

and are chosen to represent the interests of diverse users of the United States Patent and Trademark Office with respect to patents, in the case of the Patent Public Advisory Committee, and with respect to trademarks, in the case of the Trademark Public Advisory Committee. Members must represent small and large entity applicants located in the United States in proportion to the number of applications filed by such applicants. The Committees must include individuals with "substantial background and achievement in finance, management, labor relations, science, technology, and office automation." 35 U.S.C. 5(b)(3). Each of the Public Advisory Committees also includes three (3) non-voting members representing each labor organization recognized by the USPTO.

Administration policy discourages the appointment of federally registered lobbyists to agency advisory boards and commissions (Lobbyists on Agency Boards and Commissions, <http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2009/09/23/lobbyist-agency-boards-and-commissions> (Sept. 23, 2009)); cf. Exec. Order No. 13490, 74 FR 4673 (January 21, 2009) (While Executive Order 13490 does not specifically apply to federally registered lobbyists appointed by agency or department heads, it sets forth the Administration's general policy of decreasing the influence of special interests in the Federal Government).

Procedures and Guidelines of the Patent and Trademark Public Advisory Committees

Each newly appointed member of the Patent and Trademark Public Advisory Committees will serve for a three-year term that begins on December 1, 2018, and ends on December 1, 2021. As required by the 1999 Act, members of the Patent and Trademark Public Advisory Committees will receive compensation for each day (including travel time) while the member is attending meetings or engaged in the business of that Advisory Committee. The enabling statute states that members are to be compensated at the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay in effect for level III of the Executive Schedule under section 5314 of Title 5, United States Code. Committee members are compensated on an hourly basis, calculated at the daily rate. While away from home or regular place of business, each member shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by Section 5703 of Title 5, United States Code.

Applicability of Certain Ethics Laws

Public Advisory Committee Members are Special Government Employees within the meaning of Section 202 of Title 18, United States Code. The following additional information includes several, but not all, of the ethics rules that apply to members, and assumes that members are not engaged in Public Advisory Committee business more than 60 days during any period of 365 consecutive days.

- Each member will be required to file a confidential financial disclosure form within thirty (30) days of appointment. 5 CFR 2634.202(c), 2634.204, 2634.903, and 2634.904(b).
- Each member will be subject to many of the public integrity laws, including criminal bars against representing a party in a particular matter that came before the member's committee and that involved at least one specific party. 18 U.S.C. 205(c); *see also* 18 U.S.C. 207 for post-membership bars. A member also must not act on a matter in which the member (or any of certain closely related entities) has a financial interest. 18 U.S.C. 208.
- Representation of foreign interests may also raise issues. 35 U.S.C. 5(a)(1) and 18 U.S.C. 219.

Meetings of the Patent and Trademark Public Advisory Committees

Meetings of each Advisory Committee will take place at the call of the respective Committee Chair to consider an agenda set by that Chair. Meetings may be conducted in person, telephonically, on-line through the internet, or by other appropriate means. The meetings of each Advisory Committee will be open to the public except each Advisory Committee may, by majority vote, meet in executive session when considering personnel, privileged, or other confidential information. Nominees must have the ability to participate in Committee business through the internet.

Dated: May 9, 2018.

Andrei Iancu,

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

[Docket ID: USAF-2018-HQ-0002]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, DoD.

ACTION: Information collection notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Department of the Air Force announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by July 16, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Mail: Department of Defense, Office of the Chief Management Officer, Directorate for Oversight and Compliance, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Mailbox #24, Suite 08D09, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the Air Force Office of Scientific Research, ATTN: AFOSR/RTB, 875 North Randolph Street, Suite 325, Room 3112, Arlington, VA 22203-

1768, or call AFOSR/RTB, at 703-588-8527.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Associated Form; and *OMB Number:* National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate (NDSEG) Fellowships Program; OMB Control Number 0701-0154.

Needs And Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary to obtain Support of Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Education to 10 U.S.C. 2191 which states that “the Secretary of Defense shall prescribe regulations providing for the award of fellowships to citizens and nationals of the United States who agree to pursue graduate degrees in science, engineering or other fields of study designated by the Secretary (of Defense) to be of priority interest to the DoD.” The DoD is committed to increasing the number and quality of the nation’s scientists and engineers. The NDSEG fellowships allow recipients to pursue their graduate studies at whichever United States institution they choose to attend. The goal is to provide the United States with talented, doctorally trained, American men and women who will lead state of the art research projects in disciplines having the greatest payoff to national defense requirements. Recipients shall be selected on the basis of a nationwide competition. Application information will be used for evaluation and selection of students to be awarded fellowships.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Annual Burden Hours: 42,924.

Number of Respondents: 3,577.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 3,577.

Average Burden per Response: 12 hours.

Frequency: Annually.

Dated: May 14, 2018.

Shelly E. Finke,

Alternate OSD Federal Register, Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

[Docket ID: USA-2018-HQ-0013]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Information collection notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff of the

Army, G-1 announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by July 16, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, ATTN: Army Resiliency Directorate (DAPE-AR), 300 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310-0300 or call (703) 571-7295.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Associated Form; and OMB Number: ArmyFit; OMB Control Number 0702-XXXX.

Needs and Uses: This collection supports the mission of the Army Resiliency Directorate (ARD), HQDA G-1, to improve the readiness of the force and quality of life for service members. ARD owns the Army Fitness Platform (ArmyFit). ArmyFit hosts the Global Assessment Tool (GAT) which is an assessment promoting self-development through its user feedback and enables

the creation of a customized ArmyFit profile which directs individuals to tailored self-development and training resources for soldiers, their families, and Army civilians. ArmyFit is a self-appraisal survey for assessing an individual’s fitness in dimensions of strength: physical, emotional, social, spiritual, and family. It is a tool for building resilience. The survey is taken by all soldiers and offered to family members, Army Civilians and contractors.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Annual Burden Hours: 425.

Number of Respondents: 1,700.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 1,700.

Average Burden per Response: 15 minutes.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Dated: May 14, 2018.

Shelly E. Finke,

Alternate OSD Federal Register, Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Charter Renewal of Department of Defense Federal Advisory Committees

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Renewal of Federal Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense (DoD) is publishing this notice to announce that it is renewing the charter for the U.S. Strategic Command Strategic Advisory Group (“the Group”).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Freeman, Advisory Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, 703-692-5952.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Group’s charter is being renewed in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended) and 41 CFR 102-3.50(d). The Group’s charter and contact information for the Group’s Designated Federal Officer (DFO) can be found at <http://www.facadatabase.gov/>.

The Group provides the Secretary of Defense and the Deputy Secretary of Defense, through the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Commander of the United States Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM), independent advice and recommendations on: Scientific, technical, intelligence, and policy-related matters of interest to the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the USSTRATCOM concerning the development and