

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.

(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: August 31, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should submit written comments and recommendations on the proposed information to DTIC-BC Registration Team, Defense Technical Information Center, 8725 John J. Kingman Road, Suite 0944, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-6218 E-mail comments, submitted via the Internet should be addressed to: wbush@dtic.mil at: (703) 767-8213.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request further information about this proposed information collection, or to obtain a copy of the proposal and the associated collection instrument, please write to the above address, or call Mr. William Bush at: (703) 767-8213.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Registration for Scientific and Technical Information Services, DD Form 1540, OMB Control Number: 07040264.

Needs and Uses: The data that the Defense Technical Information Center handles is controlled, either because of distribution limitations, or security classification. For this reason, all potential users are required to register for service. DOD Instruction 3200.14, Principles and Operational Parameters of the DOD Scientific and Technical Information Program, mandates the registration procedure. Federal Government agencies and their contractors are required to complete the DD Form 1540, Registration for Scientific and Technical Information Services OMB Number: 07040264. The contractor community completes a separate DD Form 1540 for each contract or grant, and registration is valid until the contract expires.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit, small Businesses or organizations, non-profit institutions.

Annual Burden Hours: 833.

Number of Annual Respondents: 2,000.

Annual Responses to Respondent: 1.
Average Burden Per Response: 25 Minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

The DOD Scientific and Technical Information Program (STIP) requires the exchange of scientific and technical information within and among federal Government agencies and their contractors. The DD Form 1540 serves as a registration tool for Federal Government Agencies and their contractors to access DTIC services. The Contractors, Subcontractors, and Potential Contractors are required to obtain certification from designated approving officials. Federal Government Agencies need certification from Approving Officials and Security Officers when requesting access to classified and/or data. Collected information is verified by DTIC's Marketing and Registration Division.

Dated: June 30, 2004.

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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 meeting.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board (DSB) Task Force on Strategic Strike Skills will meet in closed session on October 6-7, 2004; November 16-17, 2004; December 15-16, 2004; January 12-13, 2005; and February 16-17, 2005; at Science Applications International Corporation, 4001 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA. The Task Force will assess the future strategic strike force skills needs of the Department of Defense (DoD).

The mission of the DSB 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. Last summer the DSB assessed DoD needs for future strategic strike forces. Assessed was the application of technology for non-nuclear weapons systems, communications, planning systems, and intelligence as well as the integration of strategic strike with active

defenses as part of the new triad. This "skills" study will complement the previous strategic forces study by focusing on the people and the skills necessary to develop, maintain, plan, and successfully execute future strategic strike forces. At this meeting, the Task Force will: Assess current skills available, both nuclear and non-nuclear of current long-range strike forces; identify, assess and recommend new/modified/enhanced skill sets necessary for successful future strike force development, planning, and operations; and recommend a strategy for the successful evolution of the current skills to those required by future strike forces.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II), it has been determined that this Defense Science Board Task Force meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and that, accordingly, the meeting will be closed to the public.

Dated: July 1, 2004.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board Task Force on Munitions System Reliability will meet in closed session on July 8-9, 2004, at SAIC, 4001 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA. This Task Force will review the efforts thus far to improve the reliability of munitions systems and identify additional steps to be taken to reduce the amount of unexploded ordnance resulting from munitions failures. The Task Force will: Conduct a methodologically sound assessment of the failure rates of U.S. munitions in actual combat use; review ongoing efforts to reduce the amount of unexploded ordnance resulting from munitions systems failures, and evaluate whether there are ways to improve or accelerate these efforts; and identify other feasible measures the U.S. can take to reduce the threat that failed munitions pose to friendly forces and noncombatants.

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