

modifications to our disability determination procedures. We have conducted several tests under the authority of these rules. One of these tests is a "prototype" that incorporates two modifications to the disability determination procedures that we use:

- A single decisionmaker (SDM), in which disability examiners in the State agencies that make disability determinations for us may make the initial disability determination in most cases without requiring the signature of a medical or psychological consultant, and

- Elimination of the reconsideration level of the administrative review process.

Another test uses SDMs, but keeps the reconsideration level.

Until August 1, 2006, there were 10 States participating in the prototype test: Alabama, Alaska, California (Los Angeles North and West Branches), Colorado, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, New Hampshire, New York, and Pennsylvania. Another 10 State agencies participated in the SDM-only test: Florida, Guam, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Nevada, North Carolina, Vermont, Washington, and West Virginia. On August 1, 2006, Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont, which are States in our Boston region, stopped participating in their respective tests because they were among the first States to implement the DSI process.<sup>1</sup> The tests in the other States have continued.

On January 15, 2008, we published a final rule entitled, "Suspension of New Claims to the Federal Reviewing Official Review Level" (73 FR 2411).<sup>2</sup> The Federal Reviewing Official review level was part of the DSI process and replaced the reconsideration level of our administrative review process for cases we adjudicated in the Boston region under the DSI process. As the title of the final rule states, we will be suspending the Federal Reviewing Official process. This means that we will be going back to the same processes we were following before August 1, 2006, whether that process was reconsideration under §§ 404.907 and 416.1407 or the testing procedures under §§ 404.906 and 416.1406. Therefore, as of the effective date of the final rule suspending the FedRO process:

- New Hampshire will become a prototype State again,

- The first level of appeal in all the other States in the Boston region will be reconsideration by the State agency, and

- Maine and Vermont will use SDMs.

Since the rule suspending the use of the Federal Reviewing Official will be effective on March 23, 2008, that is also the date on which we will make the changes described here in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont.

In a **Federal Register** notice we published on August 10, 2006, we explained that the selection of cases for the current tests is scheduled to end no later than September 30, 2009 (71 FR 45890). We also explained that we may decide to extend the tests, and that, if we do, we will publish another notice in the **Federal Register**. We are not extending the scheduled ending dates of these tests now, and will use the same date for Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont that we use for the other States participating in the tests. Therefore, our selection of cases in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont will end on or before September 30, 2009, unless we publish another notice in the **Federal Register** extending the tests.

Dated: March 3, 2008.

**Linda S. McMahon,**

*Deputy Commissioner for Operations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 6125]

### 30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Form DS-4071, Export Declaration of Defense Technical Data or Services; OMB Control Number 1405-0157.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comment and submission to OMB of proposed collection of information.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

- *Title of Information Collection:* Export Declaration of Defense Technical Data or Services.

- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0157.

- *Type of Request:* Extension of Currently Approved Collection.

- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, PM/DDTC.

- *Form Number:* DS-4071.

- *Respondents:* Business and Nonprofit Organizations.

- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,000.

- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 10,000.

- *Average Hours per Response:* 30 minutes.

- *Total Estimated Burden:* 5,000 hours.

- *Frequency:* On Occasion.

- *Obligation to Respond:* Mandatory.

**DATES:** Submit comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for up to 30 days from March 7, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct comments and questions to Katherine Astrich, the Department of State Desk Officer in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), who may be reached at 202-395-4718. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *kastrich@omb.eop.gov.* You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and OMB control number in the subject line of your message.

- Mail (paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions): Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

- Fax: 202-395-6974.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the information collection and supporting documents, to Ann K. Ganzer, PM/DDTC, SA-1, 12th Floor, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20522-0112, who may be reached via phone at (202) 663-2792, or via e-mail at *ganzerak@state.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of our functions.

- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

### Abstract of Proposed Collection

Actual export of defense technical data and defense services will be electronically reported directly to the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls

<sup>1</sup> The other States in the Boston region are Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island.

<sup>2</sup> In the notice we published on January 15, 2008, we stated that the effective date of the final rule would be March 15, 2008. However, on February 27, 2008, we published a correction notice in the **Federal Register** providing that the effective date would be March 23, 2008 (73 FR 10381).

(DDTC). DDTC administers the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) and section 38 of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA). The actual exports must be in accordance with requirements of the ITAR and section 38 of the AECA. DDTC will monitor the information to ensure there is proper control of the transfer of sensitive U.S. technology.

**Methodology:** The exporter will electronically report directly to DDTC the actual export of defense technical data and defense services using DS-4071. DS-4071 is available on DDTC's Web site, <http://www.pmdtcc.state.gov>.

Dated: February 28, 2008.

**Frank J. Ruggiero,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Defense Trade and Regional Security, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, U.S. Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 6121]

### 30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: DS 4053, Department of State Mentor-Protégé Program Application, OMB 1405-0161

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comment and submission to OMB of proposed collection of information.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

- **Title of Information Collection:** Department of State Mentor-Protégé Program Application.
- **OMB Control Number:** OMB 1405-0161.
- **Type of Request:** Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.
- **Originating Office:** Bureau of Administration, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization—A/SDBU.
- **Form Number:** DS-4053.
- **Respondents:** Small and large for-profit companies planning to team together in an official mentor-protégé capacity to improve the likelihood of winning DOS contracts.
- **Estimated Number of Respondents:** 14 respondents per year.
- **Estimated Number of Responses:** 14 per year.
- **Average Hours per Response:** 14 hours.
- **Total Estimated Burden:** 21 hours.
- **Frequency:** On Occasion.

- **Obligation to Respond:** Required to Obtain Benefit.

**DATES:** Submit comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for up to 30 days from March 7, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct comments and questions to Katherine Astrich, the Department of State Desk Officer in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), who may be reached at 202-395-4718. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- **E-mail:** [kastrich@omb.eop.gov](mailto:kastrich@omb.eop.gov). You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and OMB control number in the subject line of your message.

• **Mail (paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions):** Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

- **Fax:** 202-395-6974.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** You may obtain copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents from Patricia Culbreth, A/SDBU, Patricia Culbreth, SA-6, Room L-500, Washington DC 20522-0602 who may be reached on 703-875-6881. E-mail: [culbrethpb@state.gov](mailto:culbrethpb@state.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary to properly perform our functions.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond,

**Abstract of proposed collection:**

This information collection facilitates continuation of a mentor-protégé program that encourages business agreements between small and large for-profit companies planning to team together in an official mentor-protégé capacity to improve the likelihood of winning DOS contracts. This program assists the State Department OSDBU office in reaching its small business goals.

**Methodology:** Respondents may submit the information by e-mail using DS-4053, or by letter using fax or postal mail.

**Additional Information:** None.

Dated: February 19, 2008.

**Gregory N. Mayberry,**

*Operations Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 6122]

### 30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Department of State Form DS-1504; Request for Customs Clearance of Merchandise; OMB Control Number 1405-0104

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comment and submission to OMB of proposed collection of information.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

- **Title of Information Collection:** Request for Customs Clearance of Merchandise.
  - **OMB Control Number:** 1405-0104.
  - **Type of Request:** Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.
  - **Originating Office:** DS/OFM/VTC/TC.
  - **Form Number:** DS-1504.
  - **Respondents:** Eligible foreign diplomatic or consular missions, certain foreign government organizations, and designated international organizations.
  - **Estimated Number of Respondents:** 350.
  - **Estimated Number of Responses:** 7800.
  - **Average Hours per Response:** 30 minutes.
  - **Total Estimated Burden:** 3900 hours.
  - **Frequency:** On Occasion.
  - **Obligation to Respond:** Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.
- DATES:** Submit comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for up to 30 days from March 7, 2008.
- ADDRESSES:** Direct comments and questions to Katherine Astrich, the Department of State Desk Officer in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), who may be reached at 202-395-4718. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:
- **E-mail:** [kastrich@omb.eop.gov](mailto:kastrich@omb.eop.gov). You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and OMB control number in the subject line of your message.