

**Applications of the Chicago Board of Trade for Designation as a Contract Market in Futures and Options on Italian Government Bonds**

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed contract market rule change.

**SUMMARY:** The Chicago Board of Trade (CBT or Exchange) has applied for designation as a contract market in Italian government bond futures and option contracts. The Acting Director of the Division of Economic Analysis (Division) of the Commission, acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, has determined that publication of the proposals for comment is in the public interest, will assist the Commission in considering the views of interested persons, and is consistent with the purpose of the Commodity Exchange Act.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before April 16, 1997.

**ADDRESS:** Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street, NW Washington, DC 20581. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to facsimile number (202) 418-5521, or by electronic mail to secretary@cftc.gov. Reference should be made to the CBT Italian government bond futures and options contracts.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Please contact Stephen Sherrod of the Division of Economic Analysis, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW, Washington, 20581, telephone (202) 418-5277. Facsimile number: (202) 418-5527. Electronic mail: ssherrod@cftc.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Copies of the terms and conditions will be available for inspection at the Office of the Secretariat, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581. Copies of the terms and conditions can be obtained through the Office of the Secretariat by mail at the above address or by phone at (202) 418-5100.

Other materials submitted by the CBT in support of the applications for contract market designation may be available upon request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and the Commission's regulations thereunder (17 C.F.R. Part 145 (1987)), except to the extent they are entitled to

confidential treatment as set forth in 17 C.F.R. 145.5 and 145.9. Requests for copies of such materials should be made to the FOI, Privacy and Sunshine Act Compliance Staff of the Office of Secretariat at the Commission's headquarters in accordance with 17 C.F.R. 145.7 and 145.8.

Any person interested in submitting written data, views, or arguments on the proposed terms and conditions, or with respect to other materials submitted by the CBT, should send such comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581 by the specified date.

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 11, 1997.

Blake Imel,

*Acting Director.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Notice and Request for Comments Regarding a Proposed Extension of an Approved Information Collection Requirement**

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13), DoD announces the proposed extension of a public information collection requirement and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. This information collection requirement is currently approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for use through June 30, 1997. DoD proposes that OMB extend its approval for use through June 30, 2000.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by May 16, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection requirement should be sent to: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Attn: Ms. Amy

Williams, PDUSD (A&T) DP (DAR), IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062. Telefax (703) 602-0350. Please cite OMB Control Number 0704-0187 in all correspondence related to this issue.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Amy Williams, at (703) 602-0131. A copy of this information collection requirement is available electronically via the INTERNET at: <http://www.dtic.mil/dfars/>

Paper copies may be obtained from Ms. Amy Williams, PDUSD (A&T) DP(DAR), IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062.

*Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number:* Information Collection in Support of the DoD Acquisition Process (Solicitation Phase), OMB Control Number 0704-0187.

*Needs and uses:* This information collection requirement pertains to information that an offeror must submit to DoD in response to a request for proposals or invitation for bids. This information is used by DoD to (1) evaluate offers, (2) determine which offeror should be selected for contract award, and (3) determine whether the offered price is fair and reasonable. This information is also used to determine whether the Government should furnish precious metals as Government-furnished material; to determine whether to accept alternative preservation, packaging, or packing; to determine whether to trade in existing personal property towards the purchase of new items; to verify compliance with requirements for labeling of hazardous material; to evaluate requests for price adjustment on stevedoring contracts; and to monitor compliance with the U.S.-flag vessel shipping requirements.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 43,544,644.

*Number of Respondents:* 250,121.

*Responses per Respondent:* Approximately 11.

*Number of Responses:* 2,808,197.

*Average Burden per Response:* 15.51 hours.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Summary of Information Collection**

This information collection pertains to information, not separately covered by another Office of Management and Budget clearance, that an offeror must submit to DoD in response to a request for proposals or invitation for bids. In particular, the information collection covers the following DFARS requirements:

- 215.613-70, Four-step source selection procedures. Paragraph (e)(5) of

this subsection requires a technical proposal to include identification, when appropriate, of trade-offs among performance, production costs, operating and support costs, schedule and logistics support factors; and information showing that the goals for design to cost and operating support costs (when used) will be achieved when the applicable item enters production.

- 217.70, Exchange of Personal Property. Section 217.7004, paragraph (9a), of this subpart requires that solicitations which contemplate exchange (trade-in) of personal property and application of the exchange allowance to the acquisition of similar property, shall include a request for offerors to state prices for the new items being acquired both with and without any exchange (trade-in allowance).

- 217.72, Bakery and Dairy Products. Section 217.7201, paragraph (b)(2), of this subpart requires a contractor's list of cabinet equipment in the schedule of the contract, when the contractor is required to furnish its own cabinets for dispensing milk from bulk containers.

