

electronic formats for State data entry. As of July 1999, 45 State agencies submit the FNS-388 data electronically and 8 State agencies submit paper reports.

Respondents: State agencies that administer the Food Stamp Program.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 53.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:

Form FNS-388: 53 State agencies 12 times a year.

Form FNS-388A: 53 State agencies twice a year.

Estimate of Burden:

Form FNS-388: The State agencies submit Form FNS-388 10 times per year at an estimate of 5.60 hours per respondent, or 2,970 hours annually for all respondents. The remaining two FNS-388 submissions with a public assistance (PA) and non-public assistance (NA) caseload breakout are covered under the FNS-388A twice a year submissions (see below).

Form FNS-388A: The State agencies submit a more detailed FNS-388 (with PA and NA breakout) twice a year and FNS-388A project area breakdown twice a year at an estimate of 14.8 hours per respondent, or 1,572 hours annually for all respondents.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: The annual reporting and recordkeeping burden for OMB No. 0584-0081 is estimated to be 4,542 hours.

Dated: March 22, 2000.

Samuel Chambers, Jr.,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Willamette Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC); Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service.

SUMMARY: The Willamette Province Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet on Thursday, April 20, 2000. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m., and will conclude at approximately 2 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Salem Office of the Bureau of Land Management; 1717 Fabry Road, SE., Salem, Oregon; (503) 375-5646. The tentative agenda includes:

(1) REO update, (2) Information sharing, (3) Public forum; (4) Update on FS Roadless Area Initiative and Roads Strategy, (5) Panel discussion, Fish management in the Willamette Basin.

The Public Forum is tentatively scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. Time

allotted for individual presentations will be limited to 3-4 minutes. Written comments are encouraged, particularly if the material cannot be presented within the time limits for the Public Forum. Written comments may be submitted prior to the April 20 meeting by sending them to Designated Federal Official Neal Forrester at the address given below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For more information regarding this meeting, contact Designated Federal Official Neal Forrester; Willamette National Forest; 211 East Seventh Avenue; Eugene, Oregon 97401; (541) 465-6924.

Dated: April 4, 2000.

Y. Robert Iwamoto,

Deputy Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Changes in the National Handbook of Conservation Practices

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the intention of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to issue a series of new or revised conservation practice standards in its National Handbook of Conservation Practices. These standards include Heavy Use Area Protection; Irrigation System, Tailwater Recovery; Pest Management; Pipeline; and Watering Facility. These standards are used to convey national guidance when developing Field Office Technical Guide Standards used in the States. NRCS State conservationists who choose to adopt these practices for use within their States will incorporate them into Section IV of their Field Office Technical Guide. These practices may be used in conservation systems that treat highly erodible land or on land determined to be wetland.

DATES: Comments will be received for a 60-day period commencing with the date of publication. This series of new or revised conservation practice standards will be adopted after the close of the 60-day period.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Single copies of these standards are available from NRCS-CED in

Washington, DC. Submit individual inquiries and return any comments in writing to William Hughey, National Agricultural Engineer, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Post Office Box 2890, Room 6139-S, Washington, DC 20013-2890. Telephone Number 202-720-5023. The standards are also available and can be downloaded from the Internet at: http://www.ftw.nrcs.usda.gov/practice_stdts.html.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 requires NRCS to make available for public review and comment proposed revisions to conservation practice standards used to carry out the highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law. For the next 60 days, NRCS will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period, a determination will be made by NRCS regarding disposition of those comments, and a final determination of change will be made.

Signed at Washington, D.C., on March 31, 2000.

Pearlie S. Reed,

Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DoC) has submitted 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: Patent and Trademark Office (PTO).

Title: Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures.

Form Numbers: N/A.

Agency Approval Number: 0651-0024.

Type of Request: Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Burden: 5,283 hours annually.

Number of Respondents: 5,601 responses annually.

Avg. Hours Per Response: Based on PTO time and motion studies, the agency estimates that it will take the

public 80 minutes to create a nucleotide/amino acid sequence listing in an application. In the electronic version of the sequence listing, EFS BIO, it is estimated that it will take 10 minutes to create and submit a sequence listing in an application.

