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Mr. Alex Hunt
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Dear Mr. Hunt:

The Department of Commerce's recently established Office of Innovation and Entrepreneurship requests emergency review of a new information collection request entitled "Presidential Summit on Entrepreneurship Nomination Application."

On June 4, 2009, President Obama announced in an address in Cairo that the U.S. would host a Summit on Entrepreneurship to "identify how we can deepen ties between business leaders, foundations and social entrepreneurs in the United States and Muslim communities around the world." This Summit represents an opportunity to highlight and support business and social entrepreneurship in Muslim-majority countries, including their minority populations, and Muslim communities around the world. The Summit is an integral part of President Obama's commitment to "a sustained effort to find common ground, to focus on the future we seek for our children, and to respect the dignity of all human beings" and an engagement with the world based on mutual respect and partnership around common challenges.

In order to hold this summit in conjunction with the White House, the Office of Innovation and Entrepreneurship needs to create an online application in order to collect nominations and select Delegates to this meeting in Washington, DC. While no firm dates have been set, the event is set to take place within the first six months of 2010 and will be attended by approximately 200-300 delegates from around the world who will represent their home countries, regions, sectors, and communities. Given the large number of summit delegates and the rapidly approach time horizon for the event, it is critical that we quickly secure approval of the information collection tool the Office of Innovation and Entrepreneurship needs to begin accepting nominations. We request that an expedited review be completed by October 21, 2009. Your assistance in handling this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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