

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: July 2, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DoC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: Patent and Trademark Office (PTO).

Title: Supplemental Declaration for Reissue Patent Application (Proposed Addition to 0651-0033, Post Allowance.

Form Number: PTO/SB/51S.

Agency Approval Number: 0651-0033.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection (proposed addition of a new form to collection).

Burden: 10.5 hours annually.

Number of Respondents: 350 responses annually.

Average Hours Per Response: Based on estimates and knowledge of the form, the PTO estimates the burden hours required by the public to gather, prepare, and submit Form PTO/SB/51S, Supplemental Declaration for a Reissue Patent Application under 37 CFR 1.175, to be approximately 1.8 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Supplemental Declaration for Reissue Patent Application, Form PTO/SB/51S, is used by the patentee to correct errors in the patent that occurred "without any deceptive intention" on the part of the patentee. It is also used by the patentee to obtain a reissue patent. The PTO uses this declaration to correct errors in the original patent that occurred "without

deceptive intent." It is also used by the PTO to reissue the patent.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, businesses or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, farms, federal government, and state, local, or tribal governments.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Peter Weiss, (202) 395-3630.

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Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication to Peter Weiss, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Technology Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Licensing of Government-Owned Inventions

AGENCY: Technology Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on a continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, PL 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before September 7, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Department Forms Clearance Officer, Room 5327, Herbert C. Hoover Building, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230 (or via Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Raubitschek, Department Patent Counsel, by telephone at (202) 482-8010.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In 1980, the Bayh-Dole Act (PL 96-517) authorized all government agencies to license their inventions. Each applicant for a license must submit a marketing or development plan (35 U.S.C. 209(a)). In 1981, GSA issued a regulation to implement Bayh-Dole and obtained OMB approval for the collection of information under this regulation.

The licensing regulation was reissued in 1985 by DOC after assuming the responsibility from GSA in 1984 (35 U.S.C. 208). The details of an application for a license appear in 37 CFR 404.8 and include a marketing or development plan. Although it takes time to develop an effective plan, we expect that most will have a plan in mind before applying for a license. Periodic utilization reports are authorized by 37 CFR 404.5(b)(6).

About 325 licenses in total are issued every year by Government agencies. There are about 1,500 active patent licenses and each license requires an annual utilization report.

II. Data

OMB Number: None (previously cleared under GSA Control No. 8090-0108).

Form Number: None.

Type of review: Regular submission of a collection in use without formal OMB approval.

Affected Public: Any person or company seeking a patent license from the Government and any active licensee.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 400/yr applicants and 1,500/yr active licensees.

Estimated Times Per Response: 2 hrs per applicant and 15 minutes per licensee.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 800 + 400 = 1,200 hrs.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0 (no capital costs).

III. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collected information is necessary to implement 35 U.S.C. 209; (b) the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the 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 on respondents.

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

Dated: July 2, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[Docket No. 990513129-9129-01]

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NOAA Climate and Global Change Program, Program Announcement

AGENCY: Office of Global Programs, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Climate and Global Change Program represents a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) contribution to evolving national and international programs designed to improve our ability to observe, understand, predict, and respond to changes in the global environment. This program builds on NOAA's mission requirements and longstanding capabilities in global change research and prediction. The NOAA Program is a key contributing element of the U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP), which is coordinated by the interagency Committee on Environmental and Natural Resources. NOAA's program is designed to complement other agency contributions to that national effort.

DATES: Unless otherwise noted, strict deadlines for submission to the FY 2000 process are: Letters of intent must be received at the Office of Global Programs (OGP) no later than July 31, 1999. Full proposals must be received at OGP no later than October 15, 1999. Applicants who have not received a response to their letter of intent within four weeks should contact the Program Manager. The time from target date to grant award varies by program area. We anticipate that review of full proposals will occur during late September 1999 through March 2000, and funding should begin during the spring of 2000 for most approved projects. May 1,

2000, should be used as the proposed start date on proposals, unless otherwise directed by the appropriate Program Officer. Applicants should be notified of their status within six months. All proposals must be submitted in accordance with the guidelines below. Failure to heed these guidelines may result in proposals being returned without review.

ADDRESSES: Letters of Intent and Proposals should be submitted to: Office of Global Programs; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; 1100 Wayne Avenue, Suite 1225; Silver Spring, MD 20910-5603.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Irma duPree at the above address, or at (301) 427-2089 ext. 107, fax: (301) 427-2222, Internet: duPree@ogp.noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Funding Availability

NOAA believes that the Climate and Global Change Program will benefit significantly from a strong partnership with outside investigators. Current Program plans assume that over 50% of the total resources provided through this announcement will support extramural efforts, particularly those involving the broad academic community. Because of ongoing debates on the Federal budget, it is uncertain how much money will be available through this announcement. Actual funding levels will depend upon the final FY 2000 budget appropriations. This Program Announcement is for projects to be conducted by investigators both inside and outside of NOAA, primarily over a one, two or three year period. The NOAA Climate and Global Change Program has been approved for multi-year funding up to a three year duration. The funding instrument for extramural awards will be a grant unless it is anticipated that NOAA will be substantially involved in the implementation of the project, in which case the funding instrument should be a cooperative agreement. Examples of substantial involvement may include but are not limited to proposals for collaboration between NOAA or NOAA scientists and a recipient scientist or technician and/or contemplation by NOAA of detailing Federal personnel to work on proposed projects. NOAA will make decisions regarding the use of a cooperative agreement on a case-by-case basis. Funding for non-U.S. institutions and contractual arrangements for services and products for delivery to NOAA is not available under this announcement. Matching share is not required by this program.

2. Program Authority

49 U.S.C. 44720(b); 33 U.S.C. 883d, 883e; 15 U.S.C. 2904; 15 U.S.C. 2931 *et seq.*; (CFDA No. 11.431)—CLIMATE AND ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCH

3. Program Objectives

The long term objective of the Climate and Global Change Program is to provide reliable predictions of climate variability and change with associated regional implications on time scales ranging from seasons to a century or more. NOAA believes that climate variability across these time scales can be modeled with an acceptable probability of success and are the most relevant for fundamental social concerns. Predicting the behavior of the coupled ocean-atmospheric-land surface system will be NOAA's primary contribution to a successful national effort to deal with observed or anticipated changes in the global environment. NOAA has a range of unique facilities and capabilities that can be applied to Climate and Global Change investigations. Proposals that seek to exploit these resources in collaborative efforts between NOAA and extramural investigators are encouraged.

4. Program Priorities

In FY 2000, NOAA will give priority attention to individual proposals in the Main Program Elements listed below. The names, affiliations and phone numbers of relevant Climate and Global Change Program Officers are provided. Funding for some programs may be limited to ongoing projects or may be used to fund projects proposed in FY 1999 that were unable to be funded due to budgetary circumstances. Prospective applicants should communicate with Program Officers for information on priorities within program elements and prospects for funding.

(A) Aerosols

The Aerosols program element focuses on research to improve the predictive understanding of the role of anthropogenic aerosols in climate focusing. For further information, please contact Joel Levy, NOAA/Office of Global Programs, 301-427-2089 ext. 111, Internet: levy@ogp.noaa.gov.

(B) Atmospheric Chemistry

The Atmospheric Chemistry Project focuses on global monitoring, process-oriented laboratory and field studies, and theoretical modeling to improve the predictive understanding of the atmospheric trace gases that influence the earth's chemical and radiative balance. For an information sheet containing further details, contact: Joel