

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: Office of the Secretary.
Title: Revision to the Commerce Acquisition Regulation (CAR) clause at 1352.217-109 Entitled "Insurance Requirements."

Agency Form Number: N/A.
OMB Approval Number: 0690-0010.
Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 30 hours.
Number of Respondents: 30.
Average Hours Per Response: 1 hour.

Needs and Uses: The Department of Commerce requires in its contracts for construction, alteration and repair of ships each selected contractor to procure and maintain insurance as specified in the CAR clause 1352.217-109, "Insurance Requirements." The clause also requires the contractor to submit proof of this insurance to the contracting officer before the work under the contract is authorized to start.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.
Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503.

Dated: November 18, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer

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Agency: Office of the Secretary.
Title: Department of Commerce Unique Solicitations: Requests for Proposals (RFPs) or Invitations for Bids (IFBs).

Agency Form Number: N/A.
OMB Approval Number: 0690-0008.
Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 5,000.
Number of Respondents: 250.
Average Hours Per Response: 20 hours.

Needs and Uses: The Commerce Department is required by the Competition in Contracting Act (CICA) (Pub. L. 98-369) requires each agency to seek maximum competition when issuing contracts for supplies and services. The Department is required to issue solicitations which require prospective contractors to prepare and submit technical, business and cost proposals as part of the Federal acquisition process for awarding these contracts. In soliciting proposals, the Department collects, from each competing contractor, the information necessary to evaluate the proposals and make a decision as to which proposal offers the most benefit to the Government. There are seven official Commerce-unique clauses which place a paperwork burden on the contractor. The use of these clauses provide a less burdensome way for potential

contractors to respond to the Government's request for information concerning the evaluation of bids and proposals; expedite solicitation and contract preparation; and facilitate contract negotiation, administration and review.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

Notice of Petitions by Producing Firms for Determination of Eligibility To Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration (EDA), Commerce.

ACTION: To Give Firms an Opportunity To Comment.

Petitions have been accepted for filing on the dates indicated from the firms listed below.

LIST OF PETITION ACTION BY TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR PERIOD 10/15/98-11/18/98

Firm name	Address	Date petition accepted	Product
Burley Design Cooperative, Inc	4020 Stewart Rd., Eugene, OR 97402	10/30/98	Bicycle trailers, TANDEMS and Rain Gear.
Ark Manufacturing, Inc	3780 Boone Rd., SE. Salem, OR 97301	10/21/98	Horse tack, and dog and cat equipment.
Tech Fab, Inc	1 W. Main St., South Hadley, MA 01075	10/22/98	Hand held air guns used for cleaning, blowing, drying and general maintenance.