

nature or may consist of mixed methods. Additionally, data may be collected via a variety of means, including but not limited to electronic or social media, direct or indirect observation (*i.e.*, in person, video and audio collections), interviews, questionnaires, and focus groups. NIST will limit its inquiries to data collections that solicit strictly voluntary opinions or responses. The results of the data collected will be used to decrease negative impacts of disasters on society, and, in turn, increase community resilience within the U.S. communities. Steps will be taken to ensure anonymity of respondents in each activity covered by this request.

This notice pertains to both a revision and an extension of a previously approved submission. The NIST Engineering Laboratory utilizes this clearance to conduct research in support of topic areas of disaster and failure studies, community resilience (including studies of specific disaster events such as wildfire, urban fire, structure collapse, hurricane, earthquake, tornado, and flood events).

This type of research is directly related to a range of disasters which are unpredictable in their number during a given year. Additionally, some disasters may require multiple studies resulting in multiple collections. Therefore, in preparation of the upcoming disaster season, NIST is requesting to increase the ICR Annual Response allotment from 15,000 to 20,000 Responses; and the ICR Annual Hours allotment from 12,000 to 15,000. NIST assures that no changes will be made to any the individual information collection requests that have been approved for use.

## II. Method of Collection

NIST will collect this information by electronic means when possible, as well as by mail, fax, telephone, technical discussions, and in-person interviews. NIST may also utilize observational techniques to collect this information.

## III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 0693-0078.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; first responders; businesses or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions; State, local or tribal government; Federal government; Standards-making bodies; Universities.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 20,000.

*Estimated Time per Response:* Varied, dependent upon the data collection

method used. The possible response time to complete a questionnaire may be 15 minutes or 2 hours to participate in an interview.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 15,000.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0.

## IV. Request for Comments

NIST invites comments on: (a) 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; (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, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

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*Departmental Lead PRA Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Commerce Department.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### United States Patent and Trademark Office

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; "Madrid Protocol"

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the 1995 Paperwork Reduction Act.

*Agency:* United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

*Title:* Madrid Protocol.

*OMB Control Number:* 0651-0051.

*Form Number(s):*

- PTO-1663
- PTO-1683
- PTO-2132
- PTO-2133
- TEAS Global Form

*Type of Request:* Regular.

*Number of Respondents:* 14,691 responses per year.

*Average Hours Per Response:* The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately between 20 minutes (0.33 hours) and seventy-five minutes (1.25 hours) to complete the information in this collection. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, prepare the forms or documents, and submit the completed request to the USPTO.

*Burden Hours:* 4878.97 hours per year.

*Cost Burden:* \$12,182,379.50 per year.

*Needs and Uses:*

The public uses this collection to submit applications for international registration and related requests to the USPTO under the Madrid Protocol. The information in this collection is a matter of public record and is used by the public for a variety of private business purposes related to establishing and enforcing international trademark rights. The information is available at USPTO facilities and is also accessible through the USPTO website.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory to Obtain or Retain 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 [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.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). Include "0651-00## information request" in the subject line of the message.

- Mail: Marcie Lovett, Records and Information Governance Branch Chief, Office of the Chief Technology 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 March 28, 2019 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.

**Marcie Lovett,**

*Chief, Records and Information Governance Branch, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, USPTO.*

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