

## Discussion

CRADAs are authorized under 15 U.S.C. 3710(a).<sup>1</sup> A CRADA promotes the transfer of technology to the private sector for commercial use, as well as specified research or development efforts that are consistent with the mission of the Federal parties to the CRADA. The Federal party or parties agree with one or more non-Federal parties to share research resources, but the Federal party does not contribute funding.

CRADAs are not procurement contracts. Care is taken to ensure that CRADAs are not used to circumvent the contracting process. CRADAs have a specific purpose and should not be confused with procurement contracts, grants, and other type of agreements.

Under the proposed CRADA, the R&D Center will collaborate with one non-Federal participant. Together, the R&D Center and the non-Federal participant will collect information/data for performance, reliability, maintenance requirements, and other data on LEP.

We anticipate that the Coast Guard's contributions under the proposed CRADA will include the following:

- (1) Work with non-Federal participant to develop the test plan to be executed under the CRADA;
- (2) Provide the test platform, test platform support, facilities, and seek all required approvals for testing under the CRADA;
- (3) Prepare the test platform for laser testing;
- (4) Provide laboratory equipment and personnel to complete the testing phases;
- (5) Collect and analyze data in accordance with the CRADA test plan; and
- (6) Work with non-Federal participant to develop a Final Report, which will document the methodologies, findings, conclusions, and recommendations of this CRADA work.

We anticipate that the non-Federal participants' contributions under the proposed CRADA will include the following:

- (1) Work with R&D Center to develop the test plan to be executed under the CRADA;
- (2) Provide the technical data package for all equipments, including dimensions, weight, power requirements, and other technical considerations for the additional components to be utilized under this CRADA;

(3) Provide for shipment and delivery required for testing under this CRADA;

(4) Provide technical oversight, technical equipment, and materials provided for testing under this CRADA; and

(5) Provide/pay for travel and other associated personnel costs and other required expenses for the Non-federal participant's personnel.

The Coast Guard reserves the right to select for CRADA participants all, some, or no proposals submitted for this CRADA. The Coast Guard will provide no funding for reimbursement of proposal development costs. Proposals and any other material submitted in response to this notice will not be returned. Proposals submitted are expected to be unclassified and have no more than five single-sided pages (excluding cover page, DD 1494, JF-12, etc.). The Coast Guard will select proposals at its sole discretion on the basis of:

- (1) How well they communicate an understanding of, and ability to meet, the proposed CRADA's goal; and
- (2) How well they address the following criteria:
  - (a) Technical capability to support the non-Federal party contributions described; and
  - (b) Resources available for supporting the non-Federal party contributions described.

Currently, the Coast Guard is considering Metamaterials Technologies USA Inc. for participation in this CRADA. This consideration is based on the fact that Metamaterials Technologies USA Inc. has demonstrated its technical ability as the developer and manufacturer of laser protective materials. However, we do not wish to exclude other viable participants from this or future similar CRADAs.

This is a technology assessment effort. The goal for the Coast Guard of this CRADA is to better understand the advantages, disadvantages, required technology enhancements, performance, costs, and other issues associated with laser protective technology. Special consideration will be given to small business firms/consortia, and preference will be given to business units located in the U.S. This notice is issued under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 552(a).

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. Customs and Border Protection

[1651-0105]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Application To Use the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE)

**AGENCY:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** 60-Day notice and request for comments; extension and revision of an existing collection of information.

**SUMMARY:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) of the Department of Homeland Security will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act: Application to Use the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE). CBP is proposing that this information collection be extended with a change to the burden hours resulting from the addition of a new application for brokers, importers, sureties, attorneys and other parties to establish an ACE Portal account to file protests. There are no proposed changes to the existing ACE Portal application for imported merchandise. This document is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before August 15, 2016 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Attn: Tracey Denning, Regulations and Rulings, Office of Trade, 90 K Street NE., 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20229-1177.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information should be directed to Tracey Denning, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Regulations and Rulings, Office of Trade, 90 K Street NE., 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20229-1177, at 202-325-0265.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** CBP invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3507). The comments should address: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility;

<sup>1</sup> The statute confers this authority on the head of each Federal agency. The Secretary of DHS's authority is delegated to the Coast Guard and other DHS organizational elements by DHS Delegation No. 0160.1, para. II.B.34.

(b) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology; and (e) the annual cost burden to respondents or record keepers from the collection of information (total capital/startup costs and operations and maintenance costs). The comments that are submitted will be summarized and included in the CBP request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this document, CBP is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

*Title:* Application to Use the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE).

*OMB Number:* 1651-0105.

*Abstract:* As of July 23, 2016, the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) will be the sole CBP-authorized electronic data interchange (EDI) system for processing electronic entry and entry summary filings of certain entry types. Pursuant to Executive Order 13659, a deadline of December 31, 2016, was established for participating Federal agencies to have capabilities, agreements, and other requirements in place to utilize the International Trade Data System (ITDS) and supporting systems, such as ACE, as the primary means of receiving from users the standard set of data and other relevant documentation (exclusive of applications for permits, licenses, or certifications) required for the release of imported cargo and clearance of cargo for export. See 79 FR 10655 (February 25, 2014). ACE supports government agencies and the trade community with border-related missions with respect to moving goods across the border efficiently and securely. Once ACE is fully implemented, all related CBP trade functions and the trade community will be supported from a single common user interface.

In order to establish an ACE Portal account, participants submit information such as their name, their employer identification number (EIN) or social security number, and if applicable, a statement certifying their capability to connect to the internet. This information is submitted through the ACE Secure Data Portal which is accessible at: <http://www.cbp.gov/trade/automated>.

CBP is proposing to add the capability of electronically filing protests to ACE. A protest is a procedure whereby a private party may administratively

challenge a CBP decision regarding imported merchandise and certain other CBP decisions. Trade members wishing to establish a protest filer account will need to submit the following data elements:

1. Organization Information
  - a. Protest Filer Number (EIN, SSN, or CBP Assigned Number)
  - b. Organization Name
  - c. Organization Type
  - d. End of Fiscal Year (month and day)
  - e. Mailing Address
2. ACE Account Owner Information
  - a. Name
  - b. Date of Birth
  - c. Email Address
  - d. Telephone Number
  - e. Fax Number (optional)
  - f. Account Owner address if different from Company Address
3. Filing Notification Point of Contact
  - a. Name
  - b. Email address

*Current Actions:* CBP is proposing that this information collection be extended with a change to the burden hours resulting from the addition of a new application for protest filers to establish an ACE Portal account. There are no proposed changes to the existing ACE Portal application, or changes to the burden hours, for other ACE accounts.

*Type of Review:* Extension (with change).

*Affected Public:* Businesses.

#### **Application to ACE (Import)**

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 21,100.

*Estimated Number of Total Annual Responses:* 21,100.

*Estimated Time per Response:* .33 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 6,963.

#### **Application to ACE (Export)**

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 9,000.

*Estimated Number of Total Annual Responses:* 9,000.

*Estimated Time per Response:* .066 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 594.

#### **Application to ACE (Protest)**

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 3,750.

*Estimated Number of Total Annual Responses:* 3,750.

*Estimated Time per Response:* .066 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 248.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

### **U.S. Customs and Border Protection**

[1651-0014]

#### **Agency Information Collection Activities: Declaration for Free Entry of Unaccompanied Articles**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** 30-Day notice and request for comments; extension of an existing collection of information.

**SUMMARY:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) of the Department of Homeland Security will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act: Declaration for Free Entry of Unaccompanied Articles (Form 3299). This is a proposed extension of an information collection that was previously approved. CBP is proposing that this information collection be extended with no change to the burden hours or to the information collected. This document is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before July 14, 2016 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on this proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the OMB Desk Officer for Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, and sent via electronic mail to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov) or faxed to (202) 395-5806.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information should be directed to Tracey Denning, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Regulations and Rulings, Office of Trade, 90 K Street NE., 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20229-1177, at 202-325-0265.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal**