DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Low-Power Television and Translator Digital Upgrade Program Application Form

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on a proposed 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 13, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 7845, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Clifton Beck, NTIA, Room H–4888, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The purpose of the Low-power Television and Translator Digital Upgrade Program is to assist each eligible low-power television station to receive reimbursement for equipment to upgrade low-power television stations from analog to digital service in eligible rural communities.

The term “eligible low-power television station” means a low-power television broadcast station, Class A television station, television translator station, or television booster station—

(1) That is itself broadcasting exclusively in analog format; and

(2) That has not converted from analog to digital operations prior to the date of enactment of the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005.

II. Method of Collection

The proposed form will be submitted electronically via the Internet or mail.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: None.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions, state or local government agencies; individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Total Respondents: 5,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 3 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 15,000.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to the Public: $0.

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 will 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 and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 9, 2008.

Gwennar Banks,
Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Docket No. 0811251523-81524-01

Spectrum Sharing Innovation Test-Bed Pilot Program

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce

ACTION: Notice, Request for Comments

SUMMARY: This notice describes and seeks comment on the types and depth of testing that the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) intends to conduct in Phase I of the Spectrum Sharing Innovation Test-Bed pilot program to assess whether devices employing Dynamic Spectrum Access techniques can share the frequency spectrum with land mobile radio systems.

DATES: Comments are due on or before December 30, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the attention of Ed Drocella, Office of Spectrum Management, 1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 6725, Washington DC; 20230; by facsimile transmission to (202) 482–4595; or by electronic mail to testbed@ntia.doc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ed Drocella at 202–482–2608 or eddrocella@ntia.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

One of the recommendations in the Department of Commerce reports for the Presidential Spectrum Policy Initiative directed NTIA, in coordination with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and other Federal agencies, to establish a Spectrum Sharing Innovation Test-Bed (Test-Bed) pilot program to examine the feasibility of increased sharing between Federal and non-Federal users. This pilot program is one of the key elements of the President’s 21st Century Spectrum Policy Initiative and is an opportunity for Federal agencies to work cooperatively with industry, researchers, and academia to objectively evaluate new technologies that can improve management of the nation’s airwaves.


II. Request for Comments

As discussed in the February 2008 Federal Register Notice, a peer review process will be employed to give the public an opportunity to participate in the development of test plans for the Test-Bed pilot program. A copy of the draft Phase I test plan is available in HTML, Word, and PDF formats on the following website:

On or before December 30, 2008, interested parties wishing to comment on the draft Phase I test plan should submit to the address set forth above, their name, address, phone number, e-mail address and their comments. NTIA will publish the final version of the Phase I test plan on its website.

Kathy D. Smith,
Chief Counsel, National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Patent and Trademark Office
Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).
Title: National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Application.
Form Number(s): N/A.
Agency Approval Number: 0651–00xx.
Type of Request: New collection.
Burden: 40 hours annually.
Number of Respondents: 1,600 responses per year.
Avg. Hours per Response: 40 hours.
The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately 40 hours to gather and prepare the necessary information, and submit the information to the USPTO.
Needs and Uses: The public uses the National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Application to recognize through nomination an individual’s or company’s extraordinary leadership and innovation in technological achievement. The application must be accompanied by at least six letters of recommendation or support from individuals who have first-hand knowledge of the cited achievement(s).
Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit.
Frequency: On occasion.
Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.
OMB Desk Officer: Nicholas A. Fraser, e-mail: Nicholas.A.Fraser@omb.eop.gov.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before January 14, 2009 to Nicholas.A.Fraser@omb.eop.gov or by fax (202) 395–5167, marked to the attention of Nicholas A. Fraser.

Dated: December 8, 2008.
Susan K. Fawcett,
Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Customer Information Services Group, Public Information Services Division, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by any of the following methods:
E-mail: Susan.Fawcett@uspto.gov.
Fax: 571–273–0112, marked to the attention of Susan K. Fawcett.
Mail: Susan K. Fawcett, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Customer Information Services Group, Public Information Services Division, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION
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Federal Acquisition Regulation; Information Collection; Evaluation of Export Offers

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DoD), General Services Administration (GSA),