

Agent will oversee that the STSFs maintain the quality and standards required for specialized treatment services. DoD beneficiaries residing within a 200-mile radius of Destination San Antonio facilities falling into the above patient category must be evaluated by Destination San Antonio staff before receiving care for these DRGs under direct military care or TRICARE/CHAMPUS cost sharing. Travel and lodging for the patient and, if stated to be medically necessary by a referring physician, for a nonmedical attendant, will be reimbursed by Destination San Antonio facility in accordance with the provisions of the Joint Federal Travel Regulation. Although evaluation in person is preferred, it is possible to conduct the evaluation telephonically if the patient is unable to travel to a Destination San Antonio facility. If the care for these DRGs cannot be performed at the Destination San Antonio facilities, the TRICARE Managed Care Support Contractor for Region 6 will provide a medical necessity review prior to issuance of an Inpatient Care Authorization or Non-availability Statement.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

For DRGs 49, 191, 209, 491, and 286, contact Wilford Hall Medical Center, Office of the Medical Staff, at (210) 292-6002. For DRGs 1, 3, and 4 contact COL Baskin or LTC Anders at (202) 916-3203/2225. For DRGs 104-107 and 110-111 contact Brooke Army Medical Center's Nurse Coordinator, Cardiothoracic Surgery Service, at (210) 916-3392. For DRG 357, contact COL Morton at (210) 916-2525. The TRICARE Management Activity points of contact are Lt. Col. Teresa Sommese at (703) 681-3628, extension 5029, or Mr. Tariq Shahid at (303) 676-3801.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In FR DOC 93-27050, appearing in the **Federal Register** on November 5, 1993 (Vol. 58, 58955-58964), the final rule on the STS Program was published. Included in the final rule was a provision that a notice of all military and civilian STS facilities be published in the **Federal Register** annually. This notice is issued under the authority of 10 U.S.C. 1105 and 32 CFR 199.4(a)(10).

Dated: November 9, 1998.

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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. 9000-0136]

**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request Entitled
Commercial Item Acquisitions**

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

ACTION: Notice of request for 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 has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning Commercial Item Acquisitions.

DATES: Comments may be submitted on or before December 16, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRs), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0136, Commercial Item Acquisitions in all correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Victoria Moss, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-4764.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

The Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994 included Title VIII, entitled Commercial Items. The title made numerous additions and revisions to both the civilian agency and Armed Service acquisition statutes to encourage and facilitate the acquisition of commercial items and services by Federal Government agencies.

To implement these changes, DOD, NASA, and GSA amended the Federal Acquisition Regulation to include streamlined/simplified procedures for the commercial items. As part of the streamlined procedures, a new solicitation provision was developed to

take the place of the multitude of certifications and representations used in Government solicitations. This new provision is significantly shorter and collects less information than the corresponding provisions used in non-commercial acquisitions.

The new estimated number of respondents is based on FY 97 FPDS data. In reviewing the burden associated with this clearance, it became clear that the majority of burden hours previously requested actually related to requirements in other FAR parts and was already approved under existing clearances. This clearance now addresses only information collections required by FAR Part 12, Commercial Item Acquisitions. This information collection is centered in the provision at 52.212-3. It is possible that this clearance still double counts responses approved under other clearances. A review is underway to identify and correct any such double counting.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 18.7 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, 118,000; responses per respondent, 12.1 total annual responses, 1,427,800; preparation hours per response, .312; and total response burden hours, 445,450.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals

Requester may obtain a copy of the justification from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRs), Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0136 regarding Commercial Item Acquisitions in all correspondence.

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Edward C. Loeb,

Director, Federal Acquisition Policy Division.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

**Defense Science Board Task Force on
Coalition Warfare**

ACTION: Notice of Advisory Committee meetings.