

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Patent and Trademark Office****Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; "International Design Applications (Hague Agreement)"**

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Agency:* United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

*Title:* International Design Applications (Hague Agreement).

*OMB Control Number:* 0651-0075.

*Form Number(s):* WIPO DM/1.

*Type of Request:* Regular.

*Number of Respondents:* 556 responses per year.

*Average Time per Response:* The USPTO estimates that the response time for activities related to International Design Applications (Hague Agreement) will take the public between approximately 15 minutes (0.25 hours) to 6 hours to complete. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, create the document, and submit the completed request to the USPTO. The USPTO calculates that, on balance, it takes the same amount of time to do this, regardless of whether to the public is submitting the information in paper form or electronically.

*Burden Hours:* 1,898 hours per year.

*Non-Hourly Cost Burden:* \$424,246.00 per year.

*Needs and Uses:* The information requested in this collection is necessary for the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Contracting Parties, and the USPTO to process information design applications and related correspondences under the Hague Agreement. The Hague Agreement is an international agreement that enables an applicant to file a single international design application and have it function as an application for protection for the designs in countries and or organizations that are Parties to the Treaty and designated in the application.

As an initial matter, the International Bureau (IB) of WIPO uses this information to perform its review under the treaty. Pursuant to Article 8 of the treaty, if the International Bureau (IB) finds that the applicant has not fulfilled the requirements of the Hague Agreements and the Common Regulations, the IB will invite the applicant to make the required

connections within a prescribed time period. Once this review of the formalities of the application has been completed, the IB then issues an international registration, which includes the information collected from the international design application. The designated Contracting Parties then perform their review of the international design application. The Hague Agreement enables applicants from a Contracting Party to obtain protection of their designs with minimal formality and expense. Additionally, under the Hague Agreement, the international registration can be centrally maintained by the IB. Through the IB, applicants can record changes of their representatives, change ownership, and renew international registrations.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profits; not-for-profit institutions.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Nicholas A. Fraser, email: [Nicholas\\_A\\_Fraser@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov).

Once submitted, the request will be publicly available in electronic format through [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Further information can be obtained by:

- *Email:* [InformationCollection@uspto.gov](mailto:InformationCollection@uspto.gov). Include "0651-0075 copy request" in the subject line of the message.
- *Mail:* Marcie Lovett, Records and Information Governance Division Director, Office of the Chief Technology Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before October 11, 2017 to Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB Desk Officer, via email to [Nicholas\\_A\\_Fraser@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov), or by fax to 202-395-5167, marked to the attention of Nicholas A. Fraser.

**Marcie Lovett,**

*Records and Information Governance Division Director, OCTO, United States Patent and Trademark Office.*

[FR Doc. 2017-19183 Filed 9-8-17; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 3510-16-P**

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

[Docket No.: ED-2017-ICCD-0093]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Master Generic Plan for Customer Surveys and Focus Groups**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing an extension of an existing information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 11, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED-2017-ICCD-0093. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Room 216-32, Washington, DC 20202-4537.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Stephanie Valentine, 202-401-0526.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the

following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

*Title of Collection:* Master Generic Plan for Customer Surveys and Focus Groups.

*OMB Control Number:* 1800-0011.

*Type of Review:* An extension of an existing information collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 451,216.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 115,344.

*Abstract:* Surveys to be considered under this generic will only include those surveys that improve customer service or collect feedback about a service provided to individuals or entities directly served by ED. The results of these customer surveys will help ED managers plan and implement program improvements and other customer satisfaction initiatives. Focus groups that will be considered under the generic clearance will assess customer satisfaction with a direct service, or will be designed to inform a customer satisfaction survey ED is considering. Surveys that have the potential to influence policy will not be considered under this generic clearance.

Dated: September 6, 2017.

**Stephanie Valentine,**

*Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Management.*

[FR Doc. 2017-19181 Filed 9-8-17; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE P**

---

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Fiscal Year 2018 Title VI Virtual Technical Assistance Workshop

**AGENCY:** Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Education (Department), International and Foreign Language Education (IFLE) announces a Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Title VI Virtual Technical Assistance Workshop (TAW). IFLE is conducting this workshop to

assist prospective applicants with the preparation of FY 2018 grant applications for programs authorized by title VI of the Higher Education Act (HEA), pending the availability of funds for new competitions.

**Note:** Please be advised that this notice is not inviting grant applications from the public, as the Department has not announced any international education program competitions for FY 2018.

**DATES:** IFLE will conduct the TAW on September 19 and 20, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Kathleen Connors de Laguna, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., Room 3E221, Washington, DC 20202-4260. Telephone: (202) 453-5518 or by email: [kathleen.connorsdelaguna@ed.gov](mailto:kathleen.connorsdelaguna@ed.gov) or Michelle Butler. Telephone: (202) 453-6491 or by email: [michelle.butler@ed.gov](mailto:michelle.butler@ed.gov).

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) or a text telephone (TTY), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the TAW is to assist prospective applicants with the preparation of grant applications under the Centers for International Business Education (CIBE), Language Resource Centers (LRC), National Resource Centers (NRC), Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships (FLAS), and the Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language (UISFL) Programs, pending the availability of funds for new FY 2018 competitions. (CFDA Numbers: 84.220A, 84.229A, 84.015A, 84.015B, and 84.017A.)

IFLE is holding its first virtual technical workshop to provide a more cost-efficient platform for participants to obtain guidance for developing their grant applications and engage with other participants, Department officials, and the IFLE team. The two-day workshop will be live-streamed from the Department headquarters in Washington, DC. The overall structure of the workshop will include an opening plenary session, technical assistance presentations about the Title VI programs' selection criteria and other application requirements, presentations that highlight innovative Title VI and Fulbright-Hays projects and outcomes, "lessons-learned" sessions about building effective and sustained collaborations, and presentations by experts on relevant international education topics. All sessions will be interactive and will provide the opportunity for participants to comment and ask questions.

A tentative agenda is available at <http://iflemeetings.com/agenda/>.

**Registration:** The workshop is open to the public and free of charge. All participants, however, should register online at <http://iflemeetings.com>. Registering on this Web site enables participants to receive the instructions for selecting the sessions they wish to attend virtually.

The Department is committed to ensuring that this webinar is accessible to all people with disabilities. If you require a reasonable accommodation to participate in this webinar, please contact the persons listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**Accessible Format:** Individuals with disabilities can obtain this document in an accessible format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or compact disc) on request to the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**Electronic Access to This Document:** The official version of this document is the document published in the **Federal Register**. Free Internet access to the official edition of the **Federal Register** and the Code of Federal Regulations is available via the Federal Digital System at: [www.gpo.gov/fdsys](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys). At this site you can view this document, as well as all other documents of this Department published in the **Federal Register**, in text or PDF. To use PDF you must have Adobe Acrobat Reader, which is available free at the site.

You may also access documents of the Department published in the **Federal Register** by using the article search feature at: [www.federalregister.gov](http://www.federalregister.gov). Specifically, through the advanced search feature at this site, you can limit your search to documents published by the Department.

Dated: September 6, 2017.

**Kathleen A. Smith,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.*

[FR Doc. 2017-19206 Filed 9-8-17; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 4000-01-P**

---

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Northern New Mexico

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Northern New Mexico. The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public