

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; comment request; “International Work Sharing”

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Agency: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce

Title: International Work Sharing

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