

purchasing system approval at the conclusion of a contractor purchasing system review. Withdrawal of purchasing system approval would necessitate Government consent to individual subcontracts in accordance with section 44.102 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

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

Annual Burden Hours: 1,440.

Number of Respondents: 90.

Responses per respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 1,440.

Average Burden per Response: 16 hours per response.

Frequency: On occasion.

Summary of Information Collection: The information collection includes the requirements of DFARS 244.305-70, Granting, withholding, or withdrawing approval, which requires the administrative contracting officer, at the completion of the in-plant portion of the contractor purchasing system review, to request the contractor to submit within 15 days its plan for correcting deficiencies or making improvements to its purchasing system.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

[OMB Control Number 0704-0363]

Information Collection Requirements; Reporting, Redistribution, and Disposal of Contractor Inventory

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: 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 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), DoD announces the proposed extension of a 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 DoD, 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 currency approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for use through June 30, 1998, under OMB Control Number 0704-0363. DoD proposes that OMB extend its approval for use through June 30, 2001.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by April 20, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Attn: Mr. R.G. Laysner, PDUSD (A&T) DP (DAR), IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20301-3062. Telefax number (703) 602-0350. E-mail comments submitted over the Internet should be addressed to: dfarsacq.osd.mil. Please cite OMB Control Number 0704-0363 in all correspondence related to this issue. E-mail comments should cite OMB Control Number 0704-373 on the subject line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Laysner, (703) 602-0131.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title, Associated Forms, and Associated OMB Control Number: Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS); OMB Control Number 0704-0363. Reporting, Redistribution, and Disposal of Contractor Inventory—245.73; Sale of Surplus Contractor Inventory and Related Clause at 252.245-7XXX, Demilitarization and Trade Security Controls.

Needs and Uses: The collection of this information is necessary to help eliminate the flow of DoD hardware and technology to prohibited overseas destinations and persons. The information is used by inventory managers, plant clearance officers, contracting officers, law enforcement agencies, and contractors to ensure that military property is demilitarized to preclude its use for its originally intended military or lethal purpose.

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

Annual Burden Hours: 56,250 (Including 33,750 recordkeeping hours).

Number of Respondents: 1,125.

Responses Per Respondent: 10.

Annual Responses: 11,250.

Average Burden Per Response: 5 hours per response.

Frequency: On occasion.

Summary of Information Collection: The information collection includes the requirements of DFARS Subpart 245.73;

Sale of Surplus Contractor Inventory, and the related clause proposed for inclusion in the DFARS at 252.245-7XXX, Demilitarization and Trade Security Controls (62 FR 30832, June 5, 1997). The proposed clause requires the contractor, for items that were furnished to the contractor by the Government, to enter demilitarization codes in the item description on inventory schedules that report excess Government property requiring demilitarization and/or trade security controls; and for other excess Government property, requires the contractor to assign and enter demilitarization codes in the item description on inventory schedules that report excess Government property requiring demilitarization and/or trade security controls.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title, Associated Forms, and OMB Number: Department of Defense Dependents Schools Overseas Employment Opportunities for Employment; DS Form 5010, DS Form 5011, DS Form 5012, DS Form 5012; OMB Number 0704-0370.

Type of Request: Reinstatement.

Number of Respondents: 24,000.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 24,000.

Average Burden per Response: 11.75 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 4,700.

Needs and Uses: Titles 42 U.S.C. 2000e-2 and 20 U.S.C. 902 and 903 requires the Department to ensure that both equal employment opportunity and employment and salary practices applicable to teachers and teaching positions overseas are in compliance with Federal laws. This information collection is used to obtain information on prospective applicants for educator positions within the Department of Defense Dependents Schools. The information is used to verify experience, employment history, personal and

professional traits, suitability for employment within DoDDS, ensure that DoDDS is in compliance with equal employment practices, and to determine the effectiveness of DoDDS advertising efforts.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

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: February 12, 1998.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0102]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request Entitled Prompt Payment

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

ACTION: Notice of request for comments regarding a revision to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0102).

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 a revision to a currently approved information collection requirement concerning Prompt Payment. The clearance currently expires on May 31, 1998.

DATES: Comments may be submitted on or before April 20, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry Olson, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-3221.

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. 9000-0102, Prompt Payment, in all correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

Part 32 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and the clause at FAR 52.232-5, Payments Under Fixed-Price Construction Contracts, require that contractors under fixed-price construction contracts certify, for every progress payment request, that payments to subcontractors/suppliers have been made from previous payments received under the contract and timely payments will be made from the proceeds of the payment covered by the certification, and that this payment request does not include any amount which the contractor intends to withhold from a subcontractor/supplier. Part 32 of the FAR and the clause at 52.232-27, Prompt Payment for Construction Contracts, further require that contractors on construction contracts:

(a) Notify subcontractors/suppliers of any amounts to be withheld and furnish a copy of the notification to the contracting officer;

(b) Pay interest to subcontractors/suppliers if payment is not made by 7 days after receipt of payment from the Government, or within 7 days after correction of previously identified deficiencies;

(c) Pay interest to the Government if amounts are withheld from subcontractors/suppliers after the Government has paid the contractor the amounts subsequently withheld, or if the Government has inadvertently paid the contractor for nonconforming performance; and

(d) Include a payment clause in each subcontract which obligates the contractor to pay the subcontractor for satisfactory performance under its subcontract not later than 7 days after such amounts are paid to the contractor, include an interest penalty clause which obligates the contractor to pay the subcontractor an interest penalty if payments are not made in a timely manner, and include a clause requiring

each subcontractor to include these clauses in each of its subcontractors and to require each of its subcontractors to include similar clauses in their subcontracts.

These requirements are imposed by Pub. L. 100-496, the Prompt Payment Act Amendments of 1988.

Contracting officers will be notified if the contractor withholds amounts from subcontractors/suppliers after the Government has already paid the contractor the amounts withheld. The contracting officer must then charge the contractor interest on the amounts withheld from subcontractors/suppliers. Federal agencies could not comply with the requirements of the law if this information were not collected.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .11 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, 38,194; responses per respondent, 11; total annual responses, 420,136; preparation hours per response, .11; and total response burden hours, 46,215.

C. Annual Recordkeeping Burden

The annual recordkeeping burden is estimated as follows: Recordkeepers, 34,722; hours per recordkeeper, 18; and total recordkeeping burden hours, 624,996.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals: Requester may obtain a copy of the justification from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRs), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4037, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0102, Prompt Payment, in all correspondence.

Dated: February 13, 1998.

Sharon A. Kiser,

FAR Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Meeting of the Presidential Advisory Committee on High Performance Computing and Communications, Information Technology, and the Next Generation Internet

ACTION: Notice of meeting.