

## Part II. Internal Processing of the Petition Under the Pilot Program

If the applicant files a petition to make special under the pilot program, the USPTO will not render a decision on the petition until the application has completed pre-examination processing. Any inquiries concerning a particular petition to make special should be directed to the appropriate Technology Center handling the petition. If the petition is granted, the application will be accorded special status under the pilot program. The application will be placed on an examiner's special docket until a first Office action is issued. After the first Office action, the application will no longer be treated as special during examination. For example, if an amendment is filed in response to a first Office action, it will be placed on the examiner's regular amended docket.

If the petition to make special under the pilot program does not comply with the requirements set forth in this notice, the USPTO may notify the applicant of the deficiency by issuing a notice. The notice will give the applicant only *one opportunity* to correct the deficiency. If the applicant still wishes to participate in the pilot program, the applicant must file a reply via Patent Center that includes appropriate corrections and a properly signed petition form PTO/SB/467 within one month or 30 days, whichever is longer, from the mail/ notification date of the notice informing the applicant of the deficiency. The time period for reply is *not* extendable under 37 CFR 1.136(a). If the applicant fails to correct the deficiency indicated in the notice within the time period set, the application will not be accepted into the pilot program and will be taken up for examination in accordance with standard examination procedures.

In addition, the petition will be dismissed without an opportunity for correction if any of the following deficiencies exists: (1) the application does not contain a claim that meets the technology requirement of the pilot program; (2) the process or apparatus for the manufacturing of semiconductor devices covered by the claim meeting the technology requirement is not disclosed in the specification as being primarily focused on the manufacturing of semiconductor devices; (3) the application or national stage entry was not filed electronically in Patent Center; (4) the specification, claim(s), and abstract of the application were not submitted in DOCX format at the time of filing or national stage entry; (5) the application is not an original (non-reissue), nonprovisional utility application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a),

or an international application that has entered the national stage under 35 U.S.C. 371; (6) the application claims the benefit of the filing date of two or more prior filed applications that are nonprovisional U.S. applications and/or international applications designating the United States; and (7) the petition was not filed with the application or national stage entry or within 30 days of the application's filing date or national stage entry date.

## Part III. Requirement for Restriction or Unity of Invention

If the claims in the application are directed to multiple inventions, the examiner may make a requirement for restriction or unity of invention in accordance with current restriction practice. If such a requirement is made, the applicant must make an election to an invention that meets the technology requirement of this pilot program.

## Part IV. Period for Reply by the Applicant

The time periods set for reply in Office actions for an application granted special status under the pilot program will be the same as those set forth in MPEP 710.02(b).

## Part V. Replies by the Applicant Under the Pilot Program

During the remainder of prosecution of an application granted special status under the pilot program, the applicant's replies to Office actions must be fully responsive to the rejections, objections, and requirements made by the examiner. Any amendment or election filed in reply to an Office action may be treated as not fully responsive if it attempts to: (1) add claims that would result in more than three independent claims or more than 20 total claims pending in the application; (2) add any multiple dependent claim(s); (3) cancel all claims that meet the technology requirement of the pilot program; (4) elect an invention that does not meet the technology requirement of the pilot program, or (5) cancel all claims to the elected invention.

If a reply to a nonfinal Office action is not fully responsive for any of the reasons set forth above but is a genuine attempt to advance the application to final action, the examiner may, at their discretion, issue a notice of nonresponsive amendment and provide a shortened statutory period of two months for the applicant to supply a fully responsive reply. Extensions of this time period under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to the notice of nonresponsive amendment will be permitted, but in no case can any extension carry the date for

reply to this notice beyond the maximum period of SIX MONTHS set by statute (35 U.S.C. 133). However, any further nonresponsive amendment typically will not be treated as genuine, and therefore, the time period set in the prior notice will continue to run.

## Part VI. After-Final and Appeal Procedures

Any amendment, affidavit, or other evidence after a final Office action and prior to appeal must comply with 37 CFR 1.116. During the appeal process, the application will be treated in accordance with the normal appeal procedure (see MPEP Chapter 1200).

## Part VII. Withdrawal From the Pilot Program

There is no provision for withdrawal from the pilot program. An applicant may abandon an application that has been granted special status under the pilot program in favor of a continuing application. However, a continuing application will not automatically be granted special status based on the petition filed in the parent application. Each application (including each continuing application) must, on its own merit, meet all requirements for special status under the pilot program, and be accompanied by its own petition as detailed in Part I above.

