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Memorandum

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Subject: Request for Emergency Processing

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) requests emergency review of an information collection request associated with the Maker Fair initiative. This will be a new pilot program entitled "Teacher Summer Institute." The USPTO seeks to begin collection of this information in June 2014, with the Institute to take place in August 2014.

A waiver is also sought for the requirement of a 30-Day Federal Register Notice prescribed by Sec. 1320.5(a)(1)(iv). The collection of information is needed prior to the expiration of the time period established by 5 C.F.R. §1320. Use of normal clearance procedures is reasonably likely to prevent or disrupt the collection of information.

The importance of STEM initiatives to the Obama Administration is well known. This is in support of a new pilot program, National Teacher Summer Institute (NTSI). The purpose of the institute is to provide professional development training to teachers in Intellectual Property, Innovation, and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) related courses.

This program would receive information from applicants, who would be requesting to participate in the program and certifying that they are educators with at least 3 years' experience and who: 1) have taught in STEM or STEM-related fields last; 2) plan to teach in a STEM or STEM-related field this upcoming year; and 3) acknowledge their commitment to incorporate lessons from the Teacher Summer Institute into their curriculum, where applicable, and cooperate with sharing lessons/outcomes with teachers and USPTO.