

**ACTION:** Notice.

In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) announces the following proposed 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 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 November 7, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Department of Defense Education Activity 4040 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203, ATTN: Ms. Judith L. Williams.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposal information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address or call at (703) 696-4471 ext. 1968.

**Title and OMB Control Number:** "Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) High School Program Objective Memorandum (POM) Longitudinal Study" and OMB Control Number [to be determined].

**Needs and Uses:** The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) operates 224 schools, including 56 high schools, in 21 districts located in 14 foreign countries, seven states, Guam, and Puerto Rico. To evaluate the Quality High School Initiative developed at the DoDEA High School Symposium in October 2001, contact with all DoDEA high school students and their sponsors who have left DoDEA high schools is necessary. All students in grades 9-12 who leave DoDEA high schools for any reason (*i.e.*, Permanent Change of Station (PCS), graduation, *etc.*) and their sponsors will be contacted 3-5 months after their departure by a telephone survey. Four telephone surveys will be used; one for students who leave DoDEA high schools for any reason

other than graduation and one for their sponsors; one for DoDEA high school graduates and one for their sponsors. The collected data will be used to determine if quality educational programs are provided to all DoDEA high school students regardless of where the DoDEA high school is located. There is no existing data that is sufficiently comprehensive in terms of meeting the need for this information requirement.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households.

**Annual Burden Hours:** 3,250 hours.

**Number of Respondents:** 13,000.

**Responses Per Respondent:** 1.

**Average Burden Per Response:** 15 minutes.

**Frequency:** On occasion.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Summary of Information Collection**

Beginning in fiscal year 2003, funds from a \$114.5 million High School Program Objective Memorandum (POM) are available to support the Quality High School Initiative developed at the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) High School Symposium held in October 2001. This money is made available through the Office of the Secretary of Defense. The High School POM runs from FY 2003-2008. The Quality High School Initiative will be evaluated to determine if quality educational programs are provided to all DoDEA high school students regardless of where the high school is located. The study entails the development of data collection methods and procedures, as well as the analysis of data, to document the use of resources and the impact on student achievement in grades 9-12. The study will use a telephonic interview technique to determine the success of the initiative in helping students prepare for educational experiences after leaving Department of Defense (DoD) schools either through graduation, permanent change of station of the sponsor, or for any other reason. Four surveys have been developed: One for all DoDEA sponsors and one for students who leave DoDEA for any reason other than graduation; one for DoDEA sponsors of graduates and one for students who graduate. These four telephone surveys include questions on transition, curriculum, courses, activities, counselors, teachers, administrators, and summary issues.

Dated: August 29, 2003.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****GENERAL SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATION****NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND  
SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[OMB Control No. 9000-0132]

**Federal Acquisition Regulation;  
Submission for OMB Review;  
Contractors' Purchasing Systems  
Reviews**

**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 (9000-0132).

**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 contractors' purchasing systems reviews. A request for public comments was published in the **Federal Register** at 68 FR 37467 on June 24, 2002. 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 October 8, 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:** Jeritta Parnell, Acquisition Policy Division, GSA, (202) 501-4082.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**A. Purpose**

The objective of a contractor purchasing system review (CPSR), as discussed in part 44 of the FAR, is to evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness with which the contractor spends Government funds and complies with Government policy when subcontracting. The review provides the administrative contracting officer a basis for granting, withholding, or withdrawing approval of the contractor's purchasing system.

**B. Annual Reporting Burden**

*Number of Respondents:* 1,580.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 1.

*Total Responses:* 1,580.

*Average Burden Hours Per Response:* 17.

*Total Burden Hours:* 26,860.

*Obtaining Copies of Proposals:*

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVA), Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0132, Contractors' Purchasing Systems Reviews, in all correspondence.

Dated: September 3, 2003.

**Laura G. Auletta,**

*Director, Acquisition Policy Division.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Office of the Secretary****Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program, Scientific Advisory Board**

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following Committee meeting:

**DATES:** October 1, 2003, from 1230 to 1630; October 2, 2003, from 0800 to 1515 and October 3, 2003, from 0800 to 1245.

**ADDRESSES:** SERDP Program Office, 901 North Stuart Street, Suite 804, Arlington, VA 22203.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Veronica Rice, SERDP Program Office, 901 North Stuart Street, Suite 303, Arlington, VA or by telephone at (703) 696-2119.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Matters to be Considered**

Research and Development proposals and continuing projects requesting Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program funds in excess of \$1M will be reviewed.

This meeting is open to the public. Any interested person may attend, appear before, or file statements with the Scientific Advisory Board at the time and in the manner permitted by the Board.

Dated: August 25, 2003.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Army****Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice to amend systems of records.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Army is amending one system of records notice in its existing inventory of records systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

In addition, the Preamble to the Army's Compilation of Privacy Act systems of records notices is being updated to revise two entries, *i.e.*, *For Further Assistance* and *Points of Contact*.

**DATES:** This proposed action will be effective without further notice on October 8, 2003, unless comments are received which result in a contrary determination.

**ADDRESSES:** Department of the Army, Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Office, U.S. Army Records Management and Declassification Agency, ATTN: TAPC-PDD-FP, 7798 Cissna Road, Suite 205, Springfield, VA 22153-3166.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Janice Thornton at (703) 806-7137 / DSN 656-7137.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of the Army systems of records notices subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the **Federal Register** and are available from the address above.

The specific changes to the records system being amended are set forth below followed by the notice, as amended, published in its entirety. The

proposed amendments are not within the purview of subsection (r) of the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, which requires the submission of a new or altered system report.

Dated: August 29, 2003.

**Patricia Toppings,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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**For Further Assistance**

Any questions should be addressed to the Department of the Army, Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Division, U.S. Army Records Management and Declassification Agency, ATTN: TAPC-PDD-FP, 7798 Cissna Road, Suite 205, Springfield, VA 22153-3166.

**Points of Contact**

Mr. Bruno C. Leuyer at (703) 806-5698/DSN 656-5698 or Ms. Janice Thornton at (703) 806-7137/DSN 656-7137.

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**A0601-222 USMEPCOM****SYSTEM NAME:**

Armed Services Military Accession Testing (November 20, 2001, 66 FR 58129).

**CHANGES:**

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**CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:**

Delete entry and replace with "Individuals who have been administered a version of the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB), to include those who subsequently enlisted and those who did not. This applies to high school, college, National Civilian Community Corps, and vocational students who have participated in the DoD Student Testing Program (STIP), as well as civilian applicants to the military services and active duty Service members."

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**PURPOSE(S):**

Delete entry and replace with "To establish eligibility for enlistment; verify enlistment and placement scores; verify retest eligibility; and provide aptitude test scores as an element of career guidance to participants in the DoD Student Testing Program. The data is also used for research, marketing evaluation, assessment of manpower trends and characteristics; and related statistical studies and reports."

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