

Request for Approval under the “Generic Clearance for the Collection of Routine Customer Feedback” (OMB Control Number: 0651-0080)

TITLE OF INFORMATION COLLECTION: G261- Pro Bono Survey

PURPOSE: The Program provides free legal assistance to under-resourced inventors interested in securing patent protection for their inventions. This survey will be used by the program to track operations and status of the regional partners of the program.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS: Regional Pro Bono patent programs.

TYPE OF COLLECTION: (Check one or multiple)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Customer Comment Card/Complaint Form | <input type="checkbox"/> Customer Satisfaction Survey |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Usability Testing (e.g., Website or Software | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Discussion Group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Focus Group | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Partner Survey</u> |

CERTIFICATION:

I certify the following to be true:

1. The collection is voluntary.
2. The collection is low-burden for respondents and low-cost for the Federal Government.
3. The collection is non-controversial and does not raise issues of concern to other federal agencies.
4. The results are not intended to be disseminated to the public.
5. Information gathered will not be used for the purpose of substantially informing influential policy decisions.
6. The collection is targeted to the solicitation of opinions from respondents who have experience with the program or may have experience with the program in the future.

Business Unit: _____/John Kirkpatrick/_____

To assist review, please provide answers to the following question:

Personally Identifiable Information:

1. Is personally identifiable information (PII) collected? Yes No
 - 1a. If Yes, is the information that will be collected included in records that are subject to the Privacy Act of 1974? Yes No
2. If applicable, has a System of Records Notice been published? Yes No

Gifts or Payments:

Is an incentive (e.g., money or reimbursement of expenses, token of appreciation) provided to participants? Yes No

BURDEN HOURS

Category of Respondent	No. of Respondents	Participation Time	Burden
Survey	80	120 minutes (2 hours)	160 hours
Totals	80		160 hours

The USPTO estimates that 100% of the surveys will be conducted electronically.

FEDERAL COST: The estimated annual cost to the Federal government is the average hourly rate of \$73.65 per hour for a GS-15 step 7 + 22.10 (30%) which totals an hourly rate of \$95.75. It is estimated that it will take about 80 hours to process this information. The total cost to the Government is estimated at 7,660; $\$95.75 * 80 \text{ hours} = \$7,660$

If you are conducting a focus group, survey, or plan to employ statistical methods, please provide answers to the following questions:

The selection of your targeted respondents

1. Do you have a customer list or something similar that defines the universe of potential respondents and do you have a sampling plan for selecting from this universe?

Yes No

If the answer is yes, please provide a description of both below (or attach the sampling plan)? If the answer is no, please provide a description of how you plan to identify your potential group of respondents and how you will select them?

There is no sampling plan, as every respondent will be requested to complete the survey.

Administration of the Instrument

1. How will you collect the information? (Check all that apply)

Web-based or other forms of Social Media

Telephone

In-person

Mail

Other, Explain: live poll software

2. Will interviewers or facilitators be used? Yes No