

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.

Dated: March 14, 2000.

Edward C. Loeb,

Director, Federal Acquisition Policy Division.

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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.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 19, 2000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: March 14, 2000.

William Burrow,

*Leader, Information Management Group,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: Performance Report for the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 1.

Burden Hours: 702.

Abstract: The Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program grantees are required to submit the report annually. The reports are used to monitor the performance of grantees prior to awarding continuation funds and to assess a grantee's prior experience at the end of each budget period. The Department will also aggregate the data to provide descriptive information and analyze program impact.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO_IMG_Issues@ed.gov or faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request. Written comments or questions regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Joseph Schubart at (202) 708-9266. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

National Nuclear Security Administration¹

Record of Decision: Conveyance and Transfer of Certain Land Tracts Administered by the Department of Energy and Located at Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos and Santa Fe Counties, New Mexico

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Record of decision.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is issuing this Record of Decision on the conveyance and transfer of certain land tracts previously identified as being potentially suitable for this action as required by Public Law 105-119, the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, Fiscal Year 1998 (Section 632, 42 United States Code [U.S.C.] § 2391; the

¹ The National Nuclear Security Administration was established by the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000, Public Law 106-65, Title XXXII, Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 953 *et seq.*

Act). This Record of Decision is based upon the requirements for DOE action as stated in the Act and upon the information contained in the Environmental Impact Statement for the Conveyance and Transfer of Certain Land Tracts Administered by the Department of Energy and Located at Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos and Santa Fe Counties, New Mexico, DOE/EIS-0293. DOE has decided to implement the Preferred Alternative, i.e., seven tracts will be conveyed or transferred in full, and three tracts (Airport, TA-21, and White Rock Y) will be conveyed or transferred in part, based on DOE's continuing or future need for an individual tract, or a portion of the tract, to meet the national security mission support function at the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). In the "Conveyance and Transfer" EIS discussion of the Preferred Alternative, DOE identified the potential partial transfer of the White Rock Y Tract due to the developing proton radiography project, and the tract was considered as one of the tracts that would be conveyed in whole or in part by 2007. In this Record of Decision, DOE is conveying or transferring only part of the White Rock Y Tract because of the potential national security mission need. Should DOE's siting of the proposed proton radiography project not require a part of the White Rock Y Tract as a buffer area, DOE will reassess the need to retain any buffer areas and amend this Record of Decision, as needed.

Additionally, the disposition of each tract, or portion of a tract, will be subject to the ability of DOE to complete any necessary environmental restoration or remediation. DOE will convey to the Incorporated County of Los Alamos and/or transfer to the Department of the Interior, in trust for the San Ildefonso Pueblo, ten tracts, in whole or in part, totaling about 4,046 acres. Pursuant to the Allocation Agreement between the County of Los Alamos and the San Ildefonso Pueblo submitted to the Secretary of Energy on January 7, 2000, all lands are to be received by the County of Los Alamos except for portions of the TA-74 Tract, the White Rock Y Tract, and the White Rock Tract.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on the Conveyance and Transfer EIS or to receive a copy of this EIS or other information related to this Record of Decision, contact: Elizabeth Withers, Document Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, Los Alamos Area Office, 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87544, (505) 667-8690.