Needs and Uses: Nucleotide and amino acid sequence disclosure information is used by the PTO during the examination process to determine the patentability of an application by effectively examining the sequences in order to process the data more efficiently. The PTO also uses the data after examination to support publication of issued patents. In addition, the sequences are used by the PTO during participation with the European and Japanese Patent Offices in a Trilateral Sequence Exchange project, thereby facilitating the international exchange of published sequence data. After patent publication, the public and the bar associations can search the nucleotide/amino acid sequence listings. Applicants use the sequence data when preparing both national and international patent applications.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit institutions, not-for-profit institutions, farms, the Federal government, and state, local, or tribal governments.

Frequency: As applied for when patent applicants submit a patent application (both national and international applications) containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosure data within their patent applications.

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

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5027, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 or via e-mail at LEngelme@doc.gov.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: April 4, 2000.

Linda Engelmeier,
Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

Materials Processing Equipment Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting

The Materials Processing Equipment Technical Advisory Committee will meet on May 11, 2000, 9:00 a.m., Room 3884, in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, 14th Street between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues, NW, Washington, DC. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration with respect to technical questions that affect the level of export controls applicable to materials processing equipment and related technology.

Agenda

Open Session

1. Opening remarks by the Chairman
2. Presentation of papers or comments by the public
3. Update of Wassenaar Arrangement negotiations
4. Status of Computerized Numerical Controller (CNC) software
5. Status of definition for "specially designed"
6. Recommendations from the Committee

Closed Session

7. Discussion of matters properly classified under Executive Order 12958, dealing with the U.S. export control program and strategic criteria related thereto.

A limited number of seats will be available for the open session of the meeting. Reservations are not accepted. To the extent that time permits, members of the public may present oral statements of the Committee. The public may submit written statements at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate distribution of public presentation materials, the Committee suggests that presenters forward the materials prior to the meeting date to the following address: Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter, OSIES/EA/BXA MS:3876, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th St. & Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20230.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on December 11, 1999, pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, that the series of meetings of the Committee and of any Subcommittees thereof, dealing with the classified materials listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in section 10(a)(1) and (a)(3), of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The remaining series of meetings or portions thereof will be open to the public.

A copy of the Notice of Determination to close meetings or portions of meetings of the Committee is available for public inspection and copying in the Central Reference and Records Inspection Facility, Room 6020, U.S.

Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230. For more information, contact Lee Ann Carpenter on (202) 482-2583.

Dated: April 6, 2000.

Lee Ann Carpenter,
Committee Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

Critical Infrastructure Assurance Office; Announcement of a Workshop on Public Key Infrastructure for Advanced Network Technologies

AGENCY: Bureau of Export Administration, Critical Infrastructure Assurance Office.

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting/Workshop.

SUMMARY: The Critical Infrastructure Assurance Office (CIAO) invites interested parties to attend a workshop on April 27-28, 2000, on Public Key Infrastructures for Advanced Network Technologies. The workshop is designed to promote the deployment and use of a high confidence public key infrastructure and related security technologies for advanced networks and distributed government applications in E-commerce and related critical systems.

DATES: The workshop will be held on April 27-28, 2000, starting at 8:30 am until 5:00 pm.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Building 101, Lecture Room A. Gaithersburg, MD, 20899. Attendance is open to all interested persons, but seating is limited. Therefore, registration for attendance will be accepted on a first-come basis. To register please contact Wanda Rose at (202) 589-3241 or by E-mail: Wanda.Rose@ciao.gov.

FOR FURTHER TECHNICAL INFORMATION

CONTACT: Robert Rosenthal, Critical Infrastructure Assurance Office, 1800 G St., NW, 8th floor, Washington, D.C. 20006; Phone number: (202) 589-3231; E-mail: Robert.Rosenthal@ciao.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

● The workshop is designed to promote the deployment and use of a high confidence public key infrastructure and related security technologies for advanced networks and distributed government applications in E-commerce and related critical systems in banking and finance, energy, transportation, and telecommunications sectors.