

Type of Request: New Collection;
Number of Respondents: 4,200.
Responses Per Respondent: 1.
Annual Response: 4,200.
Average Burden Per Response: 2 hours.

Annual Burden Hours: 8,400.

Needs and Uses: The information collection is used to certify dependency or obtain information to determine entitlement to basic allowance for quarters (BAQ) with-dependent rate, travel allowances, or Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card. Information regarding a child born out-of-wedlock (DFAS-DE Form 1865), a full-time student 21-22 years of age (DFAS-DE Form 1867), a parent (DFAS-DE Form 1868), or incapacitated child over age 21 (DFAS-DE Form 1866), is provided by the military member or by another individual who may be a member of the public. DoDFMR 7000.14, Vol. 17A, defines dependency and directs that dependency be proven. Dependency claim examiners use the information from the forms to determine the degree of benefits. The requirement to provide the information decreases the possibility of monetary allowances being approved on behalf of ineligible dependents.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion; annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Edward C. Springer.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Springer at the Office of Management and Budget Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: November 5, 1997.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Transition to the Defense Table of Official Distances (DTOD)

AGENCY: Military Traffic Management Command, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Military Traffic Management Command (MTMC), on behalf of the Department of Defense (DOD), intends to utilize a standard integrated mileage guide in DOD freight, household goods (HHG), travel, and finance programs. The DTOD will replace existing distance calculation products used within the DOD such as Rand McNally TDM Mileagemaker System, Household Goods Carriers' Mileage Guide, and the DOD Official Table of Distances and will become the DOD standard source for highway mileages. The DTOD will consist of a modified Commercial off the Shelf (COTS) product and full operating capability is projected for October 1998. Notice of the DTOD product specifications and transition plan for the freight and household goods program will be published for public comment at a later time.

DATES: Initial operating capability for the three target DOD programs is estimated to be: Travel—Jun 98; Household Goods—Jun 98; Freight—Aug 98.

ADDRESSES: Headquarters, Military Traffic Management Command, ATTN: MTIM-I, Room 332A, 5611 Columbia Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-5050.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Ethel J. Anderson (703) 681-7793 or Ms. Amy R. Hopfe (703) 681-5702.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Currently, several sources for distance information are being used within DOD to support various functional areas, such as travel, travel entitlement reimbursement, freight, and personal property movements. Moreover, separate products are used to calculate overseas distances. The result is a variance in mileage computations produced by different products and a high cost of licensing and maintaining multiple mileage sources.

Until 1996, DOD was required by law to maintain an official mileage table, known as the Official Table of Distances, to use for payment of travel and transportation allowances. The FY96 Defense Authorization Act deleted this requirement, thus providing the opportunity to use a commercial mileage product to support travel mileage distance.

In October 1996, the DOD Comptroller tasked the U.S. Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM) to identify and implement a single source for distance information in support of travel, freight, and personal property movements for the Continental United States (CONUS) and Outside the

Continental United States (OCONUS). USTRANSCOM tasked the Military Traffic Management Command to lead the effort.

The DTOD integration contractor, Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC), is supporting the identification, modification, installation and testing of the Commercial off the Shelf (COTS) product. SAIC has selected ALK Associates, Inc., as the source of the distance calculation data and software for DTOD.

The transition to a single standard DTOD will require changes to existing MTMC rules publications and rate solicitations. Since this action is considered to be a significant procurement policy change under 41 U.S.C. 418b, another public notice will be published providing the public an opportunity to comment on the specific product, its capabilities, and DOD's plan to introduce the product to ongoing acquisition activities. Details relating to interface with industry providers and trade associations will be provided at that time. It is anticipated that transition to DTOD will have no significant impact on small businesses since those businesses currently use one or more distance calculation sources of a similar nature. Because specific policy and the related impact is yet to be fully developed, public comment on this notice is not being requested at this time. A 60-day public notice period will be provided for in forthcoming notices that describe implementation plans, requirements, and responsibilities.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 12, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should