

shipping the CDs cost approximately \$12 for a package of 12. The total capital start-up cost for this collection is \$342 per year.

Applicants who submit sequence listings on CD may also incur recordkeeping costs. The USPTO advises applicants to retain a back-up copy of CD submissions and associated documentation for their records. The USPTO estimates that it will take applicants 5 minutes to produce a back-up CD copy and 2 minutes to print copies of documentation, for a total of 7 minutes (0.12 hours) to make a back-up copy of the CD submission. The USPTO estimates that approximately 4,720 CD submissions will be received per year, for a total of 566 hours (4,720 responses multiplied by 0.12 hours). The USPTO expects that these back-up copies will be prepared by paraprofessionals at an estimated rate of \$30 per hour, for a total recordkeeping cost of \$16,980 per year.

Customers may incur postage costs when submitting a sequence listing to the USPTO by mail. The USPTO estimates that the average first-class postage cost for a mailed sequence listing submission on paper or CD will be \$1.41 and that 23,600 sequence listings will be mailed to the USPTO per year. The total postage cost for this collection is \$33,276 per year.

The total non-hour respondent cost burden for this collection in the form of capital start-up costs and postage costs is \$50,598 per year.

#### 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 shall 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: April 23, 2003.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

### NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0079]

#### Federal Acquisition Regulation; Submission for OMB Review; Corporate Aircraft Costs

**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 (9000-0079).

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning corporate aircraft costs. A request for public comments was published in the **Federal Register** at 68 FR 11537, on March 11, 2003. No comments were received.

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:** Submit comments on or before June 2, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to the General

Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVA), 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Edward Loeb, Acquisition Policy Division, GSA, (202) 501-0650.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### A. Purpose

Government contractors that use company aircraft must maintain logs of flights containing specified information to ensure that costs are properly charged against Government contracts and that directly associated costs of unallowable activities are not charged to such contracts.

##### B. Annual Reporting Burden

*Number of Respondents:* 3,000.  
*Responses Per Respondent:* 1.  
*Total Responses:* 3,000.  
*Average Burden Per Response:* 6 hours.

*Total Burden Hours:* 18,000.

*Obtaining Copies of Proposals:* Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVP), Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 208-7312. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0079, Corporate Aircraft Costs, in all correspondence.

Dated: April 25, 2003.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### Availability of the Feasibility Study and Proposed Plan for the St. Louis North County Site for Public Review and Comment

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The St. Louis District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), in consultation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), proposes to cleanup contaminants at the St. Louis North County Site resulting from uranium manufacturing and processing activities conducted during the early years of the nation's atomic energy program. This site is one of several being addressed under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA).