

III. Data

OMB Number: 0651-0021.

Form Numbers: Form PCT/RO/101, Form PCT/RO/101 (Annex), PTO/1382, Form PCT/Model of power of attorney, Form PCT/Model of general power of attorney, Form PCT/RO/134, Form PCT/RO/144, Form PCT/IPEA/401, Form PCT/IPEA/401 (Annex), and Form PCT/IB/328. Not all of the information required by this collection is collected from the public by using forms. It is not mandatory that an applicant use these forms to provide the PTO with the necessary information. However, the PTO advises applicants to use these forms to ensure that all of the necessary information is provided and to assist the PTO in processing the international applications quickly and efficiently.

Type of Review: Renewal with change.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions, farms, Federal Government, and state, local, or tribal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 467,103 responses per year. Of this total, 48,149 responses are due to additional requirements overlooked in previous submissions. The PTO estimates that 29,367 requests to the IB to transmit copies of an international application; 3,305 withdrawals of internal applications, designations of the state, demands, election, and priority claims; 522 requests/authorizations to access international applications; and 14,955 translations will be submitted per year.

Estimated Time Per Response: The PTO estimates that it will take the public from 15 minutes to 4 hours to gather the information required by this information collection. In addition, the

PTO estimates that it will take the public from 15 minutes to 2 hours to provide the information for the information requirements overlooked in the previous submissions. The time estimates for the forms include the amount of time that the PTO estimates that it will take an applicant to read and understand the instructions, gather the necessary information, complete the forms, prepare the necessary attachments, and submit the forms to the PTO.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 467,103 hours per year.

Estimated Total Annual Cost Burden: \$0 (no capital start-up or maintenance expenditures are required). Using the professional hourly rate of \$175.00 for associate attorneys in private firms, the PTO estimates \$81,743,025 for salary costs associated with respondents.

Item	PTO form number	Estimated time for response (hours)	Estimated annual burden hours	Estimated annual responses
Request and Fee Calculation	PCT/RO/101	1	30,305	30,305
Description/claims/drawings/ abstracts	Not Applicable	3	91,000	273,000
Transmittal letter to the RO/US	PTO/1382	0.25	21,214	5,304
PCT/Model of Power of Attorney	Same as Title	0.25	20,000	5,000
PCT/Model of General Power of Attorney	Same as Title	0.25	2,729	682
Extensions of time	Not Applicable	0.25	24,244	6,061
Priority documents	Not Applicable	0.25	45,000	11,250
Indications/deposited microorganisms	PCT/RO/134	0.25	303	76
Response to invitation to correct defects	Not Applicable	2	91,000	182,000
Request for rectification of obvious errors	Not Applicable	0.5	2,174	1,087
Notice/confirmation/precautionary designations	PCT/RO/144	0.25	3,305	826
Demand (Annex and Notes)	PCT/IPEA/40/1	1	14,151	14,151
Amendments	Not Applicable	1	12,028	12,028
Notice Effecting Later Elections	PCT/IB/328	0.25	47,621	11,905
Fee Authorization	Not Applicable	0.25	12,122	3,031
Petitions	Not Applicable	4	1,758	7,032
Requests to transmit copies of international application	Not Applicable	0.25	29,367	7,342
Withdrawal of international application/designations of the state/ demands/elections/priority claims.	Not Applicable	0.25	3,305	826
Request/authorization to access international application	Not Applicable	0.25	522	131
Translations	Not Applicable	2	14,955	29,910
TOTALS	467,103	601,947

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, e.g., the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 14, 2000.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0149]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request Entitled Subcontract Consent

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 (9000-0149).

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 Subcontract Consent. This OMB Clearance expires on June 30, 2000.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the FAR, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Comments may be submitted on or before May 19, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments 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 (MVRs), Room 4035, 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Klein, Office of Federal Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-3775.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

The objective to consent to subcontract, as discussed in FAR Part 44, is to evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness with which the contractor spends Government funds, and complies with Government policy when subcontracting. The consent package provides the administrative contracting officer a basis for granting, or withholding consent to subcontract.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Number of Respondents: 4,252.

Responses Per Respondent: 3.61.

Total Responses: 15,349.

Average Burden Hours Per Response: .87.

Total Burden Hours: 13,353.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals:

Requester may obtain a copy of the proposal from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRs), Room 4035, 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 208-7312. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0149, Subcontract Consent, in all correspondence.

Dated: March 14, 2000.

Edward C. Loeb,

Director, Federal Acquisition Policy Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0007]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request Entitled Summary Subcontract Report

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 of an existing OMB clearance (9000-0007).

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 Summary Subcontract Report. This OMB Clearance expires on June 30, 2000.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the FAR, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

In accordance with the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631, *et seq.*), contractors receiving a contract for more than \$10,000 agree to have small and small disadvantaged business concerns participate in the performance of the contract as far as practicable.

Contractors receiving a contract or a modification to a contract expected to exceed \$500,000 (\$1 million for construction) must submit a subcontracting plan that provides maximum practicable opportunities for small and small disadvantaged business concerns. Specific elements required to be included in the plan are specified in section 8(d) of the Small Business Act and are implemented in FAR 19.7.

Number of Respondents: 4,253.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.66.

Total Responses: 7,060.

Average Burden Hours Per Response, 12.90.

Total Burden Hours: 91,074.

Obtaining Copies of Justifications:

Requester may obtain a copy of the proposal from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRs), Room 4035, 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 208-7312. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0007, Summary Subcontract Support, in all correspondence.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.