

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Third-Party Submissions and Protests

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. The USPTO invites comments on this information collection renewal, which helps the USPTO assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal**

Register on July 8, 2024 during a 60-day comment period (89 FR 55924). This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comment.

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

Title: Third-Party Submissions and Protests.

OMB Control Number: 0651-0062.

Needs and Uses: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is required by 35 U.S.C. 131 *et seq.* to examine an application for patent and, when appropriate, issue a patent. The provisions of 35 U.S.C. 122(c), 122(e), 131, and 151, as well as 37 CFR 1.290 and 1.291, limit the ability of a third-party to have information entered and considered in, or to protest, a patent application pending before the USPTO.

37 CFR 1.290 provides a mechanism for third parties to submit to the USPTO for consideration and inclusion in the record of a patent application, any

patents, published patent applications, or other printed publications of potential relevance to the examination of the application.

A third-party submission under 37 CFR 1.290 may be made in any nonprovisional utility, design, and plant application, including any continuing application. A third-party submission under 37 CFR 1.290 must include a concise description of the asserted relevance of each document submitted, and must be submitted within a certain statutorily specified time period.

37 CFR 1.291 permits a member of the public to file a protest against a pending application. Protests pursuant to 37 CFR 1.291 are supported by a separate statutory provision from third-party submissions under 37 CFR 1.290. As a result, there are several differences between protests and third-party submissions, as explained in the table below.

TABLE 1—COMPARISON OF THIRD-PARTY SUBMISSIONS AND PROTESTS

Comparison	Third-party submission	Protest
Statute/Regulation Content	35 U.S.C. 122(e), 37 CFR 1.290 Printed publications	35 U.S.C. 122(c), 37 CFR 1.291. Printed publications and any facts or information adverse to patent-ability.
Remarks	Concise description of relevance (limited to a concise description of each document's relevance).	Concise explanation of the relevance (allows for arguments against patentability).
Timing	The earlier of— (A) the date of a notice of allowance; or (B) the later of— (i) 6 months after the date of Pre-Grant Publication, or (ii) the date of the first rejection of any claim during the examination of the application for patent.	(1) Prior to the date of Pre-Grant Publication or the date of a notice of allowance, whichever occurs first, or (2) accompanied by written consent of the applicant and prior to the date of a notice of allowance.

For example, 37 CFR 1.291 permits the submission of information that is not permitted in a third-party submission under 37 CFR 1.290. Specifically, 37 CFR 1.291 provides for the submission of information other than publications, including any facts or information adverse to patentability. Unlike the concise explanation of the relevance required for a preissuance submission under 37 CFR 1.290, which is limited to a description of a document's relevance, the concise explanation for a protest under 37 CFR 1.291 allows for arguments against patentability. Additionally, the specified time period for submitting a protest differs from the time period for submitting third-party submissions and is impacted by whether the protest is accompanied by the written consent of the applicant.

This information collection covers the items used by the public to submit information and protests regarding patent applications to the USPTO. This information collection is necessary so that the public can contribute to the quality of issued patents. The USPTO

will use this information, as appropriate, to assist in evaluating the patent application as it moves through the patent examination process.

Forms: (SB = Specimen Book).

- PTO/SB/429 (Third-Party Submission Under 37 CFR 1.290)

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: 1,033 respondents.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 1,033 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: The USPTO estimates that the responses in this information collection will take the public approximately 10 hours to complete. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, create the document, and submit the completed item to the USPTO.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 10,330 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Non-hourly Cost Burden: \$153,686.

This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce, USPTO information collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for this information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website, www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and entering either the title of the information collection or the OMB Control Number, 0651-0062.

Further information can be obtained by:

- *Email:* InformationCollection@uspto.gov. Include "0651-0062 information request" in the subject line of the message.
- *Mail:* Justin Isaac, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United

States Patent and Trademark Office,
P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-
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Patent and Trademark Office.*

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**COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM
PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR
SEVERELY DISABLED**

**Procurement List; Proposed Additions
and Deletions**

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

ACTION: Proposed additions to and
deletions from the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee is proposing
to add product(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)
previously furnished by such agencies.

DATES: Comments must be received on
or before: October 13, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase
From People Who Are Blind or Severely
Disabled, 355 E Street SW, Suite 325,
Washington DC 20024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For
further information or to submit
comments contact: Michael R.
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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.

Additions

If the Committee approves the
proposed additions, the entities of the
Federal Government identified in this
notice will be required to procure the
product(s) listed below from nonprofit
agencies employing persons who are
blind or have other severe disabilities.

