



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[OMB Number 1125-0015]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection eComments Requested;

Revision of a Previously Approved Collection;

**Title - Request to be Included on the List of Pro Bono legal Service Providers for
Individuals in Immigration Proceedings (Form EOIR-56)**

AGENCY: Executive Office for Immigration Review, Department of Justice.

ACTION: 60-day notice.

SUMMARY: The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) at the Department of Justice (DOJ) will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 60 days until [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

If you have additional comments especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Justine Fuga, Associate General Counsel, Executive Office for Immigration Review, 900 Market Street, Suite 504, Philadelphia, PA 19107, telephone: (703) 305-0265, Justine.Fuga@usdoj.gov, eoir.pra.comments@usdoj.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Bureau of Justice Statistics, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Evaluate whether and if so how the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected can be enhanced; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Abstract: EOIR must provide certain individuals in immigration proceedings with a list of persons who have indicated their availability to represent individuals on a pro bono basis in such proceedings. *See* 8 USC 1158(d)(4)(B), 1229a(b)(4). To satisfy this obligation, EOIR publishes the List of Pro Bono Legal Service Providers (List) on its website and distributes printed copies of the list at immigration courts and the Board of Immigration Appeals. Organizations, private attorneys, and referral services must apply to be included on the List initially and to renew their inclusion every three years. *See* 8 CFR 1003.61-1003.66. Applicants may apply for inclusion on the List using the Form EOIR-56, Request to be Included on the List of Pro Bono Legal Service Providers for Individuals in Immigration Proceedings. The form requests information necessary for EOIR to determine whether an applicant meets the eligibility requirements for inclusion on the List. The form may be downloaded or printed and submitted by email or mail; however, applicants are strongly encouraged to submit applications electronically through EOIR's online Pro Bono List Portal web application. EOIR is revising this form to implement several non-

substantive changes. Formatting and textual revisions were made throughout the form and instructions to improve organization, clarity, and readability.

Overview of this information collection:

- 1 Type of Information Collection: Revision and extension of a previously approved collection.
- 2 The Title of the Form/Collection: Request to be Included on the List of Pro Bono Legal Service Providers for Individuals in Immigration Proceedings.
- 3 The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection: The agency form number is EOIR-56, and the sponsoring component is EOIR.
- 4 Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as the obligation to respond: The Affected Public is the private sector, specifically organizations, private attorneys, and pro bono referral services applying to be included on the List. This information collection is required to obtain/retain the benefit of being included on the List.
- 5 An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: It is estimated that an average of 241 respondents will complete the form annually with an average of 30 minutes per response.
- 6 An estimate of the total annual burden (in hours) associated with the collection: EOIR estimates an average of 120.5 hours total annual burden for form respondents.

Activity	Number of Respondents	Frequency	Total Annual Responses	Time Per Response	Total Annual Burden (Hours)
EOIR-56 – Initial Application	112	1/annually	112	0.5 hours	56 hours
EOIR-26 – Renewal Application	129	1/annually	129	0.5 hours	64.5 hours
<i>Totals</i>	<i>241</i>	<i>1/annually</i>	<i>241</i>	<i>0.5 hours</i>	<i>120.5 hours</i>

- 7 An estimate of the total annual cost burden associated with the collection, if applicable: The total estimated annual public cost ranges from \$0 to \$9,253.48. The minimum cost burden is \$0. There are no capital or start-up costs or filing fees, and printing and postage costs may be avoided by submitting the form electronically. The maximum cost burden is \$9,253.48. This amount is reached by totaling the printing, postage, and labor costs. Of the total number of responses received annually, 56 responses are submitted by mail and incur printing and postage costs. Printing costs are estimated at \$0.10 per page. Postage costs are estimated at \$0.78 per response if submitted by first-class mail. If a respondent retains an attorney to assist with completing the form, labor costs are estimated at \$75 per hour, which represents the median wage for an attorney as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Please note that this form is submitted by immigration practitioners who are attorneys or another form of representative and are not likely to retain a separate practitioner to assist them in completing the form.

Cost	Calculation	Total
Printing	\$0.10 per page x 10 pages x 56 mailed paper submissions annually	\$28.00
Postage	\$0.78 first-class mail x 56 mailed paper submissions annually	\$187.98
Labor	\$75 per hour x 120.5 annual burden hours	\$9,037.50
Total	<i>\$28.00 + \$187.98 + \$9,037.50</i>	<i>\$9,253.48</i>

If additional information is required contact: Darwin Arceo, Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Enterprise Portfolio Management, Two Constitution Square, 145 N Street, NE, 4W-218, Washington, DC.

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Darwin Arceo,

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