

an additional fee. In each of the past few fiscal years since Track One was implemented (fiscal years 2012–2015), fewer than 250 applications have met the requirements to take advantage of the accelerated examination program. In contrast, Track One has become a much more popular program than accelerated examination in that the number of requests approaches 10,000 annually over this same time.

Additionally, over this period, the overall first action pendency for newly filed applications has dropped incrementally each year. In particular, the overall first action pendency in fiscal year 2015 was approximately 17 months. A lower first action pendency and lower accelerated examination numbers seem to indicate that applicants have less need for as many programs that expedite patent examination.

Due to the low usage of the accelerated examination program, the reduction in overall first action pendency, the popularity of the Track One program, and the inconvenience to practitioners and the USPTO of retaining a seemingly redundant program with its own special handling procedures (See MPEP 708.02(a)), it is unclear whether the accelerated examination program still provides a sufficient benefit to the public to justify the cost of implementation. Accordingly, the USPTO seeks comments from the public on whether the accelerated examination program should be retained or discontinued.

Dated: January 9, 2017.

Michelle K. Lee,

Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Information Collection; Submission for OMB Review, Comment Request

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) has submitted a public information collection request (ICR) entitled “Independent Living Performance Measures Aggregation Tool” for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13, (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of this ICR, with applicable

supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Corporation for National and Community Service, Jill Sears, at 202–606–7577 or email to jsears@cns.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY–TDD) may call 1–800–833–3722 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

DATES: Comments may be submitted, identified by the title of the information collection activity, by February 13, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted, identified by the title of the information collection activity, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: Ms. Sharon Mar, OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service, by any of the following two methods within 30 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**:

- (1) *By fax to:* 202–395–6974, Attention: Ms. Sharon Mar, OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service; or
- (2) *By email to:* smar@omb.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of CNCS, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- 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;
- Propose ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Propose ways to 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.

Comments

A 60-day Notice requesting public comment was published in the **Federal Register** on May 19, 2016 at 81 FR 97. This comment period ended July 18, 2016. No public comments were received from this Notice.

Description: Senior Companion Program grantees are required to use the currently cleared surveys to solicit outcome data from clients and caregivers served by Senior Companion volunteers.

Type of Review: Renewal.

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Title: Independent Living Performance Measures Aggregation Tool and Independent Living and Respite Surveys.

OMB Number: 3045–0152.

Agency Number: None.

Affected Public: Senior Companion Program grantees.

Total Respondents: 53,470.

Frequency: Once.

Average Time per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 26,735 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): None.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): None.

Dated: January 6, 2017.

Erin McGrath,

Senior Corps Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Acquisition Regulations System

Early Engagement Opportunity: Implementation of National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: DoD announces an early engagement opportunity regarding implementation of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 within the acquisition regulations.

DATES: Early inputs should be submitted in writing to the address shown below on or before February 13, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Submit early inputs via the Defense Acquisition Regulations System (DARS) Web site at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/dars/index.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Send inquiries via email to Ms. Jennifer Hawes at osd.dfars@mail.mil and reference “Early Engagement Opportunity: Implementation of National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017” in the subject line.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DoD is providing an opportunity for the public to provide early inputs on implementation of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 within the acquisition regulations. The public is invited to submit early inputs on sections of the NDAA for FY 2017 via the DARS Web