

JUSTIFICATION FOR NONMATERIAL/NONSUBSTANTIVE CHANGE
Global Intellectual Property Academy (GIPA) Survey
OMB Control Number 0651-0065

Background

The Global Intellectual Property Academy (GIPA) was established in 2006 to offer training programs on enforcement of intellectual property rights, patents, trademarks, and copyrights. GIPA's training programs are designed to meet the specific needs of foreign government officials concerning various intellectual property topics. By attending these programs, foreign government officials learn about global intellectual property rights protection and enforcement and discuss strategies to handle the protection and enforcement issues in their respective countries. The GIPA training programs are an important instrument that USPTO uses to achieve its objectives of halting intellectual property theft and advancing intellectual property right policies.

GIPA conducts several surveys in an effort to provide additional details on "who" participants are, what kind of positions they hold, length of time working in an intellectual property area, type of organizations where respondents work, type of intellectual property functions, and the effect of the GIPA program on their professional work and their country's intellectual property efforts. This information is being collected to improve the services that the USPTO provides in its missions of serving the international IP community.

The USPTO is adding three new questions to the GIPA Alumni Survey. The addition of these three questions does not result in a significant hourly burden increase to information collection 0651-0065.

Summary of Changes

The addition of three questions to the GIPA Alumni Survey will not result in an increase in the hourly burden to this information collection.

Changes in Burden

0651-0065's burden is as follows:

- 750 annual responses (unchanged)
- 143 annual hourly burden (unchanged)
- \$0 in annual non-hourly burden costs (unchanged)