



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 12944]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Office of Language Services

Contractor Application Form

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES:

You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Web:* Persons with access to the Internet may comment on this notice by going to www.Regulations.gov. You can search for the document by entering “Docket Number: DOS-2026-0166” in the Search field. Then click the “Comment Now” button and complete the comment form.
- *E-mail:* LSApplications@state.gov
- *Regular Mail:* Send written comments to Department of State, Office of Language Services, 2201 C Street N.W., Washington, DC 20522-0114.
- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Department of State, Office of Language Services, 2401 E Street N.W., Suite 1400 (SA-01), Washington, DC 20037-0006.

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and the OMB control number in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Angelika Graham, who may be reached on (202) 655-9946 or at GrahamAR@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection:* Office of Language Services Contractor Application Form
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0191
- *Type of Request:* Extension of a Currently Approved Collection
- *Originating Office:* Executive Office for Management, Office of Language Services (M/EX/LS)
- *Form Number:* DS-7651
- *Respondents:* General public applying for translator and/or interpreter contract positions
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,000
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 1,000
- *Average Time Per Response:* 30 minutes
- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 500 annual hours
- *Frequency:* On occasion
- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

The information collected is needed to ascertain whether respondents are valid interpreting and/or translating candidates, based on their work history and legal work status in the United States. If candidates successfully become contractors for the U.S. Department of State, Office of Language Services, the information collected is used to initiate security clearance background checks and for processing payment vouchers. Respondents are typically members of the general public with varying degrees of experience in the fields of interpreting and/or translating.

Methodology

The Office of Language Services makes the “Office of Language Services Contractor Application Form” available via its Internet site. Respondents can submit the form via e-mail.

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