

Responses per Respondent: 1.
Average Burden per Response: 10 minutes.
Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Summary of Information Collection**

Respondents are employers who make available non-contributory TRICARE supplemental insurance plan to their employees. This new paperwork requirement is consistent with section 707 of the John Warner National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007 which added Section 1097c to Title 10. Per Section 1097c, employers may no longer offer TRICARE supplemental insurance plans as part of an employee benefit package. They may offer TRICARE supplemental insurance plans, however, provided the plan is not paid for in whole or in part by the employer and is not endorsed by the employer. When such TRICARE supplemental plans are offered, the employer must properly document that they did not provide any payment for the benefit nor receive any direct or indirect consideration or compensation for offering the benefit; the employer's only involvement is providing the administrative support. One certification must be completed per employer. It should be kept on file by the employer for as long as such plans are offered. The employer will provide the certification to the Department of Defense upon request.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary**

[Docket ID: DoD-2008-HA-0168]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs announces the proposed extension of a 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 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 through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by March 2, 2009.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Federal Docket Management System Office, 1160 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1160.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to Naval Health Research Center, DoD Center for Deployment Health Research, Department 164, ATTN: Tyler C. Smith, MS, PhD, 140 Sylvester Rd., San Diego, CA 92106-3521, or call (619) 553-7593.

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Prospective Department of Defense Studies of U.S. Military Forces: The Millennium Cohort Study—OMB Control Number 0720-0029.

Needs and Uses: The Millennium Cohort Study responds to recent recommendations by Congress and by the Institute of Medicine to perform investigations that systematically collect population-based demographic and health data so as to track and evaluate the health of military personnel throughout the course of their careers and after leaving military service.

Affected Public: Civilians, formerly Active Duty and activated Reservists in the U.S. Military, who enrolled and participated in Panels 1, 2, and 3 of the Millennium Cohort Study.

Annual Burden Hours: 9,150.
Number of Respondents: 36,599.
Responses per Respondent: 1.
Average Burden per Response: 45 minutes.

Frequency: Every 3 years.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Summary of Information Collection**

Persons eligible to respond to this survey are those civilians now separated from military service who initially enrolled, gave consent and participated in the Millennium Cohort Study while on active duty in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps or U.S. Coast Guard during the first, second, or third panel enrollment periods in 2001-2003, 2004-2006, or 2007-2008, respectively.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****Announcement of Federal Funding Opportunity**

AGENCY: Office of Economic Adjustment, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the opportunity to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) for Research and Technical Assistance (RTA) and invites proposals. The OEA is authorized by 10 U.S.C. 2391, to make grants to, or conclude cooperative agreements or enter into contracts with, a State or local government or any private entity to conduct research and provide technical assistance in support of the Defense Economic Adjustment Program, and assist communities, businesses and workers responding to Defense changes under 10 U.S.C. 2391 and Executive Order 12788, as amended. OEA is the Department of Defense's primary source for assisting communities that are adversely impacted by Defense program changes, including base closures or realignments, base expansions, and contract or program cancellations. Awards provided under this announcement support the Defense Economic Adjustment Program by: (1) Providing analysis and dissemination of information; and (2) support to innovative approaches.

DATES: OEA will hold a pre-proposal teleconference on Tuesday, January 27,

2009, at 3 p.m. EST in which all interested respondents are invited to participate. A completed proposal must be received by OEA no later than sixty (60) days after the publication date of this announcement. Any proposal received after this time will be considered non-responsive and the respondent will not be invited to make a formal application for funding. OEA will invite the successful respondent(s) to apply for funding under this announcement following its review of proposals and determination of eligible respondents, which will occur subsequent to the 61st day following publication of this announcement.

ADDRESSES: All interested respondents are to submit a proposal within the advertised solicitation period (sixty (60) days). Proposals may be submitted to OEA by e-mail, hand-delivery, or postal mail. Send submissions to the Director, Office of Economic Adjustment, by mail to 400 Army Navy Drive, Suite 200, Arlington, VA 22202-4704, by facsimile to OEA at (703) 604-5460, or electronically to: rta.submit@wso.whs.mil.

A pre-proposal teleconference will be held on Tuesday, January 27, 2009, at 3 p.m. EST to review the goals and objectives of this funding opportunity and answer questions from interested respondents. For the teleconference number and passcode, interested respondents may contact OEA Office of Economic Adjustment, 400 Army Navy Drive, Suite 200, Arlington, VA 22202-4704; telephone: (703) 604-6020; fax: (703) 604-5843; E-mail: daniel.glasson@wso.whs.mil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel Glasson, (703) 604-6020.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Federal Funding Opportunity Title: Research and Technical Assistance.
Announcement Type: Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO).
Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 12.615.

