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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

#### Customer Input: United States Patent and Trademark Office Customer Surveys

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before March 20, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- E-mail: [Susan.Brown@uspto.gov](mailto:Susan.Brown@uspto.gov). Include "0651-0038 comment" in the subject line of the message.
- Fax: 571-273-0112, marked to the attention of Susan Brown.
- Mail: Susan K. Brown, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Office of Data Architecture and Services, Data Administration Division, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.
- Federal e-Rulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information should be directed to Martin Rater, Management Analyst, Office of the Commissioner for Patents, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450; by telephone at 571-272-5966; or by e-mail at [martin.rater@uspto.gov](mailto:martin.rater@uspto.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### I. Abstract

This is a generic clearance for an undefined number of voluntary surveys that the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) may conduct over the next 3 years. The USPTO uses telephone surveys, questionnaires, and customer surveys to collect feedback from their customers.

With the exception of the telephone surveys, the surveys are mailed to the USPTO's customers. The USPTO provides the option for customers to respond to the questionnaires and surveys electronically. Although the USPTO is moving to an electronic environment and would prefer to administer the questionnaires and customer surveys wholly via the web to coincide with other e-government initiatives, the USPTO's customers have requested that the surveys be made available in paper format as well since many of them only find the time to complete the surveys during their commutes, on planes, etc., where they do not have Internet access. Consequently, the surveys are primarily answered in the paper format.

Customers either access the survey in question through the USPTO's Web site or through the Web sites of the USPTO's survey contractors. Instructions for using the online surveys are provided in the cover letter that accompanies the survey. The cover letter also contains the username and password required to enter the survey site and the access code to activate the survey. The electronic version of the survey mirrors the paper version.

The USPTO also conducts customer surveys of the entire agency. These surveys were previously covered under this generic clearance. However, since the 21st Century Strategic Plan changed the timing of these surveys from annually to biannually, these surveys will now be covered under a separate and distinct information collection. The face-to-face interviews, comment cards, and focus groups used previously have also been deleted from the collection.

The surveys in this collection are designed to obtain customer feedback regarding products, services, and related service standards of the USPTO. At this

time, the USPTO is unable to state precisely which survey vehicles will be used during the renewal period. As the USPTO's survey needs are determined, the USPTO will submit the specific survey instrument for approval.

### II. Method of Collection

These surveys will either be conducted by telephone, mailed to the USPTO in a pre-addressed, self-stamped envelope, or completed electronically. A random sample is used to collect the data. Statistical methods will be followed.

### III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0651-0038.

*Form Number(s):* The USPTO will have surveys and questionnaires in both paper and electronic formats.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; farms; the Federal Government; and State, local, or tribal governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,900 responses per year.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately 15 minutes to complete the telephone surveys and 5 minutes to complete the questionnaires and customer surveys, whether they are mailed to the USPTO or submitted electronically. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, complete the surveys, and submit them to the USPTO.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours:* 220 hours per year.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden:* \$51,700. The USPTO believes that both professionals and para-professionals will complete these surveys, at a rate of 75% of the current professional rate of \$286 per hour and 25% of the para-professional rate of \$81 per hour. Using a combination of these rates, the USPTO is using an hourly rate of \$235 to calculate the respondent costs. The USPTO estimates that the respondent cost burden for this collection will be \$51,700 per year.

Item	Estimated time for response	Estimated annual responses	Estimated annual burden hours
Telephone Surveys .....	5 minutes .....	400	100
Questionnaires and Customer Surveys .....	5 minutes .....	750	60
Electronic Questionnaires and Customer Surveys .....	5 minutes .....	750	60
Total .....	.....	1,900	220

**Note:** The burden figures shown in the table above are estimates based on the surveys that the USPTO may conduct during the next three years. At this time, the USPTO cannot predict which or how many surveys will be conducted. Depending on the number of surveys that the USPTO actually conducts, it is possible that the burden hours could decrease or even increase from the totals shown in the table.

*Estimated Total Annual Non-hour Respondent Cost Burden:* \$0. (There are no capital start-up or maintenance costs associated with this information collection.) Although the USPTO conducts mail surveys, self-addressed and stamped envelopes are provided with them. Respondents incur no postage costs resulting from these surveys.

#### IV. Request for Comments

*Comments are invited on:* (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed 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 of information on respondents, *e.g.*, the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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

Dated: January 10, 2006.

**Susan K. Brown,**

*Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Office of Data Architecture and Services, Data Administration Division.*

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#### COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

##### Sunshine Act Meetings

**TIME AND DATE:** 11 a.m., Friday, February 3, 2006.

**PLACE:** 1155 21st St., NW., Washington, DC, 9th Floor Commission Conference Room.

**STATUS:** Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** Surveillance matters.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Jean A. Webb, 202-418-5100.

**Jean A. Webb,**

*Secretary of the Commission.*

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#### COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

##### Sunshine Act Meetings

**TIME AND DATE:** 11 a.m., Friday, February 10, 2006.

**PLACE:** 1155 21st St., NW., Washington, DC, 9th Floor Commission Conference Room.

**STATUS:** Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** Surveillance matters.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Jean A. Webb, 202-418-5100.

**Jean A. Webb,**

*Secretary of the Commission.*

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#### COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

##### Sunshine Act Meetings

**TIME AND DATE:** 11 a.m., Friday, February 17, 2006.

**PLACE:** 1155 21st St., NW., Washington, DC, 9th Floor Commission Conference Room.

**STATUS:** Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** Surveillance matters.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Jean A. Webb, 202-418-5100.

**Jean A. Webb,**

*Secretary of the Commission.*

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#### COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING

##### Sunshine Act Meetings

**TIME AND DATE:** 11 a.m., Friday, February 24, 2006.

**PLACE:** 1155 21st St., NW., Washington, DC, 9th Floor Commission Conference Room.

**STATUS:** Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** Surveillance matters.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Jean A. Webb, 202-418-5100.

**Jean A. Webb,**

*Secretary of the Commission.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

##### Defense Acquisition Regulations System

[OMB Control Number 0704-0250]

##### Information Collection Requirement; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Contract Administration

**AGENCY:** Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments regarding a proposed extension of an approved information collection requirement.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), DoD announces the proposed extension of a public information collection requirement and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. DoD invites comments on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of DoD, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved this information collection for use through February 28, 2006. DoD proposes that OMB extend its approval for use for 3 additional years.

**DATES:** DoD will consider all comments received by March 20, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by OMB Control Number 0704-0250, using any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- E-mail: [dfars@osd.mil](mailto:dfars@osd.mil). Include OMB Control Number 0704-0250 in the subject line of the message.
- Fax: (703) 602-0350.