

print and retain a copy of the acknowledgment receipt that appears on the screen after a successful submission. Customers will also receive an electronic copy of this receipt. The USPTO estimates that it will take 5 seconds (0.001 hours) to print a copy of the acknowledgment receipt and that approximately 35,278 submissions per year will be completed via EFS, EPAS, and ETAS, for a total of approximately 35 hours per year for printing this receipt. The USPTO expects that these receipts will be printed by paraprofessionals at an estimated rate of \$81 per hour, for a recordkeeping cost of \$2,835 per year for printing the acknowledgment receipts. Therefore,

this collection has a total recordkeeping cost of \$2,916. This collection has filing fees associated with submitting patent and trademark assignment documents to be recorded. The filing fees for recording patent and trademark assignments are the same for both paper and electronic submissions. However, the filing cost for recording patent or trademark assignments varies according to the number of properties involved in each submission. The filing fee for submitting a trademark assignment as indicated by 37 CFR 2.6(b)(6) is \$40 for recording the first property in a document and \$25 for each additional property in the same document. The USPTO estimates that the average trademark assignment filing

has one property plus five additional properties, for an average filing cost of \$165 for a trademark assignment submission. The filing fee for submitting a patent assignment as indicated by 37 CFR 1.21(h) is \$40 for recording each property in a document. The USPTO estimates that paper and electronic patent assignment filings contain an average of 1.5 properties per submission, for an average filing cost of \$60. The USPTO also estimates that oversized patent assignment requests on CD contain an average of 100 properties per submission, for an average filing cost of \$4,000. The total estimated filing cost for this collection is \$23,056,435 per year.

Item	Form number	Estimated annual responses	Average fee amount	Estimated annual filing costs
Patent Recordation Form Cover Sheet .....	PTO-1595 .....	277,098	\$60.00	\$16,625,880.00
Trademark Recordation Form Cover Sheet .....	PTO-1594 .....	18,908	165.00	3,119,820.00
Electronic Patent Assignment Recordation request (EFS) .....	None .....	5,651	60.00	339,060.00
Patent Assignment Recordation Request (CD) .....	None .....	10	4,000.00	40,000.00
Electronic Patent Assignment System (EPAS) .....	PTO-1595 .....	18,636	60.00	1,118,160.00
Electronic Trademark Assignment System (ETA) .....	PTO-1594 .....	10,991	165.00	1,813,515.00
<b>Totals .....</b>		<b>331,294</b>		<b>\$23,056,435.00</b>

Customers may incur postage costs when submitting a patent or trademark assignment request to the USPTO by mail. The USPTO expects that some assignment requests will be submitted by fax but that approximately 215,622 of the 296,006 paper assignment requests per year will be submitted by mail. The USPTO estimates that the average first-class postage cost for a mailed Patent or Trademark Recordation Form Cover Sheet submission is 49 cents. The USPTO further estimates that 10 patent assignment requests on CD will be mailed to the USPTO per year and that the average first-class postage cost for a mailed CD submission is \$1.52. The total postage cost for this collection is \$105,670 per year.

The total non-hour respondent cost burden for this collection in the form of capital start-up costs, recordkeeping costs, filing fees, and postage costs is estimated to be \$23,165,071 per year.

**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: October 4, 2004.

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Dated in Washington, DC, 28 September 2004.

**Frederick J. Lindstrom,**  
*Acting Secretary.*

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**COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS**

**Notice of Meeting**

The next meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts is scheduled for 21 October 2004 at 10 a.m. in the Commission's offices at the National Building Museum, Suite 312, Judiciary Square, 401 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20001-2728. Items of discussion affecting the appearance of Washington, DC, may include buildings, parks and memorials.