

the public and the public is invited to submit written comments. This Sunshine Act notice is being issued because a majority of the Commission may attend the roundtable.

The agenda for the roundtable will focus on the impact of short-termism on our capital markets and whether our reporting system, or other aspects of our regulations, should be modified to address these concerns.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: For further information, please contact Vanessa A. Countryman from the Office of the Secretary at (202) 551-5400.

Dated: July 11, 2019.
Vanessa A. Countryman,
Secretary.
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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #15982 and #15983; ARKANSAS Disaster Number AR-00104]

Presidential Declaration Amendment of a Major Disaster for the State of Arkansas

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.
ACTION: Amendment 3.

SUMMARY: This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Arkansas (FEMA-4441-DR), dated 06/08/2019.

Incident: Severe Storms and Flooding.
Incident Period: 05/21/2019 through 06/14/2019.

DATES: Issued on 07/03/2019.
Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 08/07/2019.
Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 03/09/2020.

ADDRESSES: Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of the President's major disaster declaration for the State of Arkansas, dated 06/08/2019, is hereby amended to include the following areas as adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties (Physical Damage and Economic Injury Loans): Lincoln

All counties contiguous to the above named county have previously been declared.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

James Rivera,
Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.
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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #16029 and #16030; ARKANSAS Disaster Number AR-00105]

Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of Arkansas

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a Notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of Arkansas (FEMA-4441-DR), dated 07/03/2019.

Incident: Severe Storms and Flooding.
Incident Period: 05/21/2019 through 06/14/2019.

DATES: Issued on 07/03/2019.
Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 09/03/2019.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 04/03/2020.

ADDRESSES: Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that as a result of the President's major disaster declaration on 07/03/2019, Private Non-Profit organizations that provide essential services of a governmental nature may file disaster loan applications at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties: Conway, Crawford, Desha, Faulkner, Franklin, Jefferson, Logan, Perry, Pulaski, Searcy, Sebastian, Yell

The Interest Rates are:

| | Percent |
|----------------------|---------|
| For Physical Damage: | |

| | Percent |
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| Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere | 2.750 |
| Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere | 2.750 |
| <i>For Economic Injury:</i> | |
| Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere | 2.750 |

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 16029B and for economic injury is 160300.

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James Rivera,
Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10819]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Office of Language Services Contractor Application

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 August 15, 2019.

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.

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 Wanda Lyles Howell, who may be reached on 202-261-8791 or at lyleswm2@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection:* Office of Language Services Contractor Application Form.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0191.
- *Type of Request:* Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Administration, A/OPR/LS.
- *Form Number:* DS-7651.
- *Respondents:* General public applying for translator and/or interpreter contract positions.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,000.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 1,000.
- *Average Time per Response:* 30 minutes.
- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 500 annual 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

The information collected is necessary to ascertain whether respondents are valid interpreting and/or translating candidates, based on their work history and legal work status in the United States. If candidates successfully become contractors for the U.S. Department of State, Office of Language Services, the information collected is used to initiate security clearance background checks and for processing payment vouchers. Respondents are typically members of

the public with varying degrees of experience in the fields of interpreting and/or translating.

Methodology

The Office of Language Services makes the “Office of Language Services Contractor Application Form” available via its internet site. Respondents can submit the form via email.

Katherine H. Yemelyanov,
Acting Director.

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**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

[Docket No. USTR-2019-0009]

**Initiation of a Section 301 Investigation
of France’s Digital Services Tax**

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of initiation of investigation, public hearing, and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Trade Representative (Trade Representative) is initiating an investigation with respect to the Digital Services Tax (DST) under consideration by the Government of France. The Section 301 Committee will hold a public hearing and is seeking public comments in connection with this investigation.

DATES:

July 10, 2019: The Trade Representative initiated the investigation with respect to the French DST.

August 12, 2019 at noon EDT: Deadline for filing requests to appear at the August 19, 2019 public hearing, and for filing written version of your oral testimony.

August 19, 2019 at noon EDT: To be assured of consideration, written comments must be submitted by this date.

August 19, 2019: The 301 Committee will convene a public hearing at 9:30 a.m. in Rooms 1 and 2, 1724 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20508.

August 26, 2019: Due date for filing post-hearing submissions.

ADDRESSES: You should submit written comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments in section IV and V. The docket number is USTR-2019-0009. For issues with on-line submissions, please contact the Office of the United States Trade

Representative (USTR) Section 301 line at (202) 395-5725.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For procedural questions concerning the submission of written comments or participating in the public hearing, please contact the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) Section 301 line at (202) 395-5725. For all other questions concerning the investigation, please contact the USTR Section 301 line or Kate Hadley, Assistant General Counsel at (202) 395-4959, Robert Tanner, Director, Services and Investment, (202) 395-6125, or Michael Rogers, Trade Policy Analyst, Europe and the Middle East, (202) 395-2684.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. The Digital Services Tax

On March 6, 2019, the Government of France released a proposal for a 3% levy on revenues that certain companies generate from providing certain digital services to, or aimed at, French users (the Digital Services Tax, or the DST). On June 26, a joint committee of the two houses of the French Parliament agreed to a joint committee DST bill. On July 4, the French National Assembly passed the DST bill. The French Senate is expected to take up the bill on July 11.

Under the joint committee bill, the DST applies to revenues generated from certain “digital interface” services (e.g., e-marketplaces for goods and services) and certain internet advertising services. Certain services that would otherwise be covered are excluded, including digital interfaces for the delivery of “digital content.” The tax applies only to companies with annual revenues from the covered services of at least €750 million globally and €25 million in France. The DST applies to gross revenues from providing the covered services to, or aimed at, French individuals, not to income. Many of the companies likely to be covered are not domiciled in France and have no permanent establishment there. Under current international tax rules, these companies do not pay—or expect to pay—taxes to France on the revenue they earn by providing services to, or aimed at, French individuals. The tax applies retroactively beginning January 1, 2019. Available evidence, including statements by French officials, suggest that France expects the tax to target certain large, U.S.-based tech companies.

II. Initiation of Section 301 Investigation

Section 302(b)(1)(A) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (Trade Act),