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Dated: April 23, 2018.

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*Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### United States Patent and Trademark Office

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Recording Assignments

The Department of Commerce 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:* Recording Assignments.

*OMB Control Number:* 0651-0027.

*Form Number(s):*

- PTO-1594
- PTO-1595

*Type of Request:* Regular.

*Number of Respondents:* 596,527 responses per year.

*Average Hours per Response:* The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately 30 minutes (0.5 hours) to prepare the appropriate form or document and submit it to the USPTO.

*Burden Hours:* 298,263.50 hours annually.

*Cost Burden:* \$3,292,293.88.

*Needs and Uses:*

This collection of information is required by 35 U.S.C. 261 and 262 for patents and 15 U.S.C. 1057 and 1060 for trademarks. These statutes authorize the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) to record patent and trademark assignment documents, including transfers of properties (*i.e.* patents and trademarks), liens, licenses, assignments of interest, security interests, mergers, and explanations of transactions or other documents that record the transfer of ownership of a particular patent or trademark property from one party to another. Assignments are recorded for applications, patents, and trademark registrations.

The USPTO administers these statutes through 37 CFR 2.146, 2.171, and 37 CFR part 3. These rules permit the public, corporations, other federal agencies, and Government-owned or

Government-controlled corporations to submit patent and trademark assignment documents and other documents related to title transfers to the USPTO to be recorded. In accordance with 37 CFR 3.54, the recording of an assignment document by the USPTO is an administrative action and not a determination of the validity of the document or of the effect that the document has on the title to an application, patent, or trademark.

*Affected Public:* Businesses 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*.

Once submitted, the request will be publicly available in electronic format through *reginfo.gov*. Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Paper copies can be obtained by:

- *Email:* *InformationCollection@uspto.gov*. Include "0651-0027 Recording Assignments" in the subject line of the message.

- *Mail:* Marcie Lovett, Director, Records and Information Governance Division, 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 May 29, 2018 to Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB Desk Officer, via email to *Nicholas\_A\_Fraser@omb.eop.gov*, or by fax to 202 395-5167, marked to the attention of Nicholas A. Fraser.

**Marcie Lovett,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### United States Patent and Trademark Office

#### Submission of OMB Review; Comment Request; "Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Program"

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:* Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Program.

*OMB Control Number:* 0651-0058.

*Form Number(s):*

- PTO/SB/20GLBL
- PTO/SB/20AR
- PTO/SB/20BR
- PTO/SB/20CZ
- PTO/SB/20EA
- PTO/SB/20MX
- PTO/SB/20NL
- PTO/SB/20PH
- PTO/SB/20RO
- PTO/SB/20TW

*Type of Request:* Regular.

*Number of Respondents:* 8,110 responses per year.

*Average Hours per Response:* The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately two hours to gather the necessary information, prepare the appropriate form, and submit a completed request to the USPTO.

*Burden Hours:* 16,200 hours.

*Cost Burden:* \$0.

*Needs and Uses:* The information gathered in this collection is integral to the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) programs that the USPTO participates in by identifying patent applications being filed at multiple intellectual property offices across the globe, including at the USPTO. This includes declaring the Office of Earlier Examination (OEE) with whom the application at the OEE, and providing the necessary supporting documentation for the application. The forms also identify the correspondence between the claims being made at the USPTO with claims filed at the OEE and an explanation for that correspondence.

*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*.

Once submitted, the request will be publicly available in electronic format through *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*. Include "0651-0068 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 May 29, 2018 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 202-395-5197, marked to the attention of Nicholas A. Fraser.

**Marcie Lovett,**

*Records and Information Governance  
Division Director, Office of the Chief  
Technology Officer, United States Patent and  
Trademark Office.*

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## BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION

### Academic Research Council Meeting

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), this notice sets forth the announcement of a public meeting of the Academic Research Council (ARC or Council) of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Bureau). The notice also describes the functions of the Council. This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting date due to administrative delays.

**DATES:** The meeting date is Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. eastern standard time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting location is Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20552.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Emily Turner, Director's Financial Analyst, at 202-435-7730, [CFPB\\_AcademicResearchCouncil@cfpb.gov](mailto:CFPB_AcademicResearchCouncil@cfpb.gov), Academic Research Council, Office of Research, 1700 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20552. If you require this document in an alternative electronic format, please contact [CFPB\\_Accessibility@cfpb.gov](mailto:CFPB_Accessibility@cfpb.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### I. Background

Section 1013(b)(1) of the Consumer Financial Protection Act, 12 U.S.C. 5493(b)(1), establishes the Office of Research (OR) and assigns to it the responsibility of researching, analyzing, and reporting on topics relating to the Bureau's mission, including developments in markets for consumer financial products and services, consumer awareness, and consumer behavior. The Academic Research

Council is a consultative body comprised of scholars that help the Office of Research perform these responsibilities. Section 3 of the ARC Charter states:

The Council will provide the Bureau's Office of Research technical advice and feedback on research methodologies, data collection strategies, and methods of analysis. Additionally, the Council will provide both backward- and forward-looking feedback on the Office of Research's research work and will offer input into its research strategic planning process and research agenda.

### II. Agenda

The Academic Research Council will discuss methodology and direction for consumer finance research at the Bureau.

Persons who need a reasonable accommodation to participate should contact [CFPB\\_504Request@cfpb.gov](mailto:CFPB_504Request@cfpb.gov), 202-435-9EE0, 1-855-233-0362, or 202-435-9742 (TTY) at least ten business days prior to the meeting or event to request assistance. The request must identify the date, time, location, and title of the meeting or event, the nature of the assistance requested, and contact information for the requester. The Bureau will strive to provide, but cannot guarantee that accommodation will be provided for late requests.

Written comments will be accepted from interested members of the public and should be sent to [CFPB\\_AcademicResearchCouncil@cfpb.gov](mailto:CFPB_AcademicResearchCouncil@cfpb.gov), a minimum of seven (7) days in advance of the meeting. The comments will be provided to the ARC members for consideration. Individuals who wish to attend the Academic Research Council meeting must RSVP to [CFPB\\_AcademicResearchCouncil@cfpb.gov](mailto:CFPB_AcademicResearchCouncil@cfpb.gov), by noon, May 1, 2018. Members of the public must RSVP by the due date and must include "ARC" in the subject line of the RSVP.

### III. Availability

The Council's agenda will be made available to the public on April 24, 2018, via [consumerfinance.gov](http://consumerfinance.gov). Individuals should express in their RSVP if they require a paper copy of the agenda.

A recording and transcript of this meeting will be available after the meeting on the Bureau's website [consumerfinance.gov](http://consumerfinance.gov).

Dated: April 20, 2018.

**Kirsten Sutton,**

*Chief of Staff, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Board of Regents, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Board of Regents (Board), Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU), Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The DoD is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the Board of Regents, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences will take place.

**DATES:** Friday, May 18, 2018 open to the public from 8:00 a.m. to 10:20 a.m. Closed session will occur from approximately 10:25 a.m. to 11:25 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, 4301 Jones Bridge Road, Everett Alvarez Jr. Board of Regents Room (D3001), Bethesda, Maryland 20814.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Jennifer Nuetzi James, 301-295-3066 (Voice), 301-295-1960 (Facsimile), [jennifer.nuetzi-james@usuhs.edu](mailto:jennifer.nuetzi-james@usuhs.edu) (Email). Mailing address is 4301 Jones Bridge Road, A1020, Bethesda, Maryland 20814. Website: <https://www.usuhs.edu/vpe/bor>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.140 and 102-3.150.

*Purpose of the Meeting:* The purpose of the meeting is to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Defense, through the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, on academic and administrative matters critical to the full accreditation and successful operation of USU. These actions are necessary for USU to pursue its mission, which is to educate, train and comprehensively prepare uniformed services health professionals, officers, scientists and leaders to support the Military and Public Health Systems, the National Security and National Defense Strategies of the United States, and the readiness of our Uniformed Services.

*Agenda:* The actions scheduled to occur include the review of the minutes from the Board meeting held on