DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Public Search Facility User ID and Badging

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 comment 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 April 16, 2021 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.


Title: Public Search Facility User ID and Badging.

OMB Control Number: 0651-0041.

Form Numbers:

- PTO-2030 (Application for Public User ID)
- PTO-2224 (Security Identification Badges for Public Users)

Type of Review: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,525 respondents per year.

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Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

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

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