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Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; Not for-profit institutions; Federal Government; State, local or tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 462,340.
Frequency: Varies (Initially, Yearly, On Occasion).

Average Time per Response: Varies from .15 seconds (.004 hr.) to 2.5 hours.
Estimated Total Burden Hours: 818,098.

Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs: \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the information collection request. The comments will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, D.C., this 5th day of August 1998.

Charles N. Jeffress,

Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health: Appointment of Members

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Notice of appointment of members to the Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (MACOSH).

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Labor has established an advisory committee to advise the Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health on issues relating to occupational safety and health programs, policies, and standards in the maritime industries in the United States. The committee will provide collective expertise not otherwise available to the Secretary to address the complex and sensitive issues involved. Committee members have been appointed from government agencies, shipbuilding, longshoring, and labor and professional associations.

ADDRESSES: Written comments in response to this notice should be sent to the following address: U.S. Department of Labor, OSHA, Office of Maritime Standards, Room N-3621, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20120. Phone: (202) 219-7234; Fax: (202) 219-7477.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry Liberatore, Office of Maritime Standards, OSHA, (202) 219-7234.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 26, 1998, OSHA announced its intention to renew the charter of MACOSH and request nominations of qualified persons to serve on the committee (63 FR 9861). MACOSH is intended to address the concerns of the entire maritime community, focussing on the shipyard and marine cargo handling industries.

MACOSH will assist the Secretary in complying with the President's initiative to make the U.S. shipyard industry competitive in the worldwide community, while maintaining the safety of workers. MACOSH will focus on more effective enforcement, improved training and outreach programs, and streamlined rulemaking techniques. In addition, MACOSH will address controversial issues, including those with international implications, that impact the U.S. longshoring and shipyard communities.

Committee Members

MACOSH is composed of 15 members who have been selected to represent the diverse interest of the maritime community. Section 7(b) of the OSH Act requires the following: at least one member who is designee of the Secretary of Health and Human Services; at least one member who represents a State safety and health agency; and an equal number of representatives of employees and employers. Other members include representatives from professional and other governmental organizations with specific maritime responsibilities.

The 15 members of MACOSH are as follows:

Employee Representatives

Al Cernadas, International Longshoremen's Association
Michael Flynn, International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers
Douglas Getchell, International Longshore and Warehouse Union, Local 12
William (Chico) McGill, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 733
Robert M. Scott, Shipwrights Local 1184

Employer Representatives

Katherine R. Chumley, Atlantic Marine, Inc.
John Faulk, Stevedoring Services of America
Chester Matthews, Bath Iron Works
Steve Morris, American Commercial Marine Service

Captain John McNeill, Marine Terminals Corporation

Government, Public and Professional Organizations

Iona Evans, U.S. Department of Navy, Naval Sea Systems Command
Lt. Julie Gahn, U.S. Coast Guard, Office of Operating and Environmental Standards
Laurence Reed, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)
Peter Schmidt, Washington State Department of Labor and Industry
James Thornton, American Industrial Hygiene Association

Signed at Washington, DC this 7th day of August, 1998.

Charles N. Jeffress,

Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

[LOC Docket No. 98-3]

Library of Congress/Ameritech National Digital Library Competition

ACTION: Notice of competition.

SUMMARY: This Notice of Competition announces that the Library of Congress, with a gift from Ameritech, is sponsoring a competition to enable public, research, and academic libraries, museums, historical societies, and archival institutions (except federal institutions) to create digital collections of primary resources for distribution on the Internet. In the 1998/99 competition year, applications will be limited to collections of textual and graphic materials that illuminate the period 1492-1920 and that complement and enhance the American Memory collections in the National Digital Library. Awards will be made of up to \$75,000 to individual institutions and up to \$150,000 to eligible consortia for projects that can be accomplished in twelve to eighteen months.

DATES: Applications must be postmarked by November 2, 1998.

ADDRESSES: LC/Ameritech NDL Competition, Library of Congress, 101 Independence Avenue, SE, Washington, D.C. 20540-1340.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ariel Rosenblum, Tel: (202) 707-1087; Fax (202) 252-3249; Email: lc_ameritech@loc.gov; Http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/award/.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Digital Library is envisioned as

a distributed collection of converted library materials and digital originals to which many American institutions will contribute. The Library of Congress' contribution to the World Wide Web-based virtual library is called American Memory and is created by the Library's National Digital Library Program. Non-profit cultural repositories in the United States with collections of primary resources that are significant for education and research in United States history and culture are eligible to apply to the LC/Ameritech Competition. Collections that are digitized with awards from this competition must be distributable on the Internet.

