

on conducting accomplishment surveys for all its programs to assess the direct accomplishments of volunteers and members in their communities and at their workstations. To date, accomplishment data has not been collected for the Senior Companion Program (SCP).

II. Current Action

The Corporation for National and Community Service seeks an accomplishment survey for the Senior Companion Program (SCP). Program accomplishments refer to the outputs resulting from the service activities of the programs.

Type of Review: New.

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Title: Senior Companion Program Accomplishment Survey.

OMB Number: 3045-None.

Agency Number: None.

Affected Public: Individuals and non-profit institutions served by SCP volunteers.

Total Respondents: 1,250.

Frequency: Annually.

Average Time Per Response: 45 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 937.5 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): 0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): 0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: January 6, 1998.

Lance D. Potter,

Director, Office of Evaluation.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0137]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request Entitled Simplified Acquisition Procedures/FACNET

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.

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 Simplified Acquisition Procedures/FACNET. The clearance currently expires on April 30, 1998.

DATES: Comments may be submitted on or before March 13, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Nelson, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-1900.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, should be submitted to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat, 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4037, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0137, Simplified Acquisition Procedures/FACNET, in all correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

Title IX of the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994 (the Act) amended the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 401, *et seq.*) by adding new sections regarding the establishment of a program for the development and implementation of a Federal Acquisition Computer Network (hereinafter referred to as FACNET) which allows electronic interchange of procurement information between the private sector and the Federal Government and among Federal agencies. Specific functions of FACNET are set forth under Section 30 of the Act.

Regulatory coverage on FACNET is included under FAR Subpart 4.5—Electronic Commerce in Contracting. FAR section 4.503 requires contractors to provide registration information to the Central Contractor Registration in order to conduct business through electronic commerce (EC) with the Federal Government. Contractor registration information is collected electronically as a prerequisite for conducting EC with the Federal Government. The process for collection of contractor information uses the Federal Implementation Conventions ANSI X12, Trading Partner Profile, in accordance with the Federal Information Processing Standards 161 (FIPS). These standards are published by the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST). The

information required to be submitted as part of contractor registration is the same as that currently provided by the SF 129, Solicitation Mailing List Application; the SF 3881, ACH vendor/Miscellaneous Payment Enrollment Form for paper transactions. In addition, information pertaining to a contractor assignment of commercial and Government entity (CAGE) code (where applicable); electronic data interchange (EDI) capabilities, including ANSI X12 transaction set and version number status for production, testing, sending and receiving; and the registrant's value added network (VAN) or value added service (VAS) electronic communications number also needs to be provided as part of the registration process. Requiring information consistent with the existing forms that Government contractors are familiar with simplifies the process of gathering current, factual data to input into the Registration System. The additional information is information contractors should have readily available when they have established EC/EDI capability.

The information submitted by contractors will permit the Central Contractor Registration to establish a central repository for all vendors doing business with the Federal Government, information that is accessible by all Government contracting activities

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 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, 100,000; responses per respondent, 1; total annual responses, 100,000; preparation hours per response, .25; and total response burden hours, 25,000.

C. Annual Recordkeeping Burden

The annual recordkeeping burden is estimated as follows: Recordkeepers, 100,000; hours per recordkeeper, .25; and total recordkeeping burden hours, 25,000.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals:

Requester may obtain a copy the justification from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRs), Room 4037, 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0137, Simplified Acquisition

Procedures/FACNET, in all correspondence.

Dated: January 6, 1998.

Sharon A. Kiser,
FAR Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army

Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Improving the Regulatory Process in Lee and Collier Counties in Southwest Florida

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers intends to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for improving the regulatory process in Lee and Collier Counties in Southwest Florida. The study is a cooperative effort among the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and other government entities being invited to participate. The invited parties include the two counties and certain other government agencies at the local, regional, state, and Federal level.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kenneth Dugger, 904-232-1686, Environmental Branch, Planning Division, P.O. Box 4970, Jacksonville, Florida 32232-0019.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, the Corps of Engineers has regulatory authority to permit the discharge of dredged or fill material into wetlands and other waters of the United States. The guidelines pursuant to Section 404(b) of the act require that impacts to the aquatic environment be avoided and minimized to the extent practicable. Also, unavoidable impacts are to be compensated (mitigated) to the extent practicable. In determining whether to issue a permit, the Corps must also comply with other requirements including, but not limited to, the Endangered Species Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, the Coastal Zone Management Act, Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, and other applicable Federal laws. Modifying land for new uses also involves zoning, land use planning, water management, and other regulatory/planning requirements at the local, regional, state, and Federal level.

The purpose of this effort is to establish a better foundation of

information and knowledge of existing conditions and identification of future alternatives for balancing the demands of growth and conservation. The goal of this effort is a more effective, timely, streamlined, cost-conscious, objective, productive, and predictable environmental permitting process for projects within the study area. The proposed action consists of one or more of several measures (see Alternatives below). The purpose of these measures is to facilitate efficient, timely, and appropriate planning and permitting while affording an appropriate level of environmental protection and wise use of natural resources.

Alternatives

In addition to "no action", alternative measures being considered include the following: (1) Establishing overall conditions or concepts for permit approval; (2) identification of critical concerns, important natural resources, and sensitive ecological areas; (3) identifying an opportunity for one or more regional permits for expedited permitting of actions meeting established criteria; (4) establishing better communication and coordination among the regulating and planning agencies; and (5) other measures identified through scoping, public involvement, and interagency coordination.

Issues

The EIS will consider impacts on protected species, health, conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands (and other aquatic resources), historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people, and other issues identified through scoping, public involvement, and interagency coordination. At the present time, our primary areas of environmental concern are endangered species, wetland loss, mitigation, habitat fragmentation, surface water management, and surface water quality.

Scoping

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among the proposed cooperating and participating agencies is being developed concerning the EIS. A draft of this MOU was circulated for comment in July 1997. Comments on the draft were shared by notice of August 25,

1997. We expect additional public meetings will be held by the Corps and/or other cooperating agencies prior to completion of the Draft EIS. If a formal public scoping meeting is held by the Corps, it will be announced. In addition, all parties are invited to participate in the scoping process by identifying any additional concerns on issues, studies needed, alternatives, procedures, and other matters related to the scoping process.

Public Involvement

We invite the participation of affected Federal, state and local agencies, affected Indian tribes, and other interested private organizations and individuals.

Coordination

The proposed action is being coordinated with a number of Federal, state, regional, and local agencies including but not limited to the following: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, State Historic Preservation Officer, South Florida Water Management District, Lee and Collier Counties, Florida Department of Community Affairs, Florida Game and Freshwater Fish Commission, Florida Department of Transportation, Estero Bay Agency for Bay Management, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, Governor's Commission for Sustainable South Florida (Southwest Florida Issues Group), and other agencies as identified in scoping, public involvement, and agency coordination.

Other Environmental Review and Consultation

The proposed action would involve evaluation for compliance with guidelines pursuant to Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act, application (to the State of Florida) for Water Quality Certification pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, and determination of Coastal Zone Management Act consistency.

Agency Role

Cooperating agencies include the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and other Federal, state, and local agencies. The cooperating agencies will (1) help define and develop alternatives, (2) participate in or sponsor public meetings, and (3) provide technical assessment of impacts and benefits.