

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 May 19, 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 of 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.

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FAR Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Intelligence Agency, Science and Technology 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 Science and Technology Advisory Board has been scheduled as follows:

DATES: 7 April 1998 (800am to 1600pm).

ADDRESSES: The Defense Intelligence Agency, Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C. 20340-5100.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maj. Michael W. Lamb, USAF, Executive Secretary, DIA Science and Technology Advisory Board, Washington, D.C. 20340-1328 (202) 231-4930.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The entire meeting is devoted to the discussion of classified information as defined in Section 552b(c)(1), Title 5 of the U.S. Code and therefore will be closed to the public. The Board will receive briefings on and discuss several current critical intelligence issues and advise the Director, DIA, on related scientific and technical matters.

Dated: March 16, 1998.

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Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DoD.
ACTION: Notice to amend a system of records.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Secretary of Defense proposes to amend a system of records notice in its inventory of record systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended. The amendments are needed to update the current notice.

DATES: The amendment will be effective on April 20, 1998, unless comments are received that would result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to OSD Privacy Act Coordinator, Records