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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions have implemented the SEDAR process. SEDAR is a participatory process for developing, evaluating and reviewing information used for fisheries management advice. This multi-step process for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region may include (1) a Data stage, and (2) an Assessment stage, and (3) a Review stage. Each stage produces a report summarizing decisions made during that stage. A final stock assessment report is produced at the end of a SEDAR process documenting data sets used, model configurations and the opinions from the independent peer review. Participants for SEDAR projects are appointed by the Gulf, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils and National Marine Fisheries Service Southeast Regional Office, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, and Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Participants may include data collectors and database managers; stock assessment scientists, biologists, and researchers; constituency representatives including fishermen, environmentalists, and non-governmental organizations; International experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and Federal agencies.

The items of discussion in the SEDAR 103 Data Webinar 4 are as follows: Review of socioeconomic data, fishery characterization and Pacific Islands. Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been

notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 business days prior to each workshop.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.

Dated: April 23, 2026.

Rey Israel Marquez,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; DOCX Submission Requirements

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (hereafter “USPTO” or “Agency”), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, invites comments on the extension and revision of an existing information collection: 0651-0089 (DOCX Submission Requirements). The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comments preceding submission of the information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: To ensure consideration, you must submit comments regarding this information collection on or before June 26, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments by any of the following methods. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

- *Email:* InformationCollection@uspto.gov. Include “0651-0089 comment” in the subject line of the message.

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>.

- *Mail:* Justin Isaac, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

- *Telephone:* Raul Tamayo, Senior Legal Advisor, 571-272-7728.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to Raul Tamayo, Senior Legal Advisor at: United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450; 571-272-7728; or raul.tamayo@uspto.gov with “0651-0089 comment” in the subject line. Additional information about this information collection is also available at <https://www.reginfo.gov> under “Information Collection Review.”

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(u) took effect January 17, 2024, and is due for any application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111 for an original patent—except design, plant, or provisional applications—where the specification, claims, and/or abstract do not conform to the USPTO requirements for submission in the DOCX format. Therefore, the fee is due for nonprovisional utility applications filed under 35 U.S.C. 111, including continuing applications, that are not filed in the DOCX format. See *Setting and Adjusting Patent Fees During Fiscal Year 2020*, 85 FR 46932 (August 3, 2020).¹

To provide a fair and reasonable transition to the DOCX format, the USPTO has, since April 2022, provided patent applicants with the option to submit a back-up applicant-generated PDF version of the application along with the DOCX file(s) when filing an application in Patent Center. See *Extension of the Option for Submission of a PDF With a Patent Application Filed in DOCX Format*, 88 FR 37036 (Jun. 6, 2023).² The USPTO also continues to offer DOCX training sessions for stakeholders. See www.uspto.gov/about-us/events/patents-docx-filing.

The items in this information collection relate solely to the impacts of the 37 CFR 1.16(u) non-DOCX filing surcharge fee on the filing of nonprovisional utility applications under 35 U.S.C. 111, including continuing applications. In particular, this information collection accounts for the 37 CFR 1.16(u) non-DOCX filing

¹ <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-08-03/pdf/2020-16559.pdf>.

² <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2023-06-06/pdf/2023-11910.pdf>.

surcharge fee itself, as well as an additional 30 minutes of time to accommodate (i) extra review that some respondents might undertake when filing in the DOCX format and (ii) submissions of the back-up applicant-generated PDF that some respondents will opt to submit.

The estimated volumes for the items in this information collection are based on the estimates for the corresponding nonprovisional utility applications filed under 35 U.S.C. 111, including continuing applications, that are covered under the existing OMB clearance 0651-0032 (Initial Patent Applications). Respondents for the items in this information collection will either take an extra 0.50 hours (30 minutes) to file their applications in DOCX format or they will pay the non-DOCX surcharge. They will not do both.

II. Method of Collection

DOCX submission of the applications in this collection must be undertaken electronically through the USPTO patent electronic filing system (Patent Center), the USPTO's online filing and viewing system for patent applications and related documents. For those respondents who choose to not file the applications in this collection in the DOCX format and pay the non-DOCX filing surcharge fee, the applications and fee may be submitted electronically by Patent Center, mail, or hand delivery.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0651-0089.

Forms: None.

Type of Review: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Affected Public: Private sector.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

Frequency: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 364,999 respondents (including 27,156 respondents from filing fees).

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 364,999 responses (including 27,156 responses from filing fees).

Estimated Time per Response: The USPTO estimates that the responses in this information collection will take the public approximately 30 minutes (0.50 hours) to complete. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, create the document, and submit the completed item(s) to the USPTO.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 168,922 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Hourly Cost Burden: \$75,508,134.

TABLE 1—TOTAL REPORTING BURDEN HOURS AND HOURLY COSTS TO PRIVATE SECTOR RESPONDENTS

Item No.	Item	Estimated annual respondents (a)	Responses per respondent (b)	Estimated annual responses (a) × (b) = (c)	Estimated time for response (hours) (d)	Estimated burden (hour/year) (c) × (d) = (e)	Rate ³ (\$/hour) (f)	Estimated annual respondent cost burden (e) × (f) = (g)
1	DOCX submission of Noncontinuing, Nonprovisional Utility Applications.	198,077	1	198,077	0.50 (30 minutes) ...	99,039	\$447	\$44,270,433
2	DOCX submission of Continuation/Divisional of an International Application.	24,066	1	24,066	0.50 (30 minutes) ...	12,033	447	5,378,751
3	DOCX submission of Utility Continuation/Divisional Applications.	105,518	1	105,518	0.50 (30 minutes) ...	52,759	447	23,583,273
4	DOCX submission of Utility Continuation-in-Part Applications.	10,182	1	10,182	0.50 (30 minutes) ...	5,091	447	2,275,677
	Totals	337,843		337,843		168,922		75,508,134

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Non-hourly Cost Burden: \$8,472,290. There are no capital start-up costs, maintenance costs, recordkeeping costs, or postage costs associated with this

information collection. However, the USPTO estimates that the total annual non-hour cost burden for this information collection, in the form of filing fees, is \$8,472,290.

Filing Fees

The fees for this information collection are listed in Table 2 below.

TABLE 2—FILING FEES

Item No.	Fee code	Item	Estimated annual responses (a)	Filing fee (\$) (b)	Non-hourly cost burden (a) × (b) = (c)
1-4	1054	Non-DOCX Filing Surcharge Fee (undiscounted entity)	15,167	\$430	\$6,521,810
1-4	2054	Non-DOCX Filing Surcharge Fee (small entity)	10,691	172	1,838,852
1-4	3054	Non-DOCX Filing Surcharge Fee (micro entity)	1,298	86	111,628
		Totals	27,156		8,472,290

³ 2023 Report of the Economic Survey, published by the Committee on Economics of Legal Practice of the American Intellectual Property Law

Association, pg. F-41. The USPTO uses the average billing rate for intellectual property work in all

firms, which is \$447 per hour (www.aipla.org/home/news-publications/economic-survey).

Postage Costs

There are no direct postage costs associated with this information collection. The actual submission of patent applications, and any postage cost burden, is covered by OMB control number 0651–0032 (Initial Patent Applications).

IV. Request for Comments

The USPTO is soliciting public comments to:

(a) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) Evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

All comments submitted in response to this notice are a matter of public record. The USPTO will include or summarize each comment in the request to OMB to approve this information collection. Before including an address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information (PII) in a comment, be advised that the entire comment—including PII—may be made publicly available at any time. While one may request in a comment to withhold PII from public view, the USPTO cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so.

Justin Isaac,

Information Collections Officer, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Notice Announcing Jacob K. Javits Gifted and Talented Students Education Program Competition**

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Education (ED) announces the opportunity to

apply for competitive grants for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 for the Jacob K. Javits Gifted and Talented Students Education Program (Javits), Assistance Listing Number 84.206A.

DATES: Complete proposals must be submitted electronically through the *Grants.gov* “APPLY” function by 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern time June 23, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mildred Horner-Smith. Telephone: (202) 987–1700. Email: *OESE.Javits@ed.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Javits program supports evidence-based research, demonstration projects, innovative strategies, and similar activities designed to build and enhance the ability of elementary schools and secondary schools nationwide to identify gifted and talented students and meet their special educational needs. The FY 2026 competition includes two absolute priorities, one competitive preference priority, selection criteria, and requirements. The absolute priorities are: (1) Developing new information that improves the capability of schools to identify and serve Gifted and Talented Students and Returning Education to the States; (2) Developing new information that improves the capability of schools to identify and serve Gifted and Talented Students. The competitive preference priority is: Meaningful Learning Opportunities for Students.

Eligible Applicants: To be considered for an award under this competition, an applicant must be a State educational agency, local educational agency, Bureau of Indian Education, institution of higher education, other public agency, or other private agency or organization.

Note: A faith-based organization is eligible to apply for and receive a grant under this program on the same basis as any other private organization, consistent with Appendix A to 34 CFR part 75.

Program Authority: Section 4644 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA) (20 U.S.C. 7294).

To Apply: The complete funding opportunity announcement and all information needed to apply, including the priority and program requirements, are available on ED's website at <https://www.ed.gov/grants-and-programs/grants-birth-grade-12/well-rounded-education-grants/jacob-k-javits-gifted-and-talented-students-education-program#Home> and on *Grants.gov* at <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/362001>. The application notice and instructions on *Grants.gov* is the

official document governing the grant competition.

Accessible Format: On request to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, individuals with disabilities can obtain this document in an accessible format.

Kirsten Baesler,

Assistant Secretary, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED–2025–SCC–0085]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Common Core of Data (CCD) School-Level Finance Survey (SLFS) 2025–2027

AGENCY: National Center for Education Statistics (NCES); Institute of Education Sciences (IES), Department of Education (ED)

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is requesting an extension without change of a currently approved information collection request (ICR).

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before May 27, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice. Click on this link www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain to access the site. Find this information collection request (ICR) by selecting “Department of Education” under “Currently Under Review,” then check the “Only Show ICR for Public Comment” checkbox. Reginfo.gov provides two links to view documents related to this information collection request. Information collection forms and instructions may be found by clicking on the “View Information Collection (IC) List” link. Supporting statements and other supporting documentation may be found by clicking on the “View Supporting Statement and Other Documents” link.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Chris Greene, Senior Advisor, Institute of Education Sciences, 202–453–5926 or chris.greene@ed.gov.