The following product(s) are proposed
for addition to the Procurement List for
production by the nonprofit agencies
listed:

Product(s)

NSN(s)—Product Name(s): 8520-01-490-
7365—Advanced Instant Hand Sanitizer,
Green Certified Gel, 12 fl oz, Pump
Bottle

Authorized Source of Supply: Travis

Association for the Blind, Austin, TX

Contracting Activity: FEDERAL
ACQUISITION SERVICE, GSA/FSS
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Distribution: A-List

Mandatory for: Total Government
Requirement

NSN(s)—Product Name(s):

7490-01-490-7262—Kit, Label Maker, TZe
Label Tapes, USB, Bluetooth, Color

Display, QWERTY Keyboard, Carry Case
7510-01-630-2385—Label Tape, Cartridge
for P-touch Labeler, Laminated, Black on
White, 0.35" W x 26.2' L

7510-01-490-7265—Label Tape, Cartridge
for P-touch Labeler, Laminated, Black on
White, 0.47" W x 26.2' L

7510-01-490-7266—Label Tape, Cartridge
for P-touch Labeler, Laminated, Black on
White, 0.71" W x 26.2' L

7690-01-563-2817—Label Tape, Cartridge
for P-touch Labeler, Laminated, Black on
White, 0.94" W x 26.2' L

Authorized Source of Supply: Goodwill
Vision Enterprises, Rochester, NY

Contracting Activity: FEDERAL
ACQUISITION SERVICE, GSA/FAS
ADMIN SVCS ACQUISITION BR(2

Distribution: A-List

Mandatory for: Total Government
Requirement

Deletions

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

Product(s)

NSN(s)—Product Name(s): 8010-01-505-
1968—Enamel, Aerosol, Interior/
Exterior, Gloss White

Authorized Source of Supply: The
Lighthouse for the Blind, St. Louis, MO

Contracting Activity: DLA TROOP SUPPORT,
PHILADELPHIA, PA

NSN(s)—Product Name(s):

3030-00-844-4456—Belt, V-shaped,
EPDM Rubber, HC50 Cross Section,
Notched/A2 Cog, Neoprene, 38.3"

3030-01-271-3754—Belt, V-shaped,
Micro, EPDM Rubber, 8 Ribs, 68"

3030-01-293-8544—Belt, V-shaped,
Micro, EPDM Rubber, 8 Ribs, 60.59"

3030-01-387-5679—Belt, V-shaped,
EPDM Rubber, HC41 Cross Section,
Notched/A2 Cog, Neoprene, 30.58"

Authorized Source of Supply: Northeastern
Association of the Blind at Albany, Inc.,
Albany, NY

Contracting Activity: DLA LAND AND
MARITIME, COLUMBUS, OH

Service(s)

Service Type: Mailing Service

Mandatory for: US Army Corp of Engineers,
Patrick V. McNamara Federal Building,
Detroit, MI

Authorized Source of Supply: Geshner Human
Services, Southfield, MI

Contracting Activity: DEPT OF THE ARMY,
W072 ENDIST DETROIT

Service Type: Administrative Services

Mandatory for: Post Wide, Fort Campbell, KY

Authorized Source of Supply: Huntsville
Rehabilitation Foundation, Inc.,

Huntsville, AL

Contracting Activity: DEPT OF THE ARMY,
W6QM MICC-FT CAMPBELL

Service Type: Custodial Service

Mandatory for: US Army, Asymmetric
Warfare Training Center, Fort A.P. Hill,
VA

Authorized Source of Supply: Rappahannock
Goodwill Industries, Inc.,
Fredericksburg, VA

Contracting Activity: DEPT OF THE ARMY,
W6QK ACC-APG

Service Type: Military Environment Support

Mandatory for: US Army, Program Executive
Office for Simulation, Training and
Instrumentation, Orlando, FL

Authorized Source of Supply: Global
Connections to Employment, Inc.,
Pensacola, FL

Contracting Activity: DEPT OF THE ARMY,
W6QK ACC-ORLANDO

Service Type: Hospital Housekeeping

Mandatory for: Department of Veterans
Affairs, VA Maryland Health Care
System, Baltimore, MD

Authorized Source of Supply: Global
Connections to Employment, Inc.,
Pensacola, FL

Contracting Activity: VETERANS AFFAIRS,
DEPARTMENT OF, 613-
MARTINSBURG (00613)

Service Type: Custodial Service

Mandatory for: Department of Veterans
Affairs, Veteran Affairs Outpatient
Clinic, Charlotte, NC

Authorized Source of Supply: OE Enterprises,
Inc., Hillsborough, NC

Contracting Activity: VETERANS AFFAIRS,
DEPARTMENT OF, 246-NETWORK
CONTRACTING OFFICE 6

Service Type: Custodial & Grounds
Maintenance

Mandatory for: US Army Reserve, CPT Alden
D. Allen Armed Forces Reserve Center,
Horseheads, NY

Authorized Source of Supply: Mozaic
Chapter, NYSARC, Inc., Waterloo, NY

Contracting Activity: DEPT OF THE ARMY,
W6QK ACC-PICA

Service Type: Administrative Support
Service

Mandatory for: Department of Veterans
Affairs, Atlanta VA Medical Center,
Health Administrative Services Office,
Decatur, GA

Authorized Source of Supply: Bobby Dodd
Institute, Inc., Atlanta, GA

Contracting Activity: VETERANS AFFAIRS,
DEPARTMENT OF, 247-NETWORK
CONTRACT OFC 7(00247)

Service Type: Custodial Services

Mandatory for: Department of Veterans
Affairs, York Community Based
Outpatient Clinic, York, PA

Authorized Source of Supply: Goodwill
Services, Inc., Harrisburg, PA

Contracting Activity: VETERANS AFFAIRS,
DEPARTMENT OF, 595-LEBANON

Service Type: Grounds & Cemetery Facilities
Maintenance

Mandatory for: US Army, Fort McClellan

Veterans and Prisoner of War
Cemeteries, Fort McClellan, AL

Authorized Source of Supply: The