it will take approximately 40 hours to gather the necessary information, prepare the nomination form, write the recommendations, and submit the request for the nomination to the USPTO.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours:* 2000 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent (Hourly) Cost Burden:* \$84,020. The USPTO expects that professors, public relations specialists, civil engineers and research managers will complete this information. The professional hourly rates for these occupations, based on the 2017 rates released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, are \$37.00 for professors (OES 25–1199), \$31.99 for public relations specialists (OES 27–3031), \$43.14 for civil engineers (OES 17–2051), and \$55.92 for research managers (15–1111). Using the average combined hourly rate of \$42.01, the USPTO estimates that the total respondent cost burden for this collection is \$84,020 per year.

IC No.	Item	Estimated time for response (a)	Estimated re-sponses (b)	Estimated annual burden (c) = (a) × (b)	Rate (\$/hr) (d)	Estimated annual respondent cost burden; (e) = (c) × (d)
1 .....	National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Form.	40	50	2,000	\$42.01	\$84,020.00
Totals	.....	.....	50	2,000	.....	84,020.00

*Estimated Total Annual (Non-hour) Respondent Cost Burden:* \$0.

There are no filing fees, capital start-up, maintenance, or operation costs associated with this collection. As the USPTO expects that 100% percent of the responses in this collection will be submitted electronically there are no postage costs associated with the collection.

#### IV. Request for Comments

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.

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.

**Marcie Lovett,**

*Records and Information Governance  
Division Director, OCTO United States Patent  
and Trademark Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

[Docket ID: USN-2016-HQ-0004]

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Department for Deployment Health, Naval Health Research Center, DON.

**ACTION:** 60-day information collection notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Department for Deployment Health, Naval Health Research Center announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: 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; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by April 16, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Department of Defense, Office of the Chief Management Officer, Directorate for Oversight and Compliance, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Mailbox #24 Suite 08D09B, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number, and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

Any associated form(s) for this collection may be located within this same electronic docket and downloaded for review/testing. Follow the instructions at <http://www.regulations.gov> for submitting comments. Please submit comments on any given form identified by docket number, form number, and title.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the Naval Health Research Center, DoD Center for Deployment Health Research, Department 164, ATTN: Millennium Cohort Program Principal Investigators, 140 Sylvester Rd., San Diego, CA, 92106-3521, or call (619) 553-7335.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number:* Prospective Department of Defense Studies of US Military Forces: The Millennium Cohort Study; OMB Control Number 0703-0064.

*Needs and Uses:* The information collection requirement is necessary to respond to recommendations by

Congress and by the Institute of Medicine to perform investigations that systematically collect population-based demographic and health data so as to track and evaluate the health of military personnel throughout the course of their careers and after leaving military service. The Millennium Cohort Family Study also evaluates the impact of military life on military families.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 100,764.

*Number of Respondents:* 134,352.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Average Burden per Response:* 45 minutes.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

Persons eligible to respond to this survey are those civilians now separated from military service who initially enrolled, gave consent and participated in the Millennium Cohort Study while on active duty in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or US Coast Guard during the first, second, third, or fourth panel enrollment periods in 2001-2003, 2004-2006, 2007-2008, or 2011-2012 respectively, as well as those civilians that choose to participate in the Millennium Cohort Family Study.

Dated: February 9, 2018.

**Aaron Siegel,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison  
Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2017-ICCD-0148]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Quarterly Cumulative Caseload Report

**AGENCY:** Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing a revision of an existing information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 16, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED-2017-ICCD-0148. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the