



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Global Intellectual Property Academy (GIPA) Surveys

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

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (hereafter “USPTO” or “Agency”), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, invites comments on the extension and revision of an existing information collection: 0651-0065 (Global Intellectual Property Academy (GIPA) Surveys). The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comments preceding submission of the information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: To ensure consideration, you must submit comments regarding this information collection on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments by any of the following methods. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

- Email: InformationCollection@uspto.gov. Include “0651-0065 comment” in the subject line of the message.
- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <https://www.regulations.gov>.
- Mail: Justin Isaac, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.
- Telephone: Kortney Hammonds, 571-272-1626.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Kortney Hammonds at: Global Intellectual Property Academy (GIPA), United States Patent and Trademark Office, Mail Stop OPIA, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450; 571-272-1626; or usptogipa@uspto.gov with “0651-0065 comment” in the subject line. Additional information about this information collection is also available at <https://www.reginfo.gov> under “Information Collection Review.”

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Global Intellectual Property Academy (GIPA) was established in 2006 and is a critical resource of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) for encouraging the development of effective and balanced intellectual property (IP) systems around the world. Through targeted international technical assistance activities, GIPA helps to promote both domestic and international IP rights. GIPA’s activities cover every aspect of intellectual property law and policy, including patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets, commercialization, and enforcement. By participating in GIPA courses, foreign government officials learn about global intellectual property rights protection and enforcement and discuss strategies to handle the protection and enforcement issues in their respective countries. GIPA is an important instrument that the USPTO utilizes to achieve its objective of preventing intellectual property theft and advancing intellectual property right policies.

The surveys in this information collection are conducted in an effort to measure the effectiveness of each activity or intervention. Specifically, the GIPA surveys help to demonstrate the impact of the specific activity on each participant’s work and the relevance of each activity to the country’s efforts to improve systems for protecting and enforcing IP rights. The survey information is then used to further tailor and improve future interventions. The data captured is also used to help meet organizational

performance and accountability goals through the following legislative mandates and performance:

- Government Performance and Results Act of 1993;¹
- Government Performance and Results Modernization Act of 2010 (GPRMA);²
- President’s Management Agenda (PMA);³ and
- Foundations for Evidence Based Policy Making Act of 2018.⁴

Evaluations and measurement efforts provide methodologically rigorous data activity and analyses rather than subjective, ad hoc, and non-standardized anecdotal material.

These voluntary surveys support various business goals developed by the USPTO to fulfill customer service and performance goals, to assist the USPTO in strategic planning for future initiatives, to verify existing service standards, and to establish new ones. The USPTO also uses these surveys to implement Executive Order 12862 of September 11, 1993, *Setting Customer Service Standards*, published in the *Federal Register* on September 14, 1993 (58 FR 48257).⁵

II. Method of Collection

Items in this information collection may be submitted as electronic submissions and occasionally as in-person surveys.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0651-0065.

Forms: None.

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

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

¹ <https://www.congress.gov/103/statute/STATUTE-107/STATUTE-107-Pg285.pdf>.

² <https://www.congress.gov/111/plaws/publ352/PLAW-111publ352.pdf>.

³ <https://www.performance.gov/blog/2025-pma-impact-report/>.

⁴ <https://www.congress.gov/115/plaws/publ435/PLAW-115publ435.pdf>.

⁵ <https://tile.loc.gov/storage-services/service/ll/fedreg/fr058/fr058176/fr058176.pdf>.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Frequency: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 14,508 respondents.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 14,508 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: The USPTO estimates that the responses in this information collection will take the public approximately 15 minutes (0.25 hours) to complete. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, create the document, and submit the completed item(s) to the USPTO.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 3,627 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Hourly Cost Burden: \$355,700.

Table 1: Total Reporting Burden Hours and Hourly Costs to Individual and Household Respondents

| Item No. | Item | Estimated Annual Respondents | Responses per Respondent | Estimated Annual Responses | Estimated Time for Response (hours) | Estimated Burden (hour/year) | Rate⁶ (\$/hour) | Estimated Annual Respondent Cost Burden |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| | | (a) | (b) | (a) x (b) = (c) | (d) | (c) x (d) = (e) | (f) | (e) x (f) = (g) |
| 1 | Post-Program Streamlined Survey | 4,000 | 1 | 4,000 | 0.25 (15 minutes) | 1,000 | \$98.07 | \$98,070 |
| 2 | Alumni Survey | 10,508 | 1 | 10,508 | 0.25 (15 minutes) | 2,627 | \$98.07 | \$257,630 |
| | Totals | 14,508 | --- | 14,508 | --- | 3,627 | --- | \$355,700 |

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Non-hourly Cost Burden: \$0. There are no capital start-up costs, maintenance costs, recordkeeping costs, filing fees, or postage costs associated with this information collection.

IV. Request for Comments

The USPTO is soliciting public comments to:

⁶ The USPTO uses the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Occupation Employment Statistics wage category 23-1021 (Administrative Law Judges, Adjudicators, and Hearing Officials; Federal Executive Branch) to represent an estimated wage of program attendees. The USPTO estimates that the hourly wage rate will be in the 90th percentile, as respondents will likely be senior officials living in metropolitan areas; <https://data.bls.gov/oesprofile/>.

- (a) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (b) Evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (c) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (d) Minimize the burden of the collection of information for 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.

All comments submitted in response to this notice are a matter of public record. The USPTO will include or summarize each comment in the request to OMB to approve this information collection. Before including an address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information (PII) in a comment, be advised that the entire comment—including PII—may be made publicly available at any time. While one may request in a comment to withhold PII from public view, the USPTO cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so.

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