

members of, or registered with, IPE, a U.K. recognized investment exchange.¹⁸

Intercontinental maintains that IPE's standards ensure that, like U.S. floor brokers and floor traders, IPE local traders have expertise in trading in commodity markets and are sophisticated and capable counterparties to trades. According to Intercontinental, IPE monitors the IPE activities of IPE local traders and has the authority to sanction them in the event of improper conduct.¹⁹ In its petition, Intercontinental states that IPE provides such extensive authorization standards for IPE local traders that there should be little concern about permitting these parties to trade on the Intercontinental ECM.

As described in the petition, to become an IPE local trader, an applicant must be able to demonstrate that the trader, among other things:²⁰ is fit and proper; registered with the IPE; meets any minimum financial requirements; and is, or will become, a party to a clearing agreement. In order to trade on the IPE electronic platform, an applicant for Individual Participant status also must be registered with the IPE as a Responsible Individual.²¹

III. Request for Comment

The Commission generally invites public comment on the Intercontinental petition and on whether the Commission should determine that IPE brokers and IPE local traders are ECEs and, therefore, permitted to enter into proprietary transactions in exempt commodities on ECMs. Specifically, the Commission requests comment on whether it should expand the ECE definition to include (1) IPE brokers (IPE Floor Members and General Participants) that: (a) Are firms located in the U.K.; (b) are authorized and regulated by the FSA; (c) are members of the IPE; (d) have as a part of its business the business of acting as a broker, although the IPE broker need not

have any connection or experience in the underlying physical commodity; and (e) are ECPs or, if not an ECP, its trades on the ECM are guaranteed by a clearing member of a U.K. recognized clearing organization that is itself an ECP; and (2) IPE local traders (IPE Local Members and Individuals Participants) that: (a) Are located in the U.K.; (b) are authorized by the FSA if required by the FSMA, or are outside the scope of the FSMA; (c) members of, or registered with, the IPE; (d) have as a part of their business the business of acting as a local trader, although the IPE local trader need not have any connection or experience in the underlying physical commodity; and (e) are ECPs or, if not an ECP, its trades on the ECM are guaranteed by a clearing member of a U.K. recognized clearing organization that is itself an ECP.

The Commission also invites public comment on what conditions should be applied in the event of such a determination. In addition, the Commission asks for comments with respect to whether any response to the petitions should be tailored specifically to allow IPE members meeting the conditions presented by the petition to trade on Intercontinental, or whether a response should be more broadly based and, thus, allow such IPE members to trade on other ECMs.

The Commission invites public comment, moreover, on Intercontinental's request for relief not only for those IPE members that trade on the floor as well as the IPE electronic platform, but also for those IPE members that trade *only* on IPE's electronic platform. This request differs somewhat from the relief granted by the Commission in its order of January 16, 2003, as that relief applied only to registered floor brokers and floor traders, and not to traders that trade only on electronic trading systems. According to Intercontinental, the ECE definition should include IPE brokers and IPE local traders because, from a policy perspective, it is no longer meaningful to differentiate between electronic and floor trading.

Finally, the Commission particularly requests comment on Intercontinental's requests for ECE treatment for IPE authorized local traders. The Commission notes that, unlike IPE brokers (and unlike the floor locals and floor traders deemed to be ECEs by the Commission's order of January 9, 2003, subject to certain conditions),²² the IPE local traders are not registrants of a governmental regulatory body, but are members of or registered with the IPE.

Intercontinental's petition broadly describes the qualification requirements that such IPE local traders are subject to under IPE regulation. The Commission seeks general comment on whether ECE treatment should be extended to non-U.S. traders that are sophisticated market professionals, are authorized by a non-U.S. exchange, regularly trade on the non-U.S. exchange, are guaranteed by a clearing member of a clearing organization not registered by the Commission, but are not registrants under the oversight of a national regulatory body comparable to the Commission and, if so, what standards the Commission should use to evaluate the qualifications of such persons.

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 16, 2004, by the Commission.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

[OMB Control Number 0704-0286]

Information Collection Requirement; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Publicizing Contract Actions and Provision of Information to Cooperative Agreement Holders

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments regarding a proposed extension of an approved information collection requirement.

SUMMARY: In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), DoD announces the proposed extension of a public information collection requirement and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. DoD invites comments on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of DoD, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the 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 the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved this information collection requirement for use through August 31, 2004. DoD proposes that

¹⁸ According to the petition, a subset of local traders, known as "Local Tenants," lease their trading seats from a local member. In this situation, the Local Tenant would need to meet the criteria for IPE membership, but would technically only be registered with the IPE rather than being a member.

¹⁹ IPE would not monitor the trading activities of IPE members on the Intercontinental ECM.

²⁰ As indicated above, the term IPE local trader includes both IPE Local Members and Individual Participants. The requirements to be an IPE Local Member differs slightly from the requirements to be an IPE Individual Participant, as described in the petition. For example, IPE Individual Participants must be party to a Platform User Agreement. Also, while both must register with the IPE, the IPE Local Member must have passed the Registered Floor Trader (RFT) examination, while the IPE requires the IPE Individual Participant to be adequately trained.

²¹ See *supra* notes 15-16 and accompanying text.

²² See *supra* note 5.

OMB extend its approval for use through August 31, 2007.

DATES: DoD will consider all comments received by May 21, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Respondents may submit comments via the Internet at <http://emissary.acq.osd.mil/dar/dfars.nsf/pubcomm>. As an alternative, respondents may e-mail comments to: dfars@osd.mil. Please cite OMB Control Number 0704-0286 in the subject line of e-mailed comments.

Respondents that cannot submit comments using either of the above methods may submit comments to: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Attn: Ms. Teresa Brooks, OUSD(AT&L)DPAP(DAR), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062; facsimile (703) 602-0350. Please cite OMB Control Number 0704-0286.

At the end of the comment period, interested parties may view public comments on the Internet at <http://emissary.acq.osd.mil/dar/dfars.nsf>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Teresa Brooks, (703) 602-0326. The information collection requirements addressed in this notice are available electronically on the Internet at: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/dfars/index.htm>. Paper copies are available from Ms. Teresa Brooks, OUSD(AT&L)DPAP(DAR), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title and OMB Number: Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 205, Publicizing Contract Actions, and the associated clause at DFARS 252.205-7000, Provision of Information to Cooperative Agreement Holders; OMB Control Number 0704-0286.

Needs and Uses: This information collection requires DoD contractors to provide information to cooperative agreement holders regarding employees or offices that are responsible for entering into subcontracts under DoD contracts. Cooperative agreement holders furnish procurement technical assistance to business entities within specified geographic areas. This policy implements 10 U.S.C. 2416.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

Annual Burden Hours: 8,753.

Number of Respondents: 7,957.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 7,957.

Average Burden Per Response: 1.1 hours.

Frequency: On occasion.

Summary of Information Collection

DFARS Subpart 205.4 and the clause at DFARS 252.205-7000 require DoD contractors with contracts exceeding \$500,000 to provide to cooperative agreement holders, upon their request, a list of those appropriate employees or offices responsible for entering into subcontracts under DoD contracts. The list must include the business address, telephone number, and area of responsibility of each employee or office. The contractor need not provide the list to a particular cooperative agreement holder more frequently than once a year.

Michele P. Peterson,

Executive Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Availability of Government-Owned Inventions; Available for Licensing

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The inventions listed below are assigned to the United States Government, as represented by the Secretary of the Navy and are available for licensing by the Department of the Navy.

U.S. Patent No. 6,672,537 entitled "One-Piece Wrap Around Fin"; U.S. Patent No. 6,588,343 entitled "Igniter System For a Flare"; U.S. Patent No. 6,686,866 entitled "Two-Piece Radar-Absorbing End Cap Assembly"; U.S. Patent No. 6,679,174 entitled "Flare Igniter With A Slurry Groove"; and U.S. Patent No. 6,634,301 entitled "Enclosed Ignition Flare-Igniter."

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the inventions cited should be directed to the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Div., Code OCF, Bldg 64, 300 HWY 361, Crane, IN 47522-5001 and must include the patent number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Darrell Boggess, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Div, Code OCF, Bldg 64, 300 HWY 361, Crane, IN 47522-5001, telephone (812) 854-1130. An application for license may be downloaded from: http://www.crane.navy.mil/foia_pa/CranePatents.asp.

(Authority: 35 U.S.C. 207, 37 CFR Part 404.)

Dated: March 16, 2004.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Availability of Government-Owned Invention; Available for Licensing

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The invention listed below is assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Navy and is available for licensing by the Department of the Navy. U.S. Patent No. 6,642,538, "Voltage Controlled Nonlinear Spin Filter Based on Paramagnetic Ion Doped Nanocrystal," Navy Case No. 83,185.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the invention cited should be directed to the Naval Research Laboratory, Code 1004, 4555 Overlook Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20375-5320, and must include the Navy Case number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane F. Kuhl, Technology Transfer Office, NRL Code 1004, 4555 Overlook Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20375-5320, telephone (202) 767-7230. Due to temporary U.S. Postal Service delays, please fax (202) 404-7920, e-mail: kuhl@utopia.nrl.navy.mil or use courier delivery to expedite response.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Availability for Donation of the Aircraft Carrier ex-RANGER (CV 61)

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of the availability for donation, under the authority of 10 U.S.C. 7306, of the aircraft carrier ex-RANGER (CV 61), a Forrestal Class