

respondents. Each specific request for clearance under this generic information collection will detail estimates for the hourly cost burden.

The USPTO uses an attorney rate of \$550 per hour, which is the average billing rate for intellectual property work in all firms as shown in the *2025 Report of the Economic Survey* published by the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA).¹ The hourly rate for paraprofessionals/paralegals is estimated at \$134 as shown in the *2024 Utilization and Compensation Survey* published by the National Association of Legal Assistants (NALA).² The USPTO derives the *pro se* wage rate from the mean hourly wage (\$62.13) for physical scientists according to the data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).³

The combined average of these respondent rates is \$248.71. Using this blended hourly rate, the USPTO estimates that the total respondent cost burden for this information collection is \$2,072,500 per year.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Non-hourly Cost Burden: \$0. Each specific request for clearance under this generic information collection will detail estimates for cost burden. Typically, there will be no non-hourly cost burden on the public.

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 proposed 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

intend 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,

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Deletions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Proposed deletions from the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee is proposing to delete products from the Procurement List that were furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before: October 24, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, 250 E Street SW, Suite 3100, Washington, DC 20024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information or to submit comments contact: Michael R. Jurkowski, Telephone: (703) 489-1322, or email CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 8503(a)(2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the proposed actions.

Deletions

The following product(s) are proposed for deletion from the Procurement List:

Product(s)

NSN(s)—Product Name(s): 8970-00-082-5665—Food Packet, Survival, General Purpose

Authorized Source of Supply: NEWVIEW Oklahoma, Inc., Oklahoma City, OK
Contracting Activity: DEPT OF DEFENSE, DLA TROOP SUPPORT

NSN(s)—Product Name(s): 7025-00-NIB-0012—Promotional Item, Navy, USB Drive, 2 GB, Submarine

Authorized Source of Supply: Industries for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc., West Allis, WI

Contracting Activity: DEPT OF DEFENSE, NAVSUP FLT LOG CTR NORFOLK

NSN(s)—Product Name(s):

6530-01-247-7157—Handle, Litter, Pole
6530-00-784-4335—Strap, Webbing, Litter Securing

6530-00-784-3450—Spreader Bar and Stirrups, Litter

6530-00-784-1250—Cover, Litter

Contracting Activity: DEPT OF DEFENSE, DLA TROOP SUPPORT

NSN(s)—Product Name(s): 4210-01-387-1392—Rake, Collapsible, Forest Fire

Authorized Source of Supply: BESTWORK INDUSTRIES FOR THE BLIND, INC, Cherry Hill, NJ

Contracting Activity: DEPT OF DEFENSE, DLA TROOP SUPPORT

Michael R. Jurkowski,

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Additions and Deletions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Additions to and Deletions from the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action adds product(s) and service(s) to the Procurement List that will be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and deletes product(s) and service(s) from the Procurement List previously furnished by such agencies.

DATES: *Date added to and deleted from the Procurement List:* October 25, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, 250 E Street SW, Suite 3100, Washington, DC 20024.

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¹ *2025 Report of the Economic Survey*, published by the Committee on Economics of Legal Practice of the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA); pg. F-35. (<https://www.aipla.org/home/news-publications/economic-survey/2025-report-of-the-economic-survey>).

² *2024 National Utilization & Compensation Report Executive Summary* published by the National Association of Legal Assistants (NALA); pg. 2. (<https://nala.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/2024-NALA-Compensation-Utilization-Report-ExecSumm-FINAL-1-15-25.pdf>).

³ The USPTO uses the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Occupation Employment Statistics wage category 19-2099 (Physical scientists, all other), from the May 2025 OEWS Profiles; https://data.bls.gov/oesprofile/?major_group=190000&occupation=192099&measure=01&areas=INDUSTRY,STATE,MSA.