

immunotherapy to be advanced out of turn for examination. To date, over 880 petitions requesting participation in the pilot program have been filed, and over 650 patents have been granted under the program. In view of the continued interest in the Cancer Immunotherapy Pilot Program, as well as the White House's reignition of the National Cancer Moonshot initiative, the USPTO is extending the program, with all parameters remaining the same, until January 31, 2023. The USPTO will also continue to evaluate whether to expand the scope of the pilot program and to what extent during this extension period.

**DATES:** *Pilot duration:* The Cancer Immunotherapy Pilot Program will continue to run until January 31, 2023. Therefore, petitions to make special under the Cancer Immunotherapy Pilot Program must be filed on or before January 31, 2023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions regarding this pilot program in general, please contact Susy Tsang-Foster, Senior Legal Advisor, Office of Patent Legal Administration, Office of the Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy, at 571-272-7711 or [susy.tsang-foster@uspto.gov](mailto:susy.tsang-foster@uspto.gov). For questions related to a particular petition, please contact Gary B. Nickol, Supervisory Patent Examiner, at 571-272-0835 or [gary.nickol@uspto.gov](mailto:gary.nickol@uspto.gov); or Brandon J. Fetterolf, Supervisory Patent Examiner, at 571-272-2919 or [brandon.fetterolf@uspto.gov](mailto:brandon.fetterolf@uspto.gov), both of Technology Center 1600.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 29, 2016, the USPTO published a notice for the implementation of the Cancer Immunotherapy Pilot Program. See *Cancer Immunotherapy Pilot Program*, 81 FR 42328 (Cancer Immunotherapy Notice). The pilot program was designed to support the global fight against cancer. The Cancer Immunotherapy Notice indicated that an applicant could have an application advanced out of turn (accorded special status) for examination without meeting all the current requirements of the accelerated examination program set forth in item VIII of section 708.02(a) of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (9th ed., rev. 10.2019, June 2020), if the application contained at least one claim to a method of treating a cancer using immunotherapy and the applicant met other requirements specified in the Cancer Immunotherapy Notice.

The Cancer Immunotherapy Notice established that the pilot program would run for 12 months, beginning on June 29, 2016. Over the course of the pilot program, the USPTO has extended

it four times through notices published in the **Federal Register**. The most recent notice extended the program until September 30, 2022 and requested public comments on whether to expand the scope of pilot program and whether to extend it. See *Extension of the Cancer Immunotherapy Pilot Program and Request for Comments*, 87 FR 38714 (June 29, 2022) (Extension Notice). The Office received one written submission containing three comments from a law firm in response to the request for public comments in the Extension Notice. The Office appreciates the thoughtful comments. The submission is posted at <https://www.regulations.gov/document/PTO-P-2022-0019-0001/comment>. The USPTO is continuing to evaluate whether to expand the program and to what extent.

Various stakeholders from around the world—including independent inventors, universities, research institutions, hospitals, medical centers, government agencies, and large and small companies—have filed petitions to participate in the pilot program. To date, over 880 petitions requesting participation have been filed, and over 650 patents have been granted under the pilot program. In view of the continued interest in the pilot program, the USPTO is hereby extending it through January 31, 2023. The extension will enable the program to continue without lapse as the USPTO continues its ongoing evaluation of whether to expand the program and to what extent. The requirements of the pilot program will not be modified at this time.

**Katherine K. Vidal,**

*Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Air Force

#### Acceptance of Group Application Under Public Law 95-202 and Department of Defense Directive (DODD) 1000.20

**AGENCY:** Department of the Air Force, DoD Civilian/Military Service Review Board.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of Section 401, Public Law 95-202 and DoD Directive 100.20, the Department of Defense Civilian/Military Service Review Board has accepted an application on behalf of a group known

as “Former Members of the Free Iraq Forces and Free Iraq Civil Affairs Program Who Served Under Direct Command of U.S. Army and U.S. Marine Corps Units During Operation Iraqi Freedom Across the Iraqi Freedom Theater of Operations During the Period 2002 Through 2018.” Persons with information or documentation pertinent to the determination of whether service of this group should be considered active military service to the Armed Forces of the United States are encouraged to submit such information or documentation within 60 days to the DoD Civilian/Military Service Review Board (DoD C/MSRB), 1500 West Perimeter Road, Suite 3700, Joint Base Andrews, MD 20762.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. John K. Vallario, President, DoD C/MSRB, at 240-612-5380, [john.vallario.1@us.af.mil](mailto:john.vallario.1@us.af.mil). Copies of documents or other materials submitted cannot be returned.

**Adriane Paris,**

*Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### Certificate of Alternate Compliance for USS AUGUSTA (LCS 34)

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy (DoN), Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of certificate of alternate compliance.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Navy hereby announces that a Certificate of Alternate Compliance has been issued for USS AUGUSTA (LCS 34). Due to the special construction and purpose of this vessel, the Admiralty Counsel of the Navy has determined it is a vessel of the Navy which, due to its special construction and purpose, cannot comply fully with the navigation lights provisions of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS) without interfering with its special function as a naval ship. The intended effect of this notice is to warn mariners in waters where 72 COLREGS apply.

**DATES:** This Certificate of Alternate Compliance is effective September 28, 2022 and is applicable beginning September 21, 2022.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lieutenant Commander Andrea Liou, JAGC, U.S. Navy, Admiralty Attorney, Office of the Judge Advocate General, Admiralty and Claims Division (Code

15), 1322 Patterson Ave. SE, Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374–5066, 202–685–5075, or [admiralty@navy.mil](mailto:admiralty@navy.mil).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background and Purpose

Executive Order 11964 of January 19, 1977 and 33 U.S.C. 1605 provide that the requirements of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS), as to the number, position, range, or arc of visibility of lights or shapes, as well as to the disposition and characteristics of sound-signaling appliances, shall not apply to a vessel or class of vessels of the Navy where the Secretary of the Navy shall find and certify that, by reason of special construction or purpose, it is not possible for such vessel(s) to comply fully with the provisions without interfering with the special function of the vessel(s). Notice of issuance of a Certificate of Alternate Compliance must be made in the **Federal Register**.

In accordance with 33 U.S.C. 1605, the Admiralty Counsel of the Navy, under authority delegated by the Secretary of the Navy, hereby finds and certifies that USS AUGUSTA (LCS 34) is a vessel of special construction or purpose, and that, with respect to the position of the following navigational lights, it is not possible to comply fully with the requirements of the provisions enumerated in the 72 COLREGS without interfering with the special function of the vessel:

Annex I, Paragraph 2(a)(i) pertaining to the height of the forward masthead light; Annex I, Paragraph (3)(a) pertaining to the location of the forward masthead light in relation to the forward quarter of the ship; Annex I, Paragraph 2(f)(i) pertaining to obstructions of the aft masthead light; Annex I, Paragraph (3)(a) pertaining to the horizontal separation of the masthead lights; Annex I, Paragraph 2(f)(ii), and Annex I, Paragraph 3(c) pertaining to the vertical and horizontal position of the task lights in relation to the masthead lights; Rule 27(b)(i) and Annex I, Paragraph 9(b) pertaining to the degree of obstruction of the task lights.

The Admiralty Counsel of the Navy further finds and certifies that these navigational lights are in closest possible compliance with the applicable provision of the 72 COLREGS.

*Authority:* 33 U.S.C. 1605(c), E.O. 11964.

Dated: September 23, 2022.

**B.F. Roach,**

*Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps,  
U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No. ED–2022–SCC–0118]

##### **Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Request for Designation as an Eligible Institution Under Titles III, V, and VII Programs and Waivers of the Non-Federal Cost Share Reimbursement (1894–0001)**

**AGENCY:** Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing an extension without change of a currently approved collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 28, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this information collection request (ICR) by selecting “Department of Education” under “Currently Under Review,” then check the “Only Show ICR for Public Comment” checkbox. *Reginfo.gov* provides two links to view documents related to this information collection request. Information collection forms and instructions may be found by clicking on the “View Information Collection (IC) List” link. Supporting statements and other supporting documentation may be found by clicking on the “View Supporting Statement and Other Documents” link.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Jason Cottell, 202–453–7530.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and

minimize the public’s reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department’s information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. The Department is especially interested in public comments addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public record.

*Title of Collection:* Request for Designation As An Eligible Institution Under Titles III, V, and VII Programs and Waivers of the Non-Federal Cost Share Reimbursement (1894–0001).

*OMB Control Number:* 1840–0103.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* State, Local, and Tribal Governments; Private Sector.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 200.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 1,400.

*Abstract:* This collection of information is necessary in order for the Secretary of Education to designate an institution of higher education eligible to apply for funding under Titles III, V, and VII of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. An institution must apply to the Secretary to be designated as an eligible institution. The programs authorized include the Strengthening Institutions, Alaskan Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions, Asian-American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions, Native American Serving Institutions, Hispanic-Serving Institutions, Hispanic-Serving Institutions (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math and Articulation), Promoting Postbaccalaureate Opportunities for Hispanic Americans (PPOHA), and Predominantly Black Institutions Programs. These programs award discretionary grants to eligible institutions of higher education so that they might increase their self-sufficiency by improving academic programs, institutional management, and fiscal stability.