

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 9376]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Request for Entry Into Children's Passport Issuance Alert Program

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

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this Notice is to allow 30 days for public comment.

DATES: Submit comments directly to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) up to January 13, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Direct comments to the Department of State Desk Officer in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). You may submit comments by the following methods:

- *Email:* oira_submission@omb.eop.gov. You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and the OMB control number in the subject line of your message.
- *Fax:* 202-395-5806. Attention: Desk Officer for Department of State.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Derek Rivers, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Overseas Citizens Services (CA/OCS/PMO), U.S. Department of State, SA-17, 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20036 or at RiversDA@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection:* Request for Entry into Children's Passport Issuance Alert Program.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0169.
- *Type of Request:* Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Consular Affairs, Overseas Citizens Services, CA/OCS/PMO.
- *Form Number:* DS-3077.
- *Respondents:* Concerned parents or their agents, institutions, or courts.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 6,000.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 6,000.
- *Average Hours per Response:* 30 minutes.

- *Total Estimated Burden:* 3,000 hours.
 - *Frequency:* On occasion.
 - *Obligation to Respond:* Voluntary.
- We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:
- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.
 - Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this 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 information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Abstract of proposed collection: The information requested will be used to support entry of the name of a minor (an unmarried person under 18) into the Children's Passport Issuance Alert Program (CPIAP). CPIAP provides a mechanism for parents or other persons with legal custody of a minor to obtain information regarding whether the Department has received a passport application for the minor. This program was developed as a means to prevent international abduction of a minor or to help prevent other travel of a minor without the consent of a parent or legal guardian. If a minor's name and other identifying information has been entered into the CPIAP, when the Department receives an application for a new, replacement, or renewed passport for the minor, the application will be placed on hold for up to 90 days and the Office of Children's Issues may attempt to notify the requestor of receipt of the application. Form DS-3077 will be primarily submitted by a parent or legal guardian of a minor. 22 C.F.R. § 51.28, which is the regulation that implements the statutory two parent consent requirement and prescribes the bases for an exception is one of the main legal authorities that this form is based from.

Methodology: The completed form DS-3077 can be filled out online and printed or completed by hand. The form must be manually signed and submitted to the Office of Children's Issues by email, fax or mail.

Dated: December 3, 2015.

Henry Hand,

(Acting) Managing Director, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 9377]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Local U.S. Citizen Skills/Resources Survey

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

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this Notice is to allow 30 days for public comment.

DATES: Submit comments directly to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) up to January 13, 2016.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection:* Local U.S. Citizen Skills/Resources Survey.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0188.
- *Type of Request:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Consular Affairs, Overseas Citizens Services (CA/OCS).
- *Form Number:* DS-5506.

- *Respondents:* United States Citizens.
 - *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,400.
 - *Estimated Number of Responses:* 2,400.
 - *Average Hours per Response:* 15 minutes.
 - *Total Estimated Burden:* 600 hours.
 - *Frequency:* On Occasion.
 - *Obligation to Respond:* Voluntary.
- We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:
- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.
 - Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this 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 information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Abstract of proposed collection: The Local U.S. Citizen Skills/Resources Survey is a systematic method of gathering information about skills and resources from U.S. citizens that will assist in improving the well-being of other U.S. citizens affected or potentially affected by a crisis.

Methodology: This information collection can be completed by the respondent electronically or manually. The information will be collected on-site at a U.S. Embassy/Consulate, by mail, fax, or email.

Dated: December 2, 2015.

Henry Hand,

(Acting) Managing Director, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.

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**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

**Request for Comments and Notice of
Public Hearing Concerning Policy
Recommendations for Deepening the
U.S.-Africa Trade and Investment
Relationship**

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Request for comments; notice of hearing.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR), with the participation of other U.S. Government agencies, will convene a public hearing and seek public comment to assist in the preparation of its report to Congress on policy levers for deepening the U.S.-Africa trade and investment relationship.

DATES: Written comments are due by 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, January 19, 2016. Persons wishing to testify orally at the hearing must provide written notification of their intention, as well as a summary of their testimony, by 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, January 19, 2016. The hearing will be held on Thursday, January 28, 2016, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Main Hearing Room, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and notifications of intent to testify should be submitted electronically via the Internet at www.regulations.gov. If you are unable to provide submissions at www.regulations.gov, please contact Yvonne Jamison at (202) 395-3475, to arrange for an alternative method of transmission.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For procedural questions concerning written comments, please contact Yvonne Jamison at (202) 395-3475. All other questions regarding this notice should be directed to Bennett Harman, Deputy Assistant United States Trade Representative for Africa, at (202) 395-9612.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background

The African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) (Title I of the Trade and Development Act of 2000, Pub. L. 106-200) (19 U.S.C. 2466a *et seq.*), as amended, authorizes the President to designate sub-Saharan African countries as beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries eligible for duty-free treatment for certain additional products not included for duty-free treatment under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) (Title V of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2461 *et seq.*) (the “1974 Act”)), as well as for the preferential treatment for certain textile and apparel articles. Many developments since AGOA was enacted in 2000—including a significant increase in the number of trade agreements signed by both the United States and sub-Saharan African countries with third parties and reductions in preference programs by other developed countries such as the European Union and Canada—signal the

importance for the United States to assess many policies and approaches, including those beyond preferences, to deepen the U.S.-sub-Saharan Africa trade and investment relationship. Such policies and approaches could maintain and enhance the competitiveness of U.S. companies and investors in the region while promoting sustainable, transformative development in the region. Congress also has signaled an interest in exploring such policies and approaches, and pursuant to section 110(b) of the Trade Preferences Extension Act of 2015, Public Law 114-27, required USTR to submit certain information about the prospect for free trade agreements with sub-Saharan African countries.

Accordingly, USTR is undertaking a comprehensive analysis to examine how to deepen our trade and investment relationship with sub-Saharan African countries. USTR is hereby soliciting public comment to assist in the preparation of its report.

2. Public Comment and Hearing

USTR invites written comments and/or oral testimony of interested persons on issues including, but not limited to, the following: (a) Why a deeper trade and investment relationship is critical both for African growth and for U.S. interests; (b) which trade and investment policy areas should serve as building blocks to deepen this relationship; (c) what goals should the U.S. and African partners establish with respect to each building block; and (d) what mechanisms and approaches could be used to best achieve these goals. Written comments must be received no later than 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, January 19, 2016.

A hearing will be held on Thursday, January 28, 2016, in the Main Hearing Room, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436, in the facilities of the U.S. International Trade Commission. Persons wishing to testify at the hearing must provide written notification of their intention by 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, January 19, 2016. The intent to testify notification must be made in the “Type Comment” field under docket number USTR-2015-0019 on the www.regulations.gov Web site and should include the name, address and telephone number of the person presenting the testimony. A summary of the testimony should be attached by using the “Upload File” field. The name of the file should also include who will be presenting the testimony. Remarks at the hearing should be limited to no more than five minutes to allow for possible questions from the government representatives.