

However, the MBDA National Director may not make any selection, or he may select an application out of rank order for the following reasons:

(a) A determination that an application better addresses one or more of the funding priorities for this competition. The National Director (or his/her designee) reserves the right to conduct one or more site visits (subject to the availability of funding), in order to make a better assessment of an applicant's capability to achieve the funding priorities; or

(b) The availability of MBDA funding. Prior to making a final recommendation to the Grants Officer, MBDA may request that the apparent winner of the competition provide written clarifications (as necessary) regarding its application.

*Intergovernmental Review:*

Applications under this program are not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

*Limitation of Liability:* In no event will MBDA or the Department of Commerce be responsible for proposal preparation costs if this program fails to receive funding or is cancelled because of other MBDA or Department of Commerce priorities. All funding periods are subject to the availability of funds to support the continuation of the project and the Department of Commerce and MBDA priorities. Publication of this notice does not obligate the Department of Commerce or MBDA to award any specific cooperative agreement or to obligate all or any part of available funds.

*Universal Identifier:* Applicants should be aware that they will be required to provide a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number during the application process. See the June 27, 2003 **Federal Register** notice (68 FR 38402) for additional information. Organizations can receive a DUNS number at no cost by calling the dedicated toll-free DUNS Number request line at 1-866-705-5711 or by accessing the Grants.gov Web site at <http://www.Grants.gov>.

*Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements:* The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements contained in the **Federal Register** notice of December 30, 2004 (69 FR 78389) are applicable to this solicitation.

*Paperwork Reduction Act:* This document contains collection-of-information requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). The

use of Standard Forms 424, 424A, 424B, SF-LLL, and CD-346 have been approved by OMB under the respective control numbers 0348-0043, 0348-0044, 0348-0040, 0348-0046, and 0605-0001. Notwithstanding any other provisions 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.

*Executive Order 12866:* This notice has been determined to be not significant for purposes of E.O. 12866.

*Administrative Procedure Act/Regulatory Flexibility Act:* Prior notice and an opportunity for public comment are not required by the Administrative Procedure Act for rules concerning public property, loans, grants, benefits, or contracts (5 U.S.C. 533(a)(2)). Because notice and opportunity for comment are not required pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 533 or any other law, the analytical requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) are inapplicable. Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required and has not been prepared.

Dated: November 21, 2007.

**Ronald N. Langston,**

*National Director, Minority Business Development Agency.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XE09

#### Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Groundfish Observer Program; Notice of Observer Program Public Workshop

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notification of public workshop.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS will present a public workshop on the implementation of new Alaska groundfish observer sampling protocols for fishery participants and other interested parties. At the workshop, NMFS will provide an overview of the changes to observer sampling protocols, discuss alterations made in the observer electronic data submission and communications system, and answer questions. NMFS is conducting this public workshop to provide assistance to fishery

participants in understanding the sampling protocols which will be used by groundfish observers in 2008 and beyond.

**DATES:** The workshop will be held on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pacific standard time.

**ADDRESSES:** The workshop will be held at the Nordic Heritage Museum, 3014 NW 67th Street, Seattle, WA 98117.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Ferdinand, 206-526-4076 or [Jennifer.Ferdinand@noaa.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Ferdinand@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Groundfish fisheries in waters of the Gulf of Alaska (GOA) and Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area (BSAI) are managed under quotas set annually for groundfish species and for several other species that the groundfish fishery is prohibited from retaining. These quotas may be apportioned among areas, seasons, gear types, processor and catcher vessel sectors, cooperatives, and individual fishermen. Both retained and discarded catch are credited against these annual quotas, which generally are based on stock assessments generated principally by NMFS and on recommendations from the North Pacific Fishery Management Council. NMFS' Alaska Region is responsible for monitoring the progress of fisheries toward attainment of these quotas and allocations, and for closing the fisheries when quotas are reached. Stock assessments, quota monitoring, and management require collection of data from the fishery to account for all groundfish and prohibited species catch, including the portion of the catch that is discarded. North Pacific groundfish observers aboard vessels and at shoreside or floating stationary processors collect the data necessary for these purposes.

The Alaska Fisheries Science Center's groundfish observer program has embarked on an ambitious set of observer data collection changes for implementation in the 2008 fishing year. The new sampling procedures eliminate much of the need for observers to summarize and calculate information at sea and take steps to ensure all data points are recorded at the level from which they are observed.

NMFS is conducting a public workshop to provide assistance to fishery participants in reviewing the new observer sampling protocols and the changes that were necessary to the observer electronic data submission and communications system. Additionally, NMFS will answer questions from workshop participants. For further information on the groundfish observer

program, please visit the NMFS Alaska Fisheries Science Center website at <http://www.afsc.noaa.gov/FMA/.htm>.

### Special Accommodations

This workshop is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for special accommodations should be directed to Jennifer Ferdinand (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) before December 6, 2007.

Dated: November 21, 2007.

**Emily H. Menashes**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## 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).

*Agency:* United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), Department of Commerce.

*Title:* Electronic Response to Office Action and Preliminary Amendment Forms.

*Form Number(s):* PTO-1771, PTO-1882, PTO-1930, PTO-1957 and PTO-1966.

*Agency Approval Number:* 0651-0050.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Burden:* 27,240 hours annually, including 495 hours per year for Post Publication Amendments and 1,092 hours per year for the Response to Suspension Inquiry or Letter of Suspension.

*Number of Respondents:* 158,300 responses per year, including 1,800 responses per year for Post Publication Amendments and 5,600 responses per year for the Response to Suspension Inquiry or Letter of Suspension.

*Avg. Hours Per Response:* The USPTO estimates that the public will require approximately 10 to 18 minutes (0.17 to 0.30 hours) to prepare and submit the information in this collection. Completion times may vary, depending upon the nature and amount of information requested in a particular Office Action.

*Needs and Uses:* This collection of information is required by the

Trademark Act, 15 U.S.C. 1051 *et seq.*, which provides for the Federal registration of trademarks, service marks, collective trademarks and service marks, collective membership marks, and certification marks. Individuals and businesses that use or intend to use such marks in commerce may file an application to register their marks with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). In some cases, the USPTO may issue an Office Action to an applicant in order to request additional information that is required before a mark can be registered. Applicants may also supplement their applications by providing additional information voluntarily.

The USPTO is proposing to add two forms to this information collection, Post Publication Amendment (PTO-1711) and Response to Suspension Inquiry or Letter of Suspension (PTO-1822). Applicants may file a Post Publication Amendment in order to submit a proposed amendment to an application that has already been approved for publication by the examining attorney. If an applicant receives a Suspension Inquiry or Letter of Suspension from the USPTO, the applicant may use the proposed response form to file a reply. Applicants may submit the two proposed new forms to the USPTO electronically through the USPTO Web site or submit the required information for the amendment or response to the USPTO on paper.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, businesses or other for-profits, and not-for-profit institutions.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*OMB Desk Officer:* David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by any of the following methods:

*E-mail:* [Susan.Fawcett@uspto.gov](mailto:Susan.Fawcett@uspto.gov). Include "0651-0050 copy request" in the subject line of the message.

*Fax:* 571-273-0112, marked to the attention of Susan Fawcett.

*Mail:* Susan K. Fawcett, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Customer Information Services Group, Public Information Services Division, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before December 28, 2007 to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building,

725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: November 21, 2007.

**Susan K. Fawcett,**

*Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Customer Information Services Group, Public Information Services Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. DoD-2007-OS-0089]

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by December 28, 2007.

*Title, Form, and OMB Number:* Defense Logistics Agency Survey of Supply Vendors; OMB Control Number 0704-0429.

*Type of Request:* Extension.

*Number of Respondents:* 200.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 200.

*Average Burden per Response:* 1 hour.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 200.

*Needs and Uses:* The Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) is transforming its distribution business practices. It is developing an automated system that will give it visibility on the location and movement of material originating at Government and contractor locations alike, and the ability to use that information for Corporate-wide planning and management. DLA needs to understand corresponding business practices of segments of the contractor community. The survey information will be used by DLA to help determine the extent to which shipments from contractor locations can be integrated into DLA's distribution practices.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Ms. Hillary Jaffe.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Ms. Jaffe at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room