

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Technical Information Service****National Technical Information Service Advisory Board**

AGENCY: National Technical Information Service, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the next meeting of the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) Advisory Board (the Advisory Board).

DATES: The Advisory Board will meet on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to approximately 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time, via teleconference.

ADDRESSES: The Advisory Board meeting will be via teleconference. Please note attendance instructions under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Shaw, (703) 605-6136, eshaw@ntis.gov or Steven Holland at sholland@ntis.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Board is established by Section 3704b(c) of Title 15 of the United States Code. The charter has been filed in accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. app.). The Advisory Board reviews and makes recommendations to improve NTIS programs, operations, and general policies in support of NTIS' mission to advance Federal data priorities, promote economic growth, and enable operational excellence by providing innovative data services to Federal agencies through joint venture partnerships with the private sector.

The meeting will focus on a review of the progress NTIS has made in implementing its data mission and strategic direction. A final agenda and summary of the proceedings will be posted on the NTIS website as soon as they are available (<https://www.ntis.gov/about/advisorybd/index.xhtml>).

The teleconference will be via controlled access. Members of the public interested in attending via teleconference or speaking are requested to contact Ms. Shaw at the contact information listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above not later than Friday, October 22, 2021. If there are sufficient expressions of interest, up to one-half hour will be reserved for public oral comments during the session. Speakers will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis. Each speaker will be limited to five minutes. Questions from the public

will not be considered during this period.

Speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, and those who were unable to attend are invited to submit written statements by emailing Ms. Shaw at the email address provided in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above.

Dated: September 29, 2021.

Gregory Capella,
Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Patent and Trademark Office****Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Matters Related to First Inventor To File**

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, invites comments on the extension and revision of an existing information collection: 0651-0071 (Matters Relating to First Inventor to File). The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the information collection to OMB.

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments regarding this information collection must be received on or before December 6, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments by any of the following methods. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information:

- *Email:* InformationCollection@uspto.gov. Include "0651-0071 comment" in the subject line of the message.
- *Federal Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.
- *Mail:* Kimberly Hardy, Office of the Chief Administrative 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 Parikha Mehta, Legal Advisor, Office of Patent Legal Administration, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450; by telephone at 571-272-3248; or by email to Parikha.Mehta@uspto.gov with "0651-0071 comment" in the subject line of the message. Additional information about this information collection is also available at <http://www.reginfo.gov> under "Information Collection Review."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

The United States Patent System uses a 'first to file' system, as introduced by the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act (AIA) which was enacted into law on September 16, 2011. To determine the first inventor to file, information is needed in order to identify the inventorship and ownership, or obligation to assign ownership, of each claimed invention on its effective filing date. Section 3 of the AIA, *inter alia*, amended 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 consistent with the objectives of the AIA, including the conversion of the United States patent system from a "first to invent" system to a "first inventor to file" system. The changes in section 3 of the AIA went into effect on March 16, 2013, but apply only to certain applications filed on or after March 16, 2013.

This information collection covers information required by 37 CFR 1.55(k), 1.78(a)(6), and 1.78(d)(6) to assist the USPTO in determining whether an application is subject to 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 as amended by Section 3 of the AIA, or 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103, in effect on March 15, 2013.

II. Method of Collection

The items in this information collection may be submitted by mail, facsimile, hand delivery, or via the Patent Electronic Systems (EFS-Web or Patent Center).

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0651-0071.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Affected Public: Private sector; individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 99 respondents per year.

Estimated Number of Responses: 144 responses per year.

Estimated Time per Response: The USPTO estimates that the responses in this information collection will take the public 2 hours to complete. This