

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

Special Immigrant Visas for Fourth Preference Employment-Based Broadcasters

(File No. OMB-25)

OMB No. 1615-0064

A. Justification.

1. The Special Immigrant Status For Certain United States International Broadcasting Employees Act, Public Law 106-536 created a new category of fourth preference employment-based (EB-4) immigrant broadcasters. Public Law 106-536 authorized the allotment of 100 immigrant visas per fiscal year to the International Broadcasting Bureau of the U.S. Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) or a BBG grantee organization (namely Radio Free Asia, Inc., and Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Inc.) to be used for international broadcasters. The amendment allows the spouse and children of the broadcaster to accompany the alien broadcaster.
2. The amendment does not currently necessitate the creation of a new form or the editing of the existing I-360. Broadcasters will be able to use the “other” check box on Form I-360. In addition, 8 CFR 204.13(d)(1)(ii) requires the BBG, as petitioner to submit a statement as an attachment to the I-360 that addresses the position the broadcaster will fill and the qualifications of the broadcaster. The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will use the information collected via supplemental documentation to determine eligibility for the requested EB-4 classification.
3. Currently, the submission of the form and supplemental documentary evidence are the most efficient methods for the USCIS to collect and process the above referenced data. This information collection is providing supplemental documentation submitted with a

Form I-360. The Form I-360 has been designated for e-filing under the Business Transformation Project.

4. A review of the USCIS' Forms Inventory Report revealed no duplication of effort, and there is no other similar information currently available that can be used for this adjudication.
5. This collection of information does not have an impact on small businesses or other small entities.
6. If the supplemental evidence is not collected, the USCIS will not be able to comply with the statutory amendment. The submitted evidence must establish the eligibility of the beneficiary.
7. There are no special circumstances applicable to this information collection.
8. USCIS published a 60 Day Notice requesting comments on April 30, 2008 at 73 FR 23478. USCIS did not receive comments.
9. The USCIS does not provide payments or gifts to respondents in exchange for a benefit sought.
10. There is no assurance of confidentiality.
11. There are no questions of a sensitive nature.

12. Annual Reporting Burden

a. Number of Respondents	100
b. Number of Responses per each Respondent	1
c. Total Annual Responses	100
d. Hours per Response	2
e. Total Annual Reporting Burden	200

Annual Reporting Burden

Total annual reporting burden hours is 200. This figure is calculated by multiplying the number of respondents (100) x the number of responses (1) x 2 hours pre 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 collection are identified in item 14. There is no fee associated with this collection of information.

- 14. Annualized Cost

a.	Printing Cost	\$ 0
b.	Collection and Processing Cost	\$ 8,000
c.	Total Cost to Program	\$ 8,000
d.	Fee Charge	\$ 0
e.	Total Cost to Government	\$ 8,000

Government Cost

The estimated cost to the Government is \$8,000. This figure is calculated by multiplying the estimated number of respondents 100 x 2 hours (time required to collect and process information) x \$40 (suggested average hourly rate for clerical, officer, and supervisory time with benefits).

Annual Public Cost

The estimated annual public cost is \$2,000. This figure is based on the number of respondents 100 x number of responses (1) x 2 hours per response x \$10 (average hourly rate).

- 15. There is no increase or decrease to the estimated burden hours.

16. USCIS does not intend to employ the use of statistics or the publication thereof for this collection of information.
17. This collection only applies to submitting additional evidence. Therefore there is no need to display an expiration date of OMB approval for this information collection.
18. The USCIS does not request an exception to the certification of this information collection.

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