

Average Burden Per Response:
Approximately 3 hours.
Frequency: On occasion.

Summary of Information Collection

This information collection includes requirements relating to DFARS Part 242, Contract Administration.

a. DFARS Subpart 242.11 requires DoD contract administration personnel to conduct production reviews to determine contractor progress and to identify any factors that may delay contract performance. Contractors must provide information needed to support the reviews and must submit production progress reports on DD Forms 375 and 375c.

b. DFARS Subpart 242.73 contains requirements for Government conduct of Contractor Insurance/Pension Reviews. Contractors must provide documentation needed to support the reviews.

c. DFARS 252.242-7003 requires contractors to request Government bills of lading by submitting DD Form 1659 to the transportation officer or the contract administration office.

d. DFARS 252.242-7004 requires contractors to establish, maintain, disclose, and demonstrate material management and accounting systems.

Michele P. Peterson,

Executive Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics)/Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Industrial Policy)/Industrial Capabilities and Assessments.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics)/Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Industrial Policy)/Industrial Base Capabilities and Readiness announces the proposed extension of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. 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 shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by December 2, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics)/Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Industrial Policy)/Industrial Base Capabilities and Readiness, ATTN: Mr. John Bissell, Room 3E1060, 3330 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3330.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address, or call Industrial Base Capabilities and Readiness, at (703) 602-4290.

Title, Associated Form; and OMB Number: Industrial Capabilities Questionnaire; DD Form 2737; OMB Number 0704-0377.

Needs and Uses: As part of its responsibilities to facilitate a diverse, responsive, and competitive industrial base, the Department of Defense (DoD) requires accurate, pertinent, and up to date information as to industry's ability to satisfy defense needs. The Industrial Capabilities Questionnaire will be used by all Services and the Defense Logistics Agency to gather business, industrial capability (employment, skills, facilities, equipment, processes, and technologies), and manufactured end item information to conduct required industrial assessments and to support DoD strategic planning and decisions. Such data is essential to the Department of Defense for peacetime and wartime industrial base planning. All DD Form 2737 data submitted to the Department of Defense, Military Services or Defense Agencies are treated as Proprietary Company Confidential information and protected from release to other parties.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Annual Burden Hours: 12,800.

Number of Respondents: 153,600.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 12 Hours.

Frequency: Annually.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

Respondents are industry professionals who provide information to the requesting DoD agency on the industrial capabilities associated with the subject facility being reviewed. The DoD agencies were directed to solicit only those data elements within this form necessary to conduct the particular planning or assessment task at hand. This approach is used to minimize the burden for data requests on industry and limit the retention of in-house data to that essential to supporting defense decisions and plans. A significant portion of this information will be collected electronically and, with appropriate measures to protect sensitive data, will be made available to authorized users in the Department to support a wide variety of industrial capability analyses. These analyses are used to support cost effective acquisition of defense systems and key troop support/consumable items, assess the implications of changes in defense spending on industry, development of responsive logistics support efforts, and industrial preparedness planning and readiness analyses. The lack of accurate, current and relevant industry capability information will adversely impact the integrity of the Department's decisions and planning efforts.

Dated: September 25, 2002.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meetings.

SUMMARY: The Joint Defense Science Board/Air Force Scientific Advisory Board Task Force on the Acquisition of National Security Space Programs will meet in closed sessions on October 3-4, 2002, in Littleton, CO; October 15-17, 2002, in Los Angeles, CA, and Colorado Springs, CO; and October 30-November 1, 2002, in Chantilly, VA. This Task Force will review the acquisition of National Security Space Programs and make recommendations to improve the

acquisition of space programs from their initiation to deployment.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At these meetings, the Task Force will focus on what matters to providing national security advantage to the United States and look at the problem in as holistic a fashion as possible, considering the entire space acquisition process, including industry suppliers as well as government acquirers. The assessment will consider what is happening in the four interconnected sectors of the space business—commercial, civil, intelligence and military. Personnel issues, including numbers, skills, experience and demographics of space professionals (including CAAS and FFRDC personnel) as well as effects of corporate mergers in all these areas may be included. The assessment will also consider all aspects of the government's role in managing and funding space system acquisition—SPO, PEO, Science and Technology, Major Command, Service Headquarters, OSD, NRO, NASA and Congress—to derive insights.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II), it has been determined that these Task Force meetings concern matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and that, accordingly, these meetings will be closed to the public.

Due to critical mission requirements, there was insufficient time to provide timely notice of the October 3-4, 2002, meeting required by section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and subsection 101-6.1015(b) of the GSA Final Rule on Federal Advisory Committee Management, 41 CFR part 101-6, which further requires publication at least 15 calendar days prior to the first meeting of the Task Force on the Acquisition of National Security Space Programs.

Dated: September 25, 2002.

Patricia L. Toppings,

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory 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 December 2, 2002.

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, Regulatory 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: September 25, 2002.

John D. Tressler,

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

Federal Student Aid

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program Statutory Forbearance Forms.

Frequency: On Occasion.
Affected Public: Individuals or household.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 4,092.

Burden Hours: 818.

Abstract: Borrowers who receive loans through the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program will use this form to agree to statutory forbearances on their loans.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2167. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651 or to the e-mail address vivian_reese@ed.gov. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the e-mail address OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov or faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Joseph Schubart at his e-mail address Joe.Schubart@ed.gov. 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 EDUCATION

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Office of Postsecondary Education; Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN) Program; Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2003

Purpose of Program: GAANN provides fellowships in areas of national need to assist graduate students with excellent academic records who demonstrate financial need and plan to pursue the highest degree available in their course of study.

Eligible Applicants: Academic departments of institutions of higher education that meet the requirements in 34 CFR 648.2.

Applications Available: October 11, 2002.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: November 22, 2002.