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Grant Requirements. The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements contained in the **Federal Register** notice of October 1, 2001 (66 FR 49917), are applicable to this solicitation.

Other Requirements. It has been determined that this Notice is not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

Because notice and comment are not required under 5 U.S.C. 553, or any other law, for notices relating to public property, loans, grants, benefits or contracts (5 U.S.C. 553(a)), a Regulatory Flexibility Analysis is not required and has not been prepared for this Notice, 5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*

It has been determined that this Notice does not contain policies with Federalism implications as that term is defined in Executive Order 13132.

This document contains collection-of-information requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). The use of Standard Forms 424, 424A, 424B, and SF-LLL have been approved by OMB under the respective control numbers 0348-0043, 0348-0044, 0348-0040, and 0348-0046.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Nancy J. Victory,

Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Public User ID Badging

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork

and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before February 4, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Susan K. Brown, Records Officer, Office of Data Management, Data Administration Division, USPTO, Suite 310, 2231 Crystal Drive, Washington, DC 20231; by telephone at (703) 308-7400; or by electronic mail at susan.brown@uspto.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to Catherine Hollan, Manager, Public Search Facilities, USPTO, Room 2C04, 2021 South Clark Place, Arlington, VA 22202; by telephone at (703) 306-2608; or by electronic mail at chollan@uspto.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is required by 35 U.S.C. 41(i)(1) to maintain a Public Search Facility to provide patent and trademark collections for the public to search and retrieve information. The Public Search Facilities are maintained for public use with paper and automated search files and trained staff to assist searchers. The Public Search Facilities are available to everyone.

In order to maintain and control the patent and trademark collections so that the information is available to the public, the USPTO issues Public User ID badges to users who wish to use the Public Search Facilities. For many years, the USPTO issued paper User IDs, but the USPTO now uses an electronic badging database for the issuance of plastic ID badges.

The plastic ID badge shows a color photograph of the user, a bar-coded user number, and an expiration date. The badging system allows the USPTO to electronically store the information, which can be updated periodically. The ID system is designed to enable the USPTO to (a) identify users of patent and trademark documents, (b) confine user access to public areas, (c) locate and control access to patent and trademark documents, and (d) identify users of USPTO services.

The Public User ID badge enables the USPTO to accurately track use of the documents and to identify anyone misusing the search facilities. The USPTO uses the ID badges to identify, counsel, and sanction users who destroy, misfile, or remove documents

from its collections, or who mishandle its equipment. The Public User ID also grants the public limited access to the non-public parts of the USPTO, such as the Examiner areas. To access these areas, users are required to wear a visible USPTO employee ID, a contractor ID, or a Public User ID. (The Public User ID badges enable the USPTO to immediately confirm a user's identity via an on-the-spot comparison with the color photograph on the badge.)

For its ID system, the USPTO collects the following mandatory identifying information: name and mailing address (as verified on a picture ID such as a driver's license), signature, and a digital photograph of the user that is taken by USPTO staff. Optional information includes telephone number and USPTO Attorney Registration Number, if any.

II. Method of Collection

The application for the Public User ID is completed on site and handed to a staff member to enter into the system and issue the badge.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0651-0041.

Form Number(s): PTO-2030.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; businesses or other for-profits; not-for-profit institutions; farms; the Federal Government; and state, local or tribal governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 9,084 responses per year.

Estimated Time Per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately five minutes (.08 hours) to gather the necessary information, prepare the form, and submit the completed application for a Public User ID or to renew the Public User ID Badge, and approximately ten minutes (.17 hours) to supply any optional information to the staff, have the photograph taken, and be issued the Public User ID Badge.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 1,054 hours per year.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden: \$109,616 per year. The USPTO estimates that of those users requesting Public User IDs, approximately 1/3 of the users will be attorneys and 2/3 will be paraprofessionals. Using the professional hourly rate of \$252 per hour for associate attorneys in private firms and the paraprofessional hourly rate of \$30 per hour, the average hourly rate for all respondents to this collection will be \$104 per hour.

Item	Estimated time for response (minutes)	Estimated annual responses	Estimated annual burden hours
Application for Public User ID	5	3,642	291
Issue Public User ID Badge	10	3,642	619
Renew Public User ID Badge	5	1,800	144
Total		9,084	1,054

Estimated Total Annual Nonhour Respondent Cost Burden: \$0. (There are no capital start-up or maintenance costs or filing fees associated with this information collection.)

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, e.g., the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 26, 2001.

Susan K. Brown,

Records Officer, USPTO, Office of Data Management, Data Administration Division.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Technology Administration

Announcing a Public Workshop on Digital Entertainment and Rights Management

AGENCY: Technology Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of a public workshop.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Commerce Technology Administration (TA) announces a public workshop on digital entertainment and its availability to consumers. The workshop will help gather data on such issues as the strengths, weaknesses and availability of current and imminent technological solutions to protect digital content, barriers that are inhibiting

movies, music and games from coming online and the capability of networks to handle digital content such as video-on-demand to the home. Limited seating will be available to members of the general public. It is recommended that persons wishing to become general public attendees call in advance to reserve seating, on a first come, first served basis.

DATES: This workshop will be held on December 17, 2001, from 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the Herbert C. Hoover Building, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 4830, Washington, DC. Entrance on 14th St. between Pennsylvania and Constitution Aves., NW.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Further information may be obtained from Chris Israel, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Technology Policy, Technology Administration, (202) 482-5687.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to its statutory authority found at 15 U.S.C. 3704(c), the Technology Administration is authorized, among other things, to do the following:

- Conduct technology policy analyses to improve United States industrial productivity, technology, and innovation, and cooperate with United States industry in the improvement of its productivity, technology, and ability to compete successfully in world markets;

- Determine the relationships of technological developments and international technology transfers to the output, employment, productivity, and world trade performance of United States and foreign industrial sectors;

- Determine the influence of economic, labor and other conditions, industrial structure and management, and government policies on technological developments in particular industrial sectors worldwide;
- Identify technological needs, problems, and opportunities within and across industrial sectors that, if addressed, could make a significant contribution to the economy of the United States;

- Assess whether the capital, technical and other resources being allocated to domestic industrial sectors

which are likely to generate new technologies are adequate to meet private and social demands for goods and services and to promote productivity and economic growth;

- Propose and support studies and policy experiments, in cooperation with other Federal agencies, to determine the effectiveness of measures with the potential of advancing United States technological innovation;

- Serve as a focal point for discussions among United States companies on topics of interest to industry and labor, including discussions regarding manufacturing and discussions regarding emerging technologies; and,

- Consider government measures with the potential of advancing United States technological innovation and exploiting innovations of foreign origin.

With these responsibilities in mind, the Technology Administration is planning on holding a full-day, moderated series of informal discussions with relevant stakeholders to gather information on the availability of digital entertainment and status of copyright protection and rights management tools. The discussions will help gather data on such issues as the strengths, weaknesses and availability of technological solutions, as well as network capability.

Authority: This work effort is being initiated pursuant to TA's statutory responsibilities, codified at section 3704 of Title 15 of the United States Code.

Dated: November 30, 2001.

Phillip J. Bond,

Undersecretary of Commerce for Technology.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

[CPSC Docket No. 02-C0002]

MTS Products, Inc., a Corporation Provisional Acceptance of a Settlement Agreement and Order

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice.