

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Ralph De Stefano, Office of Federal Acquisition Policy, GSA, (202) 501-1758.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

When a mistake in bid is discovered by the contracting officer (CO) after bid opening but before award, the CO obtains verification of the bid intended. This verification is needed to establish the bidder's correct bid. If the bidder requests permission to correct the bid, the bidder must submit clear and convincing evidence that a mistake was made. If the bidder requests permission to correct the bid and submits evidence that a mistake was made, the evidence is analyzed by the CO to determine whether or not the bidder should be allowed to correct the bid. The data (evidence) submitted by the bidder is attached to bidder's bid and placed in the contract file along with the CO's determination.

The verification of the correct bid is attached to the original bid and a copy of the verification is attached to the duplicate bid and placed in the contract file.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 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.

The annual reporting burden is estimated as follows: Respondents, 4,673; responses per respondent, 1; total annual responses, 4,673; preparation hours per response, .5; and total response burden hours, 2,337.

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Beverly Fayson,

FAR Secretariat.

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Request for Public Comments Regarding OMB Clearance Entitled Technical Proposal—Two-Step Sealed Bidding

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

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0041).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning Technical Proposal—Two-Step Sealed Bidding. This OMB clearance currently expires on January 31, 1996.

DATES: *Comment Due Date:* December 18, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, or obtaining a copy of the justification, should be submitted to: General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (VRS), 18th & F Streets, NW, Room 4037, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0041, Technical Proposal—Two-Step Sealed Bidding, in all correspondence.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

Two-step sealed bidding is a method of contracting designed to obtain the benefits of sealed bidding when adequate specifications are not available. An objective is to permit the development of a sufficiently descriptive and not unduly restrictive statement of the Government's requirements, including an adequate technical data package, so that subsequent acquisitions may be made by conventional sealed bidding. This method is especially useful in acquisitions requiring technical proposals, particularly those for complex items. It is conducted in two steps:

(a) Step 1 consists of the request for, submission, evaluation, and (if necessary) discussion of a technical proposal. No pricing is involved. The objective is to determine the acceptability of the supplies or services offered. As used in this context, the word "technical" has a broad connotation and includes, among other things, the engineering approach, special manufacturing processes, and special testing techniques. It is the proper step for clarification of questions relating to technical requirements.

(b) Step 2 involves the submission of sealed price bids by those who submitted acceptable technical

proposals in step 1. The requested information is needed, in the absence of adequate specifications, to develop a sufficiently descriptive and not unduly restrictive statement of the Government's requirements and to determine the acceptability of proposals received. The contracting officer evaluates the acceptability of the information received, based on the criteria in the request for proposals.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 8 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.

The annual reporting burden is estimated as follows: Respondents, 3,225; responses per respondent, 1; total annual responses, 3,225; preparation hours per response, 8; and total response burden hours, 25,800.

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Request for Public Comments Regarding OMB Clearance Entitled Descriptive Literature

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

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0039).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning Descriptive Literature. This OMB clearance currently expires on January 31, 1996.

DATES: *Comment Due Date:* December 18, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, or obtaining a copy of the justification, should be submitted to: General Services Administration, FAR