**Katherine Kelly Vidal,**

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

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## COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

### Procurement List; Proposed Deletions

**AGENCY:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

**ACTION:** Proposed deletions from the Procurement List.

**SUMMARY:** The Committee is proposing to delete product(s) from the Procurement List that were furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

**DATES:** *Comments must be received on or before:* December 31, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, 355 E Street SW, Suite 325, Washington, DC 20024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information or to submit comments contact: Michael R. Jurkowski, Telephone: (703) 785-6404 or email [CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov](mailto:CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 8503(a)(2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the proposed actions.

#### Deletions

The following product(s) are proposed for deletion from the Procurement List:

##### Product(s)

**NSN(s)—Product Name(s):**  
7520-01-682-7166—Pen, Ballpoint, Stick, Recycled Water Bottle, Blue, Fine Point  
**Designated Source of Supply:** West Texas Lighthouse for the Blind, San Angelo, TX  
**Contracting Activity:** GSA/FAS ADMIN SVCS ACQUISITION BR 2, NEW YORK, NY

**NSN(s)—Product Name(s):**  
6840-01-367-2914—Detergent, Disinfectant, Water Soluble, .5 oz  
**Designated Source of Supply:** Goodwill Vision Enterprises, Rochester, NY  
**Contracting Activity:** GSA/FSS GREATER SOUTHWEST ACQUISITI, FORT WORTH, TX

**NSN(s)—Product Name(s):**  
7530-00-NIB-0420—Jacket No. 605-913  
**Designated Source of Supply:** CLOVERNOOK CENTER FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED, Cincinnati, OH  
**Contracting Activity:** Government Printing Office, Washington, DC

**NSN(s)—Product Name(s):**  
1560-00-875-6001—Support, Structural  
**Designated Source of Supply:** The Lighthouse for the Blind, Inc. (Seattle Lighthouse), Seattle, WA  
**Contracting Activity:** DLA AVIATION, Richmond, VA

**NSN(s)—Product Name(s):**  
6645-01-491-9838—Clock, Wall, Atomic, Mahogany Octagon, 12' Diameter  
6645-01-491-9839—Clock, Wall, Atomic, Mahogany Octagon, Custom Logo, 12' Diameter  
**Designated Source of Supply:** Chicago Lighthouse Industries, Chicago, IL  
**Contracting Activity:** GSA/FAS ADMIN SVCS ACQUISITION BR 2, NEW YORK, NY

**NSN(s)—Product Name(s):**  
3990-00-NSH-0081—Sideboard Pallet, 48' x 48'  
**Designated Source of Supply:** Knox County Association for Remarkable Citizens, Inc., Vincennes, IN  
**Contracting Activity:** W39Z STK REC ACCT-CRANE AAP, CRANE, IN

**NSN(s)—Product Name(s):**  
8970-00-NSH-0026—Meal Kit, Turkey, Detainees, DHS ICE  
8970-00-NSH-0027—Meal Kit, Roast Beef, Detainees, DHS ICE  
**Designated Source of Supply:** The Arc of Cumberland and Perry Counties,

Carlisle, PA  
**Contracting Activity:** Compliance & Removals, Washington, DC

**Michael R. Jurkowski,**  
*Acting Director, Business Operations.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2023-SCC-0173]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Annual State Application Under Part C of the Individuals With Disabilities Act as Amended in 2004

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing an extension without change of a currently approved information collection request (ICR).

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 2, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice. Click on this link [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain) to access the site. 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 Jennifer Simpson, 202-245-6348.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department is especially interested in public comment 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 records.

**Title of Collection:** Annual State Application Under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Act as Amended in 2004.

**OMB Control Number:** 1820-0550.

**Type of Review:** An extension without change of a currently approved ICR.

**Respondents/Affected Public:** State, local, and Tribal governments.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** 56.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:** 560.

**Abstract:** This is a request for an extension of the Annual State Application under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act as Amended in 2004 for Federal fiscal year 2024. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, when signed on December 3, 2004, became Public Law 108-446. In order to be eligible for a grant under 20 U.S.C. 1433, a State must provide assurance to the Secretary that the State has adopted a policy that appropriate early intervention services are available to all infants and toddlers with disabilities in the State and their families, including Indian infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families residing on a reservation geographically located in the State, infants and toddlers with disabilities who are homeless children and their families, and has in effect a statewide system that meets the requirements of 20 U.S.C. 1435. Some policies, procedures, methods, and descriptions must be submitted to the Secretary.

The review type for this collection is an extension. Additional text was added to the areas of the application template and application instructions that cover Sections III.B, III. C, and III. F to make the instructions clearer and to minimize confusion as States prepare their application materials.

Dated: November 28, 2023.

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