

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration****North American Free-Trade Agreement, Article 1904; NAFTA Panel Reviews; Notice of Request for an Extraordinary Challenge Committee**

AGENCY: NAFTA Secretariat, United States Section, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of request for an Extraordinary Challenge Committee to review the binational NAFTA Panel decisions of August 13, 2003; June 7, 2004; Second Remand of December 1, 2004; Third Remand of May 23, 2005; Fourth Remand of October 5, 2005; Fifth Remand of March 17, 2006; and Notice of Final Panel Action of March 28, 2006 in the matter of Certain Softwood Lumber Products from Canada, Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination, Secretariat File No. USA/CDA-2002-1904-03.

SUMMARY: On April 27, 2006, the Office of the United States Trade Representative filed a Request for an Extraordinary Challenge Committee to review decisions as stated above with the United States Section of the NAFTA Secretariat pursuant to Article 1904 of the North American Free Trade Agreement. Committee review was requested of the final affirmative countervailing duty determination made by the International Trade Administration, respecting Certain Softwood Lumber Products From Canada. These determinations were published in the **Federal Register**. The NAFTA Secretariat has assigned Case Number ECC-2006-1904-01USA to this request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caratina L. Alston, United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat, Suite 2061, 14th and Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482-5438.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Chapter 19 of the North American Free-Trade Agreement ("Agreement") establishes a mechanism to replace domestic judicial review of final determinations in antidumping and countervailing duty cases involving imports from a NAFTA country with review by independent binational panels. When a Request for Panel Review is filed, a panel is established to act in place of national courts to review expeditiously the final determination to determine whether it conforms with the antidumping or countervailing duty law of the country that made the determination.

Under Article 1904 of the Agreement, which came into force on January 1, 1994, the Government of the United States, the Government of Canada and the Government of Mexico established *Rules of Procedure for Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews* ("Rules"). These Rules were published in the **Federal Register** on February 23, 1994 (59 FR 8686).

A Request for an Extraordinary Challenge Committee was filed with the United States Section of the NAFTA Secretariat, pursuant to Article 1904 of the Agreement, on April 27, 2006, requesting panel review of the final affirmative countervailing duty determination as described above.

The Rules provide that:

(a) A Party or participant in the panel review who proposes to participate in the extraordinary challenge proceeding shall file with the responsible Secretariat a Notice of Appearance within 10 days after the filing of the first Request for Extraordinary Challenge Committee (the deadline for filing a Notice of Appearance is May 8, 2006); and

(b) Complainants briefs shall be filed within 21 days after the Request for Extraordinary Challenge Committee (the deadline for filing briefs is May 18, 2006);

(c) Respondents briefs shall be filed within 21 days after the Complainants briefs (the deadline for filing brief is June 8, 2006).

Dated: April 28, 2006.

Caratina L. Alston,

United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.
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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**Sunshine Act Notice**

The Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service gives notice of the following meeting:

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, May 24, 2006, 9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

PLACE: Corporation for National and Community Service; 8th Floor Conference Room; 1201 New York Avenue, NW.; Washington, DC 20525.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

- I. Chair's Opening Remarks.
- II. Consideration of Prior Meeting's Minutes.
- III. Committee Reports.
- IV. CEO Report.

V. Public Comment.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Anyone who needs an interpreter or other accommodation should notify the Corporation's contact person by 5 p.m. Monday, May 22, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David Premo, Public Affairs Associate, Public Affairs, Corporation for National and Community Service, 10th Floor, Room 10302E, 1201 New York Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20525. Phone (202) 606-6717. Fax (202) 606-3460. TDD: (202) 606-3472. E-mail: dpremo@cns.gov.

Dated: May 15, 2006.

Frank R. Trinity,

General Counsel.

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

[OMB Control No. 9000-0047]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Information Collection; Place of Performance

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 (9000-0047).

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 place of performance. The clearance currently expires on October 31, 2006.

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; and ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be

collected. When the On-Line Representation and Certifications Application (ORCA) becomes available, contractors will be able to complete the provision electronically; however, because the data being collected could change for a specific solicitation, contractor's will still be required to submit place of performance information on an exception basis; that is, whenever the place of performance for a specific solicitation is different from the place of performance shown in ORCA.

DATES: Submit comments on or before July 17, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of the collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to the General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (VIR), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Michael Jackson, Contract Policy Division, GSA, (202) 208-4949.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

The information relative to the place of performance and owner of plant or facility, if other than the prospective contractor, is a basic requirement when contracting for supplies or services (including construction). This information is instrumental in determining bidder responsibility, responsiveness, and price reasonableness. A prospective contractor must affirmatively demonstrate its responsibility. Hence, the Government must be apprised of this information prior to award. The contracting officer must know the place of performance and the owner of the plant or facility to (1) determine bidder responsibility; (2) determine price reasonableness; (3) conduct plant or source inspections; and (4) determine whether the prospective contractor is a manufacturer or a regular dealer. The information is used to determine the firm's eligibility for awards and to assure proper preparation of the contract.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 79,397.

Responses Per Respondent: 14.

Total Responses: 1,111,558.

Hours Per Response: .07.

Total Burden Hours: 77,810.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals:

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (VIR), Room

4035, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0047, Place of Performance, in all correspondence.

Dated: May 12, 2006

Ralph Destefano,

Director, Contract Policy Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0048]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Information Collection; Authorized Negotiators

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

ACTION: Notice of request for comments regarding a renewal to an existing OMB clearance.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the General Services Administration will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve a renewal of a currently approved information collection requirement regarding authorized negotiators. The clearance currently expires on October 31, 2006.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary 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; and ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

DATES: Submit comments on or before: July 17, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Michael Jackson, Contract Policy Division, GSA, (202) 208-4949.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to the Regulatory Secretariat (VIR), General Services Administration, Room 4035, 1800 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0048, Authorized Negotiators, in all correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

Firms offering supplies or services to the Government under negotiated solicitations must provide the names, titles, and telephone numbers of authorized negotiators to assure that discussions are held with authorized individuals. The information collected is referred to before contract negotiations and it becomes part of the official contract file.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 65,660.

Responses Per Respondent: 8.

Total Responses: 525,280.

Hours Per Response: .017.

Total Burden Hours: 8,930.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals:

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (VIR), 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0048, Authorized Negotiator, in all correspondence.

Ralph Destefano,

Director, Contract Policy Division.

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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 Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of the availability of exclusive or partially exclusive license to practice worldwide under the following pending patents. Any license granted shall comply with 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR part 404. Applications will be evaluated utilizing the following criteria: Ability to manufacture and market the technology; manufacturing and marketing ability; time required to bring technology to market and production rate; royalties; technical capabilities; and small business status.

U.S. Patent application Serial Number 11/208,120 entitled "Fiber pigtailed and method for fabricating same" filed on August 16, 2005. This application teaches a method of pre-alignment of birefringent fiber in a handle so the