

Angeles, CA; Monday, August 2, 2004, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Washington, DC.

Web casts will be held as follows: Wednesday, July 14, 2004, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, July 23, 2004, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday, August 3, 2004, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held in the following locations:

Tuesday, July 13, 2004, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Wyndham Franklin Plaza Hotel, 17th and Race St, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

Monday, July 19, 2004, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Marriott Cleveland Downtown at Key Center, 127 Public Square, Cleveland, OH 44114.

Tuesday, July 20, 2004, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Marriott Detroit at the Renaissance Center, Renaissance Center, Detroit, MI 48243.

Wednesday, July 21, 2004, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Marriott Minneapolis City Center, 30 South 7th Street, Minneapolis, MN, 55402.

Monday, July 26, 2004, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Marriott Orlando Airport, 7499 Augusta National Drive, Orlando, FL 32822.

Tuesday, July 28, 2004, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Hyatt Regency DFW, Inside DFW International Airport, DFW Airport, TX 75261.

Wednesday, July 28, 2004, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Renaissance Los Angeles Hotel, 9620 Airport Boulevard, Los Angeles CA 90045.

Thursday, August 5, 2004, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

National Association of Manufacturers, 1331 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20004.

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Hratch G. Semerjian,
Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Science Advisory Board

AGENCY: Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, NOAA, DOC.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Science Advisory Board (SAB) was established by a Decision Memorandum dated September 25, 1997, and is the only Federal Advisory Committee with responsibility to advise the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere on long- and short-range strategies for research, education, and application of science to resource management. SAB activities and advice provide necessary input to ensure that National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) science programs are of the highest quality and provide optimal support to resource management.

Time and Date: The meeting will be held Tuesday, July 13, 2004, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesday, July 14, 2004, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. These times and the agenda topics described below may be subject to change. Refer to the Web page listed below for the most up-to-date meeting agenda.

Place: The meeting will be held both days at the Key Bridge Marriott Hotel, 1401 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA.

Status: The meeting will be open to public participation with a 30-minute time period set aside on Wednesday, July 14, for direct verbal comments or questions from the public. The SAB expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted verbal or written statements. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to a total time of five (5) minutes. Written comments (at least 35 copies) should be received in the SAB Executive Director's Office by July 6, 2004, to provide sufficient time for SAB review. Written comments received by the SAB Executive Director after July 6, 2004, will be distributed to the SAB, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date. Approximately thirty (30) seats will be available for the public including five (5) seats reserved for the media. Seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Matters to be Considered: The meeting will include the following topics: (1) NOAA Research Review, (2) Report of the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy, (3) Reports of Cooperative/Joint Institute reviews, (4) Ocean Modeling review, (5) Global

Observations, (6) National Polar-orbiting Operational Environmental Satellite System, (7) Climate Monitoring Working Group and Climate and Global Change Working Group Reports, (8) NOAA Strategic Plan, (9) NOAA Social Science Research Initiative, (10) NOAA 5-year Research Plan, (11) NOAA Organic Act and (12) public statements.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Michael Uhart, Executive Director, Science Advisory Board, NOAA, Rm. 11142, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. (Phone: 301-713-9121, Fax: 301-713-0163, e-mail: Michael.Uhart@noaa.gov); or visit the NOAA SAB Web site at <http://www.sab.noaa.gov>.

Dated: June 25, 2004.

Louisa Koch,

Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0077]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Information Collection; Quality Assurance Requirements

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0077).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning quality assurance requirements. The clearance currently expires on September 30, 2004.

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 August 30, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVA), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0077, Quality Assurance Requirements, in all correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeritta Parnell, Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-4082.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

Supplies and services acquired under Government contracts must conform to the contract's quality and quantity requirements. FAR Part 46 prescribes inspection, acceptance, warranty, and other measures associated with quality requirements. Standard clauses related to inspection require the contractor to provide and maintain an inspection system that is acceptable to the Government; give the Government the right to make inspections and test while work is in process; and require the contractor to keep complete, and make available to the Government, records of its inspection work.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 950.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Total Responses: 950.

Hours Per Response: .25.

Total Burden hours: 237.5 (238).

C. Annual Recordkeeping Burden

Recordkeepers: 58,060.

Hours Per Recordkeeper: .68.

Total Burden Hours: 39,481.

Total Annual Burden: 238 + 39,481 = 39,719.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals:

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVA), Room 4035, 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0077, Quality Assurance Requirements, in all correspondence.

Dated: June 17, 2004.

Ralph J. De Stefano,

Acting Director, Acquisition Policy Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0102]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Information Collection; Prompt Payment

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 (9000-0102).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension to a currently approved information collection requirement concerning prompt payment. The clearance currently expires September 30, 2004.

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 August 30, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat, 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0102, Prompt Payment, in all correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard C. Loeb, Office of Acquisition Policy, GSA (202) 208-3810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

Part 32 of the FAR and the clause at FAR 52.232-5, Payments Under Fixed-Price Construction Contracts, require that contractors under fixed-price construction contracts certify, for every progress payment request, that payments to subcontractors/suppliers have been made from previous payments received under the contract and timely payments will be made from the proceeds of the payment covered by the certification, and that this payment request does not include any amount which the contractor intends to withhold from a subcontractor/supplier. Part 32 of the FAR and the clause at 52.232-27, Prompt Payment for Construction Contracts, further require that contractors on construction contracts—

(a) Notify subcontractors/suppliers of any amounts to be withheld and furnish a copy of the notification to the contracting officer;

(b) Pay interest to subcontractors/suppliers if payment is not made by 7 days after receipt of payment from the Government, or within 7 days after correction of previously identified deficiencies;

(c) Pay interest to the Government if amounts are withheld from subcontractors/suppliers after the Government has paid the contractor the amounts subsequently withheld, or if the Government has inadvertently paid the contractor for nonconforming performance; and

(d) Include a payment clause in each subcontract which obligates the contractor to pay the subcontractor for satisfactory performance under its subcontract not later than 7 days after such amounts are paid to the contractor, include an interest penalty clause which obligates the contractor to pay the subcontractor an interest penalty if payments are not made in a timely manner, and include a clause requiring each subcontractor to include these clauses in each of its subcontractors and to require each of its subcontractors to include similar clauses in their subcontracts.

These requirements are imposed by Pub. L. 100-496, the Prompt Payment Act Amendments of 1988.

Contracting officers will be notified if the contractor withholds amounts from subcontractors/suppliers after the Government has already paid the contractor the amounts withheld. The contracting officer must then charge the