- 217.74, Undefined Contract Actions. Unless an exception in 217.7404-5 of this subpart applies, paragraph (b) of subsection 217.7404-3 requires the contractor to submit a qualifying proposal in accordance with the definitization schedule of the undefinitized contract action. A "qualifying proposal" is defined in paragraph (c) of 217.7401 as a proposal containing sufficient information for DoD to do complete and meaningful analyses and audits of the information in the proposal and any other information that the contracting officer has determined that DoD needs to review in connection with the contract.

- 217.75, Acquisition of Replenishment Parts. Paragraph (d) of section 217.7504 of this subpart permits contracting officers to include in sole source solicitations, that include acquisition of replenishment parts, a provision requiring an offeror to supply with its proposal, price and quantity data on any Government orders for the replenishment part issued within the most recent 12 months.

- 252.208-7000, Intent to Furnish Precious Metals as Government-Furnished Material. Paragraph (b) of this clause requires an offeror to cite the type and quantity of precious metals required in performance of the contract. Paragraph (c) requires the offeror to submit two prices for each deliverable item which contains precious metals—one based on the Government furnishing the precious metals, and the

other based on the contractor furnishing the precious metals.

- 252.209-7001, Disclosure of Ownership or Control by the Government of a Terrorist Country. Paragraph (c) of this provision requires an offeror to provide a disclosure with its offer if the government of a terrorist country has a significant interest in the offeror, in a subsidiary of the offeror, or in a parent company of which the offeror is a subsidiary.

- 252.211-7004, Alternate Preservation, Packaging, and Packing. Paragraph (b) of this provision requires an offeror to submit information sufficient to allow evaluation of alternate packaging, only if the offeror chooses to propose alternate packaging.

- 252.219-7000, Small Disadvantaged Business Concern Representation (DoD Contracts). This provision requires an offeror that is a Small Disadvantaged Business (SDB) concern to indicate, by checking a block, (1) its category of ownership, (2) its status as an SDB concern, and (3) whether the Small Business Administration (SBA) has made a determination regarding its status as an SDB concern. If the SBA has made a determination, the offeror must provide the date and indicate the result of the determination by checking the appropriate block.

- 252.219-7008, Notice of Evaluation Preference for Small Disadvantaged Business Concerns—Construction Acquisitions—Test Program. Paragraph (b)(1) of this clause requires an offeror to separately state bond costs in its offer. Paragraph (c) permits small disadvantaged businesses, historically black colleges or universities, and minority institutions to waive the evaluation preference by checking a block. The advantage of waiver is that the firm need not comply with paragraph (d) which requires that, for general construction, at least 15 percent of the cost of the contract, excluding the cost of materials, will be performed by employees of the concern. For construction by special trade contractors, the percentage is 25%.

- 252.223-7001, Hazard Warning Labels. Paragraph (c) of this clause requires all offerors to list which hazardous materials will be labeled in accordance with one of the Acts listed in paragraphs (b) (1) through (5) of the clause instead of the Hazard Communication Standard. Paragraph (d) requires only the successful offeror to submit, before award, a copy of the hazard warning label for all hazardous materials not listed in paragraph (c) of the clause.

- 252.225-7003, Information for Duty-Free Entry Evaluation. Paragraph

(a) of this provision requires an offeror to check the appropriate block to indicate whether the offer is based on furnishing any supplies of foreign origin, other than those which are qualifying country end items or components. If the answer to paragraph (a) is positive, then paragraph (b) requires the offeror to check the appropriate block to indicate whether such foreign supplies are now in the United States, and whether duty has been paid. Paragraph (c) requires the awardee to identify, at the request of the contracting officer, the foreign supplies which are subject to duty-free entry.

- 252.225-7018, Notice of Prohibition of Certain Contracts with Foreign Entities for the Conduct of Ballistic Missile Defense RDT&E. Paragraph (e) of this provision requires an offeror to check the appropriate block to indicate whether it is or is not a U.S. firm.

- 252.226-7000, Notice of Historically Black College or University and Minority Institution Set-Aside. Paragraph (c)(2) of this clause requires that, upon request of the contracting officer, the offeror will provide evidence prior to award that the Secretary of Education has determined the offeror to be a historically black college or university or minority institution.

- 252.226-7001, Historically Black College or University and Minority Institution Status. Paragraph (b) of this provision requires an offeror that is a historically black college or university or minority institution to check the appropriate block to indicate its status as such.

- 252.237-7000, Notice of Special Standards of Responsibility. Paragraph (c) of this provision requires the apparently successful offeror, under a solicitation for audit services, to give the contracting officer evidence that it is licensed by the cognizant licensing authority in the state or other political jurisdiction where the offeror operates its professional practice.

- 252.239-7009, Submission of Cost or Pricing Data—Common Carriers, 239.7406, and 239.7408-1, Special Construction. The clause at 252.239-7009 requires the contractor to provide cost or pricing data, under certain circumstances, upon request by the contracting officer. Although 239.7406 requires contracting officers to obtain certified cost or pricing data when unable to determine that prices are reasonable, 10 U.S.C. 2306a(b), as modified by the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-355) and the Clinger-Cohen Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-106), prohibits requiring cost or pricing data if an exception applies. Paragraph (d) of 239.7408-1

requires a detailed special construction proposal, when a common carrier submits a proposal or quotation that has special construction requirements. One of the reasons for requesting cost or pricing data from a common carrier is to support the reasonableness of special construction and equipment charges.

- 252.247-7001, Price Adjustment. Paragraph (b) of this clause requires a contractor for stevedoring services to notify the contracting officer within 60 days of certain changes in the wage rates or benefits that apply to the contractor's direct labor employees. Paragraph (c) requires the contractor to include a proposal for adjustment in the contract prices and data, in such form as the contracting officer may require, explaining the causes, effective date, and amount of the increase or decrease in the contractor's proposal for the adjustment.

- 252.247-7002, Revision of Prices. Paragraph (c) of this clause permits either the contractor or the contracting officer, under a contract for stevedoring services, to deliver a written demand that the parties negotiate to revise the prices under the contract. Paragraph (d) specifies the data that the contractor shall submit. Paragraph (g) addresses requests for price adjustment in the event of a retroactive wage adjustment. In addition, the contractor is required to notify the contracting officer in writing of any request by or on behalf of the employees of the contractor which may result in a retroactive wage adjustment.

- 252.247-7022, Representation of Extent of Transportation by Sea; 247.527-1(c); and 252.212-7000, Offeror Representations and Certifications—Commercial Items. Paragraph (c) of subsection 247.572-1 requires the contracting officer to ask each offeror whether it will transport supplies by sea, referring to paragraph (a) of section 247.573, which is the prescription for the provision at 252.247-7022.

Paragraph (b) of the provision at 252.247-7022 and paragraph (c)(2) of the provision at 252.212-7000 require an offeror check the appropriate block to indicate whether it anticipates that supplies will be transported by sea in the performance of any contract or subcontract resulting from the solicitation.

Michele P. Peterson,

*Executive Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council.*

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## Office of the Secretary

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

In accordance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs announces a proposed uniform public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received on or before May 16, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Office of the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (OCHAMPUS), Fitzsimons U.S. Army Garrison, Program Development and Evaluation Directorate, ATTN: Mr. Joe Rhea, Aurora, CO 80045-6900.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address, or call OCHAMPUS, Program Development and Evaluation Directorate, at (303) 361-1018.

**Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number:** TRICARE/CHAMPUS Provider Enrollment Application, HCFA-855, OMB Number 0938-0685.

**Needs and Uses:** This information is needed to enroll health care providers not enrolled by Medicare by identifying them, verifying their qualifications and eligibility to participate in TRICARE/CHAMPUS, and to price and pay their claims correctly.

**Affected Public:** Business or other for-profit; small businesses organizations, Federal Government.

**Annual Burden Hours:** 105,000.

**Number of Respondents:** 70,000.

**Responses per Respondent:** 1.  
**Average Burden per Response:** 90 minutes.

**Frequency:** Initial Application.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Application is supported by photocopies of licensure, certification, and educational qualifications documents on a selected basis.

#### Summary of Information Collection

Respondents are health care providers who file claims seeking reimbursement directly or on behalf of eligible TRICARE/CHAMPUS beneficiaries for services and supplies which are authorized benefits of this health care program. The enrollment application and verification procedures will collect the information from providers needed to ensure that they can be uniquely identified and enumerated, and are qualified and eligible to participate in the TRICARE/CHAMPUS program. The use of the HCFA-855 Provider Enrollment Form makes uniform the information collection. Providers who have already been enrolled in Medicare will be required only to sign and submit the Form's certification statement and submit supplemental agreements for facsimile signatures and electronic claims submission which may remain specific and separate for Medicare and TRICARE/CHAMPUS. This application will implement the enrollment application for all TRICARE/CHAMPUS providers/suppliers, and collect information necessary to issue the National Provider Identifier. The National Provider Identifier (NPI) will be assigned to all current providers and to all incoming providers as part of the enrollment process. Periodic Re-Verification of Provider Data will ensure that, once enrolled, all providers/suppliers remain current under the Conditions of Enrollment.

Dated: March 12, 1997.

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*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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### Defense Intelligence Agency, Scientific Advisory Board Closed Meeting

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense, Defense Intelligence Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of Subsection (d) of Section 10 of Public Law 92-463, as amended by Section 5 of Public Law 94-409, notice is hereby given that a closed meeting of the DIA