

factors which might impact performance. This list is not intended to be prescriptive or exhaustive, but rather to suggest the kind of information that might be considered in the negotiation process.

E. Negotiation of Expected Levels of Performance

The Regional Administrator for Veterans' Employment and Training (RAVET) will review the negotiated levels of performance as submitted through the DVET and will compare the expected performance levels with the National averages, baseline information from other States, and the negotiated levels of performance established for other States, taking into account factors including differences in economic conditions and other factors as discussed above. The RAVET will analyze the quality of the data presented by States, including the relevance of the data, the source of the data, the time period from which the data were drawn, and if the data are part of a trend or anomalous. Established GPRA Annual Performance Plan goals for relevant measures will also be an important part of the Regional review and negotiation of performance levels. When the RAVET's analysis is completed, if need be, there will be the opportunity, through the DVET, for negotiations with the State to obtain mutually agreed upon expected levels of performance. Provision will also be made for renegotiation of performance levels if circumstances arise that result in a significant change in the factors used to establish the original levels. It is understood that either a State or VETS may elect to renegotiate performance as new information becomes available. Factors which will be considered for making changes include those discussed above, in paragraph #D.

F. Rules for Application

During the first year of implementation of the new performance measures, performance will be reviewed as described below; however, States will be held harmless from any consequences of failing to meet their performance goals during that first year. Actual performance for each program year will be compared to negotiated performance levels. Incentives may be put in place for States with exemplary performance results. For a State to be designated as "exemplary," expected levels of performance for all measures must be achieved or exceeded. A possible incentive will be that "exemplary" States would proportionally split a fixed amount of the grant allocation or any unspent

funds. If a State's actual performance varies from the expected performance level by minus two percent or more, VETS will have the option of renegotiating new performance levels with the State. VETS will offer technical assistance as well as giving consideration to external factors affecting performance levels. A negative variation of five percent or more would result in the requirement of a State Corrective Action Plan (CAP) to rectify the situation. Failure to submit or comply with a CAP may become the basis for sanctions.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 25th day of May, 2001.

Stanley A. Seidel,

Director, Operations and Programs.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[01-065]

Notice of Agency Report Forms Under OMB Review

SUMMARY: The National Aeronautics and Space Administration, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This information collection provides data used in the Agency's accrual accounting and cost-based budgeting systems, maintained as required under Federal law.

DATES: All comments should be submitted on or before July 30, 2001.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to Mr. Phillip Smith, Code BFZ, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC 20546-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Nancy Kaplan, NASA Reports Officer, (202) 358-1372.

Title: NASA Contractor Financial Management Reports.

OMB Number: 2700-0003.

Type of review: Extension.

Need and Uses: The NASA Contractor Financial Management Reporting System is the basic financial medium for contractor reporting of estimated and incurred costs, providing essential data for projecting costs and hours to ensure that contractor performance is realistically planned and supported by

dollar and labor resources. The data provided by these reports is an integral part of the Agency's accrual accounting and cost-based budgeting systems required under 31 U.S.C. 3512.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 850.

Responses Per Respondent: 12.

Annual Responses: 10,200.

Hours Per Request: 9 hrs.

Annual Burden Hours: 91,500.

Frequency of Report: Quarterly; Monthly.

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Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Administrator.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice 01-064]

Information Collection: Submission for OMB Review, Comment Request

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of agency report forms under OMB review.

SUMMARY: The National Aeronautics and Space Administration, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This information is required to monitor contract compliance in support of NASA's mission and in response to procurement requirements.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received on or before July 2, 2001.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to Desk Officer for NASA; Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs; Office of Management and Budget; Room 10236; New Executive Office Building; Washington, DC, 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Nancy Kaplan, NASA Reports Officer, (202) 358-1372.

Reports: None.

Title: Patents, Data and Copyrights, NASA FAR Supplement, Part 1827.

OMB Number: 2700-0052.

Type of review: Extension.

Need and Uses: The information is used by NASA legal and contracting offices to ensure disposition of inventions in accordance with statutes