employees and contractors who have a need for the information when performing their official duties. Security measures include the use of access codes (personal identification number (PIN) and password) to enter our computer systems that house the data.

We annually provide all our employees and contractors with security awareness and training. This includes the need to protect PII and the criminal penalties that apply to an unauthorized access to, or disclosure of, PII. Employees and contractors with access to databases maintaining PII must also sign a sanction document annually, acknowledging their accountability for inappropriately accessing or disclosing such information.

#### RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

We maintain records in SSA headquarters within the Office of Open Government. We will maintain records in this system of records until seven years after the notification of the death of the account holder. After that time, we will delete the person's records from the database.

## SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Office of the Chief Information Officer, Office of Open Government, Social Security Administration, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235.

#### **NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:**

Persons can determine if this system contains a record about them by writing to the system manager at the above address and providing their name, SSN, or other information in this system of records that will identify them. Persons requesting notification by mail must include a notarized statement to us to verify their identity or must certify in the request that they are the person they claim to be and that they understand that the knowing and willful request for, or acquisition of, a record pertaining to another person under false pretenses is a criminal offense.

Persons requesting notification of records in person must provide the same information, as well as provide an identity document, preferably with a photograph, such as a driver's license. Persons lacking identification documents sufficient to establish their identity must certify in writing that they are the person they claim to be and that they understand that the knowing and willful request for, or acquisition of, a record pertaining to another person under false pretenses is a criminal offense.

Persons requesting notification by telephone must verify their identity by

providing identifying information that parallels the information in the record about which they are requesting notification. If we determine that the identifying information the person provides by telephone is insufficient, we will require the person to submit a request in writing or in person. If a person requests information by telephone on behalf of another person, the subject person must be on the telephone with the requesting person and us in the same phone call. We will establish the subject person's identity (his or her name, SSN, address, date of birth, and place of birth, along with one other piece of information such as mother's maiden name) and ask for his or her consent to provide information to the requesting person. These procedures are in accordance with our regulations at 20 CFR 401.40 and 401.45.

### **RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

Same as notification procedures. Persons also should reasonably specify the record contents they are seeking. These procedures are in accordance with our regulations (20 CFR 401.40(c)).

#### CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

Same as notification procedures. Persons also should reasonably identify the record, specify the information they are contesting, and state the corrective action sought and the reasons for the correction with supporting justification showing how the record is incomplete, untimely, inaccurate, or irrelevant. These procedures are in accordance with our regulations (20 CFR 401.65(a)).

## **RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

We obtain information in this system of records primarily from the person to whom the record pertains. We may also include information from electronic W–2 and electronic Schedule SE forms for members of the public.

## SYSTEM EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVACY ACT:

None.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice: 7270]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Form- DS-1950, Department of State Application for Employment, OMB Control Number 1405-0139

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment in the **Federal Register** preceding submission to OMB. We are conducting this process in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

- *Title of Information Collection:* Department of State Application for Employment.
  - OMB Control Number: 1405–0139.
- *Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.
- Originating Office: Bureau of Human Resources, Office of Recruitment, Examination, Employment (HR/REE)
  - Form Number: DS-1950.
- Respondents: U.S. Citizens seeking entry into certain Department of State Foreign Service positions.
- Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,000.
- Estimated Number of Responses: 3,000.
- Average Hours Per Response: 30 minutes.
  - Total Estimated Burden: 1,500.
  - Frequency: On Occasion.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain a Benefit.

**DATES:** The Department will accept comments from the public up to 60 days from December 17, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- E-mail: mooreme1@state.gov.
- Mail (paper, disk, or CD–ROM submissions): U.S. Department of State—SA–1, HR/REE/REC Room 518H, Attention: Marvin Moore, 2401 E Street, NW., Washington DC 20522.

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

• If you have access to the Internet, you may view and comment on this notice by going to: http://www.regulations.gov/search/Regs/home.html#home.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents, to Marvin E. Moore, Bureau of Human Resources, Recruitment Division, Student Programs, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20522, who may be reached on 202–261–8885 or by email at MooreME1@state.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of our functions.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the 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 technology.

Abstract of proposed collection: The DS-1950 has been the form used by individuals to apply for certain excepted jobs at the Department of State such as Foreign Service specialist positions. We wish to continue to use this form to clarify interpretation of applicant responses and how applicants become aware of our program opportunities.

Methodology: The form will be used by applicants for excepted service jobs at the Department of State, such as certain Foreign Service jobs. These programs generate approximately 3,000 applications per year. Data, which is extracted from the form, is necessary to determine qualifications, and selections, in accordance with Federal policies.

Dated: November 30, 2010.

#### Ruben Torres,

Director, HR/EX, Department of State. [FR Doc. 2010–31760 Filed 12–16–10; 8:45 am]

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# OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

## Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement: Request for Comments From the Public

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Request for written submissions from the public.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) has concluded negotiations on a proposed agreement to strengthen international cooperation, enforcement practices and legal frameworks for addressing counterfeiting and piracy. USTR is requesting written comments from the public on the final text of the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA) in connection with consideration of U.S. signature of the agreement.

The deadline for submission of written comments is, 5 p.m., Tuesday, February 15, 2011.

ADDRESSES: All written comments should be sent electronically via http://www.regulations.gov, docket number USTR-2010-0014. Submissions should contain the term "ACTA Public Comments" in the "Type comment & Upload file" field on http://www.regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kira M. Alvarez, Chief Negotiator and Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Intellectual Property Enforcement, Office of the United States Trade Representative, at (202) 395–4510. Further information about ACTA can be located at <a href="http://www.ustr.gov/webfm.send/2379">http://www.ustr.gov/webfm.send/2379</a>.

## 1. Supplementary Information

USTR, working with a group of trading partners, has concluded negotiations on a proposed agreement to strengthen international cooperation, enforcement practices and legal frameworks for addressing counterfeiting and piracy. USTR is requesting written comments from the public on the final text of the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA) in connection with consideration of U.S. signature of the agreement.

Participants in the negotiations included: Australia, Canada, the European Union (EU) represented by the European Commission and the EU Presidency (Belgium) and the EU Member States, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Morocco, New Zealand, Singapore, Switzerland and the United States.

Consistent with the Administration's strategy for intellectual property enforcement, ACTA would be the highest-standard plurilateral agreement yet achieved concerning the enforcement of intellectual property rights, and would establish an international model for effectively combating the global proliferation of commercial-scale counterfeiting and piracy. In addition to requirements concerning legal frameworks for intellectual property enforcement, the proposed agreement also includes innovative provisions to deepen international cooperation and to promote strong enforcement practices. Together these provisions will help to protect American jobs in innovative and creative industries against intellectual property theft.

## 2. Text and Summary Information

The full, final text of the ACTA, together with summaries and related information, can be found at http://www.ustr.gov/acta.

#### 3. Public Comments

### a. Written Comments

Written comments must be received by February 15, 2011 at 5 p.m.

## b. Requirements for Comments

Comments must be in writing and in English. All comments should be sent electronically via http://www.regulations.gov, docket number USTR-2010-0014.

To submit comments to http:// www.regulations.gov, find the docket by entering the number USTR-2010-0014 in the "Enter Keyword or ID" window at the http://www.regulations.gov home page and click "Search." The site will provide a search-results page listing all documents associated with this docket. Find a reference to this notice by selecting "Notice" under "Document Type" on the left side of the searchresults page, and click on the link entitled "Submit a comment." (For further information on using the http://www.regulations.gov Web site, please consult the resources provided on the Web site by clicking on "How to Use This Site" on the left side of the home page).

The http://www.regulations.gov site provides the option of providing comments by filling in a "Type comment & Upload file" field, or by attaching a document. It is USTR's preference that comments be provided in an attached document. If a document is attached, please type "ACTA Public Comments" in the "Type comment & Upload file" field. USTR prefers submissions in Microsoft Word (.doc) or Adobe Acrobat (.pdf). If the submission is in an application other than those two, please indicate the name of the application in the "Comments" field.

For any comments containing business confidential information, the filer should type "ACTA Comments-Business Confidential" in the "Type Comment & Upload file" field. Any page containing business confidential information must be clearly marked "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL" on the top of that page. Filers of submissions containing business confidential information must also submit a separate public version of their comments with the business confidential information redacted. The filer should type "ACTA Comments—Public Version" in the "Type Comment & Upload file" field. If it is determined that the comment does not contain business confidential information, the filer will be notified of that determination and allowed to withdraw their comment.