

limits, pursuant to exchange of notes dated November 22, 1997 and December 22, 1997 between the Governments of the United States and Malaysia and under the terms of the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing. The new designation for Category 611 will be 611-O¹.

The import restraint limit for the new part-Category 611-O remains the same as the 1998 limit for Category 611.

Effective on January 14, 1998, you are directed to require a part-category visa for products in Category 611-O, produced or manufactured in Malaysia and exported on or after January 1, 1998. There will be a grace period from January 1, 1998 through January 31, 1998 during which products exported from Malaysia in Category 611 may be accompanied by the whole or new part-category visa. A visa will not be required for discharge printed fabric in Category 611 beginning on January 1, 1998, regardless of the date of export.

Shipments entered or withdrawn from warehouse according to this directive which are not accompanied by an appropriate export visa shall be denied entry and a new visa must be obtained.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs exception to the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. § 3508(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirement on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Corporation for National and

Community Service is soliciting comments concerning its proposed National Senior Service Corps Accomplishment Surveys. Copies of the information collection requests can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the address section of this notice.

The Corporation for National and Community Service is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Corporation, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section by March 13, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Corporation for National and Community Service; Office of Evaluation, Room 9814; 1201 New York Ave., N.W.; Washington, D.C., 20525; ATTN: Chuck Helfer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chuck Helfer, (202) 606-5000, ext. 248.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Part I. (Foster Grandparent Program Accomplishment Survey)

I. Background

The Corporation for National and Community Service has been working 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 Foster Grandparent Program (FGP).

II. Current

The Corporation for National and Community Service seeks an accomplishment survey for the Foster Grandparent Program (FGP). 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: Foster Grandparent Program Accomplishment Survey.

OMB Number: 3045-None.

Agency Number: None.

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

Part II. (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program Accomplishment Survey)

I. Background

The Corporation for National and Community Service has been working on conducting accomplishment surveys for all its programs to assess the direct accomplishments of volunteers and members in their communities and at their workstations. Accomplishment data has been collected once in 1995 for the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).

II. Current Action

The Corporation for National and Community Service seeks an accomplishment survey for the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). 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: Retired and Senior Volunteer Program Accomplishment Survey.

OMB Number: 3045-None.

Agency Number: None.

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

Total Respondents: 1,250.

Frequency: Annually.

Average Time Per Response: 45 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 937.5 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): 0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): 0.

Part III. (Senior Companion Program Accomplishment Survey)

I. Background

The Corporation for National and Community Service has been working

¹ Category 611-O: all HTS numbers except 5516.14.0005, 5516.14.0025 and 5516.14.0085.

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