Applications from Association of Research Libraries (ARL) and non-ARL institutions will be evaluated separately, in order to encourage applications from a variety of institutions. In the final selection among meritorious projects, consideration will be given to the historical subjects emphasized in the guidelines and to the size, type, and geographical location of the applicant institution. The evaluation criteria is as follows:

- The significance of the collection's content for understanding United States history and culture, as well as its breadth of interest and utility to students and the general public.
- The availability and usability of aids to intellectual access that can be integrated into the American Memory resource.
- The technical and administrative viability of the project's plan of work in relation to the scope of the project.

Applications will be evaluated by scholars, educators, librarians, archivists, administrators, and technical specialists external to the Library of Congress. Evaluators will be convened by George Farr, Director of the Division of Preservation and Access of the National Endowment for the Humanities and by Deanna Marcum, President of the Council on Library and Information Resources.

Only costs directly associated with digital conversion may be included in the request. Equipment may not be purchased with award funds. The 1998/99 Guidelines and Application Instructions are available online to view or download from the Library of Congress/Ameritech National Digital Library Competition Web page (<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/award>).

Dated: August 3, 1998.

James H. Billington,
Librarian of Congress.

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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Copyright Office

[Docket No. 98-2B]

Fees

AGENCY: Copyright Office, Library of Congress.

ACTION: Notice of proposed fee increase and public hearing.

SUMMARY: The Copyright Office issues this notice to inform the public that the Office will hold a public hearing in the course of a rulemaking proceeding during which the Office proposes to increase the fees set forth in 17 U.S.C. 708(a). The proposed fees would recover a significant part of the cost to the Office of registering claims, including supplementary and renewal claims, of recording documents, of issuing receipts for deposits, of issuing additional certificates, and of making and reporting searches.

DATES: A public hearing will be held on Thursday, October 1, 1998, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Dining Room A, 6th Floor, (yellow core) of the James Madison Memorial Building, of the Library of Congress, First Street and Independence Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20559-6000. Anyone desiring to present oral testimony should notify the Copyright Office by no later than September 10, 1998. Written comments are invited from both those who wish to testify and those who plan only to file initial or reply comments. All initial written comments must be filed on or before September 18, 1998. All reply comments must be filed on or before October 15, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Those who wish to present oral testimony should notify Marylyn Martin, Office Manager, Office of the General Counsel by fax (202) 707-8366 or by telephone (202) 707-8380. Interested parties should submit an original and fifteen copies of written comments. If delivered BY MAIL, address to Office of the General Counsel, GC/I&R, P.O. Box 70400, Southwest Station, Washington, D.C. 20024. If delivered BY HAND, copies should be brought to: Office of the General Counsel, Copyright Office, James Madison Memorial Building, Room LM-403, First and Independence Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20559-6000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Marilyn J. Kretsinger, Assistant General Counsel, Copyright GC/I&R, P.O. Box 70400, Southwest Station, Washington, D.C. 20024. Telephone: (202) 707-8380; Telefax: (202) 707-8366.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Benefits of Registration and Recordation

Copyright is secured automatically when the work is created, that is, fixed in a copy or phonorecord for the first time. This protection generally lasts for the author's life plus an additional 50 years after the author's death, or if the work is made for hire, for a term of 75 years from publication or 100 years from creation, whichever is shorter. The rights granted to authors are broad and protection is worldwide because of multilateral and bilateral treaties.

Registration of claims to copyright and recordation of transfers of copyright ownership are optional.¹ However, there are certain benefits. Registration establishes a public record of the copyright claim; this record includes the name of the author, the name and address of the claimant (owner), the type of authorship and the scope of the claim, and the date and nation of first publication, if applicable. A bibliographic entry prepared by the Cataloging Division is available online through the Copyright Office's website.

Registration made within three months after publication of the work or before an infringement of the work will entitle the copyright claimant to statutory damages and the possibility of recovering attorney's fees. Statutory damages are an important remedy because it may be difficult to prove the extent of the economic injury that the infringement has caused. Statutory damages allow the court to consider what is just compensation rather than actual damages. With respect to attorney's fees, timely registration makes this remedy a possibility. A court is not obliged to award reasonable attorney's fees and is authorized to do so only to the prevailing party.

If a work is registered before or within five years of publication, registration will establish *prima facie* evidence in court of the validity of the copyright and the facts stated in the certificate. Although such evidence is rebuttable, the *prima facie* status is valuable; this is especially true when infringement takes place years after the work was published, when facts are sometimes difficult to ascertain and prove. With respect to the copyrightability of the work, the registration is important. The Office examines a work and issues a

¹ In a recent case, a court found that Federal copyright law takes precedence over state laws having to do with the legal validity of any legally recognizable interest in or share of ownership in copyright. Documents having to do with security interests in copyright may be recorded in the Copyright Office.