

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**A. Purpose**

The Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994 included Title VIII, entitled Commercial Items. The title made numerous additions and revisions to both the civilian agency and Armed Service acquisition statutes to encourage and facilitate the acquisition of commercial items and services by Federal Government agencies.

The proposed revisions include a new form, Standard Form XXXX, Solicitation/Contract/Order for Commercial Items. The form would replace several existing "cover page" forms on solicitations, orders, and contracts for commercial items and services. It is designed to facilitate incorporation of the contract clauses required for commercial items in solicitations, orders, and contracts. The new form would substitute for those "cover page" forms on a one-for-one basis, and is not intended to impose any additional burden on firms that do business with the Federal Government. The net effect of the entirety of the proposed revisions (including the new form) is likely to reduce the burden on Government contractors.

Information will be used by Federal agencies to facilitate the acquisition of commercial items and services.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 45 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat, 18th & F Streets, NW., Room 4037, Washington, DC 20405, and to the FAR Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

The annual reporting burden is estimated as follows: Respondents, 500,000; responses per respondent, 20; total annual responses, 10,000,000; preparation hours per response, .75; and total response burden hours, 7,500,000.

OBTAINING COPIES OF PROPOSALS:

Requester may obtain copies of OMB applications or justifications from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (VRS), Room 4037, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB clearance

9000-0136 regarding Standard Form XXXX, Solicitation/Contract/Order for Commercial Items, FAR case 94-790, in all correspondence.

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[OMB Control No. 9000-0013; FAR Case 94-721]**Clearance Request for Cost or Pricing Data and Exemption Information**

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0013).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. 3501), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning Cost or Pricing Data and Exemption Information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Fayson, Office of Federal Acquisition Policy, GSA (202) 501-4755.

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FAR case 94-721 implements Sections 1201 through 1210 and Sections 1251 and 1252 of the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994 (the Act). It was published as a proposed rule on January 6, 1995 (60 FR 2282). Highlights include making TINA requirements for civilian agencies substantially the same as those for the Department of Defense (increasing the threshold for submission of "cost or pricing data" to \$500,000 and adding penalties for defective pricing). Provisions are also included that increase the threshold for cost or pricing data submission every 5 years beginning October 1, 1995. New exceptions are added to the requirement for the submission of "cost or pricing data" for commercial items; approval levels for waivers are changed, and prohibitions are placed on acquiring "cost or pricing data" when an exception applies. The coverage includes a clear explanation of

adequate price competition as required by the Act.

Also, FAR coverage has been included that addresses (1) "information other than cost or pricing data", (2) exemptions based on established catalog or market price, (3) inter-divisional transfers of commercial items at price, and (4) price competition when only one offer has been received.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 4 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat, 18th & F Streets NW., Room 4037, Washington, DC 20405, and to the FAR Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

The annual reporting burden is estimated as follows: Respondents, 14,633; responses per respondent, 6; total annual responses, 87,798; preparation hours per response, 3.89; and total response burden hours, 341,534.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**National Assessment Governing Board; Meeting**

AGENCY: National Assessment Governing Board; Education.

ACTION: Notice of partially closed meeting.