

## **SUPPORTING STATEMENT**

### **Nonimmigrant Petition Based on Blanket L Petition**

**Form I-129S**

**(OMB No. 1615-0010)**

#### **A. JUSTIFICATION.**

1. Sections 214(c)(2) and 101(a)(15)(L) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (Act) establishes a blanket petition process to allow certain businesses with significant past records of importing nonimmigrant intra-company transferees, to file a blanket L petition to resolve many of the issues surrounding eligibility, to expedite the process when they identify an individual worker later. The Form I-129S will be used to apply for nonimmigrant intra-company transferee classification pursuant to a previously approved blanket L-1 petition.
2. The data collected on this form will be used by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to collect information used by employers to classify employees outside the United States as executives, managers, or specialized-knowledged professionals, as nonimmigrant intra-company transferees pursuant to a previously approved blanket petition in accordance with sections 214(c)(2) 101(a)(15)(L) of the Act.
3. The use of this form currently provides the most efficient means for collecting and processing the required data. This form currently resides on the USCIS Website in a fillable / saveable mode so that aliens can easily type and save data

to their local personal computer. This form has been designated for e-filing as part of the Business Transformation Project.

4. A search of USCIS automated forms tracking system was accomplished and revealed no duplication. There is no similar data collected.
5. This collection of information does not have an impact on small businesses or other small entities.
6. Without this information collection, foreign-based businesses would be unable to establish businesses or transfer/locate employees within the United States. This information collection is used by employers to classify employees outside the United States as executives, managers, or specialized-knowledged professionals as nonimmigrant intra-company transferees pursuant to a previously approved blanket petition in accordance with sections 214(c)(2) and 101(a)(15)(L) of the Act.
7. There are no special circumstances applicable to this information collection.
8. USCIS published a notice in the Federal Register on August 4, 2006 at 71 FR 44306. The notice allowed 60 days for public review and comment. USCIS received no public comments on this proposed information collection.
9. USCIS does not provide payments or gifts to respondents in exchange for a benefit sought.
10. USCIS requests this information to determine eligibility for the immigration benefit.. USCIS may provide this information to other government agencies.
11. There are no questions of a sensitive nature.

12. Annual Reporting Burden:

a.	Number of Respondents	250,000
b.	Number of Responses per Respondent	1
c.	Total Annual Responses	250,000
d.	Hours per Response	.583
e.	Total Annual Reporting Burden	145,750

The projected hours per response for this collection of information is based on USCIS prior experience and includes three basic components:

Learning about the Law and the Form:	10 Minutes
Completing the Form:	10 Minutes
Assembling and Filing the Form:	15 Minutes
Total Hours per Response:	35 Minutes (.583)

**Annual Reporting Burden**

Total annual reporting burden hours are **145,750**. This number is calculated by multiplying the number of respondents (**250,000**) x (**1**) number of responses x **.583** (35 minutes) per response.

13. There are no capital or start-up costs associated with this information collection. Any cost burdens to respondents as a result of this information collection are

identified in item 14. There is no fee associated with the collection of this information.

14. Annualized Cost Analysis:

a.	Printing Cost	\$ 112,500
b.	Collection and Processing Cost	\$ 10,000,000
c.	Total Cost to Program	\$ 10,112,500
d.	Fee Charge	0
e.	Total Cost to Government	\$ 10,112,500

**Government Cost**

The estimated cost to the Government is **\$10,112,500**. This estimate is calculated by using the estimated number of respondents 250,000 multiplied (x) 1 hour (1) (time required to collect and process information) x \$40 (suggested average hourly rate for clerical, officer, and supervisory time with benefits). In addition, this figure includes the estimated overhead cost for printing, stocking and distributing the form, which is \$112,500.

**Public Cost**

**The estimated annual public cost is \$1,457,500.** This is based on the number of respondents **(250,000)** x number of responses (1) x 35 minutes **(.583)** per response x \$10 (average hourly rate).

15. There has been no increase or decrease in the estimated burden hours or costs associated with the collection of this information.
16. USCIS does not intend to employ the use of statistics or the publication thereof for this collection of information.
17. USCIS will display the expiration date for OMB approval of this information collection.
18. USCIS does not request an exception to the certification of this information collection. See attached Item 19 of Form OMB 83-I.

**B. Collection of Information Employing Statistical Methods.**

Not Applicable.

**C. Certification and Signature.**

## PAPERWORK CERTIFICATION

In submitting this request for OMB approval, I certify that the requirements of the Privacy Act and OMB directives have been complied with including paperwork regulations, statistical standards or directives, and any other information policy directives promulgated under 5 CFR 1320.

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**Date**