

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice: 9451]

**30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Affidavit of Identifying Witness**

**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 March 21, 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](mailto: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, by mail to PPT Forms Officer, U.S. Department of State, CA/PPT/S/L/LA 44132 Mercure Cir., P.O. Box 1227, Sterling, VA 20166-1227, by phone at (202) 485-6373, or by email at [PPTFormsOfficer@state.gov](mailto:PPTFormsOfficer@state.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

- *Title of Information Collection:* Affidavit of Identifying Witness.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0088.
- *Type of Request:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Consular Affairs, Passport Services, Office of Legal Affairs and Law Enforcement Liaison (CA/PPT/S/L/LA).
- *Form Number:* DS-0071.
- *Respondents:* Individuals.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 61,000.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 61,000.
- *Average Time per Response:* 5 min.
- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 5,083 hours.

- *Frequency:* On Occasion.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain a Benefit.

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 Affidavit of Identifying Witness is submitted in conjunction with an application for a U.S. passport. It is used by Passport Services to collect information for the purpose of establishing the identity of the applicant. This affidavit is completed by the identifying witness when the applicant is unable to establish his or her identity to the satisfaction of a person authorized to accept passport applications.

**Methodology**

The Affidavit of Identifying Witness is submitted in conjunction with an application for a U.S. passport. Due to legislative mandates, Form DS-0071 is only available at acceptance facilities, passport agencies, and U.S. embassies and consulates. This form must be completed and signed in the presence of an authorized Passport Agent, Acceptance Agent, or Consular Officer.

Dated: January 20, 2016.

**Brenda S. Sprague,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Passport Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.*

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[Public Notice: 9443]

**Advisory Committee on Private International Law: Public Meeting on Online Dispute Resolution; Correction**

**AGENCY:** Department of State.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting; correction.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State published a **Federal Register** Notice on February 5, 2016, in 81 FR 6324 notifying the public of an Advisory meeting on Online Dispute Resolution being held on Tuesday February 23rd. The notice contained an incorrect day. This document corrects the day.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Tricia Smeltzer, Paralegal, Office of Private International Law, Office of Legal Advisor, Department of State; phone: 202-776-8423, email: [smeltzertk@state.gov](mailto:smeltzertk@state.gov).

**Correction**

In the FR Doc 2016-02304, appearing on page 6324 in the **Federal Register** of February 5, 2015 (81 FR 6324), in the second column, in the third paragraph, in *Time and Place*, the first sentence is corrected to read:

The meeting of the ACPIIL ODR Study Group will take place on Tuesday February 23, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon EST at 2430 E Street NW., South Building (SA 4S) (Navy Hill), Room 240.

Dated: February 9, 2016.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Highway Administration****Notice of Final Federal Agency Action on SH 249, From South of FM 1774/FM 149 in Pinehurst to FM 1774 North of Todd Mission, Montgomery and Grimes Counties, Texas**

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of Limitation on Claims for Judicial Review of Actions by TxDOT and Federal Agencies.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces actions taken by TxDOT and Federal agencies that are final within the meaning of 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1). The environmental