I. Funding Opportunity Description

OEA, a Department of Defense (DoD) Field Activity, is authorized to make grants to, or conclude cooperative agreements or enter into contracts with, state or local governments or any private entity, to conduct research and provide technical assistance in support of its program activities under 10 U.S.C. 2391 and Executive Order 12788, as amended.

1. *Description of opportunity*—Pursuant to the Research and Technical Assistance program, OEA is soliciting proposals that will result in one or more cooperative agreements to provide

economic indicators on a recurring basis to certain Defense-impacted locations engaged in defense economic adjustment. Currently, OEA works with communities/regions experiencing base closure, realignment, and mission growth. Implementation of a community's plan to redevelop surplus property (base closure) or address public requirements associated with mission growth may be impacted by changing economic conditions, including, but not limited to, declining home values, rising unemployment, labor surplus areas, declining tax revenue, and housing/business starts. Specifically, OEA is seeking proposals to provide information to its program customer base on: (1) Adjusted monthly economic data for regions hosting the military installations listed below; and (2) a national baseline for identified economic indicators. This information will be developed with and for the affected communities, and posted on the Internet to further assist OEA's community, state and other customers in the coordination and delivery of adjustment assistance. OEA desires to have the first set of information to the specific communities/regions by Summer 2009, with periodic updates to extend through September 2013.

2. *Additional Information*—The research and data must be dynamic, in that it will be updated on a periodic basis to reflect current local economic situations across a portfolio of regions. Respondents will be expected to engage the identified communities and provide specific information developed by the project directly to the respective communities. OEA encourages respondents to consider partnering with public, private, and higher education sources for existing economic data or techniques for adjusting economic data to reflect local conditions.

3. *List of military installations where regional economic data is sought*—(OEA reserves the right to add to or change this list.)

Base name	State
Aberdeen Proving Ground	MD
Andrews Air Force Base	MD
Army Reserve Personnel Command St. Louis.	MO
Brooks City Base	TX
Buckley Air Force Base Annex	CO
Cannon Air Force Base	NM
Charles E. Kelly Support Facility	PA
Deseret Chemical Depot	UT
Eglin Air Force Base	FL
Fort Belvoir	VA
Fort Benning	GA
Fort Bliss	TX
Fort Bragg/Pope Air Force Base	NC
Fort Carson	CO

Base name	State
Fort Drum	NY
Fort Gillem	GA
Fort Hood	TX
Fort Knox	KY
Fort Lee	VA
Fort Lewis/McChord Air Force Base	WA
Fort McPherson	GA
Fort Meade	MD
Fort Monmouth	NJ
Fort Monroe	VA
Fort Polk	LA
Fort Riley	KS
Fort Sam Houston	TX
Fort Sill	OK
Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Air Field	GA
Four Lakes Combat Support	WA
Galena Forward Operating Location	AK
Grand Forks Air Force Base	ND
Guam Military Complex	Guam
Kansas Army Ammunition Plant	KS
Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune/ Marine Corps Air Station New River/Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point.	NC
Marine Corps Base Quantico	VA
Naval Air Station Brunswick	ME
Naval Air Station Corpus Christi/ Naval Station Ingleside.	TX
Naval Air Station Willow Grove	PA
Naval Medical Center Bethesda	MD
Naval Station Pascagoula	MS
Naval Supply Corps School Athens	GA
Naval Support Activity Crane	IN
Naval Support Activity New Orleans	LA
Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach Concord Detachment.	CA
Newport Chemical Depot	IN
Onizuka Air Force Station	CA
Red River Army Depot/Lone Star Army Ammunition Plant.	TX
Redstone Arsenal	AL
Riverbank Army Ammunition Plant	CA
Rock Island Arsenal	IL
Selfridge Army Activity	MI
Sheppard Air Force Base	TX
Umatilla Army Depot	OR
Walter Reed Army Medical Center	DC
White Sands Missile Range	NM

II. Award Information

OEA is accepting proposals for Research and Technical Assistance award(s). Proposals should pertain to the identified areas of interest and will be rated on content (relevance and appropriateness to OEA's core functions, qualifications of project personnel, responsiveness to this announcement, and budget). OEA will invite successful respondent(s) to enter into a cooperative agreement under this announcement following its review of proposals and determination of eligible respondents which will occur subsequent to the 61st day following publication of this announcement.

III. Eligibility Information

Eligible respondents include any State or local government or private entity.

Eligible activities include research and technical assistance that pertains to activities related to the Defense Economic Adjustment Program aimed at assisting communities, businesses, and workers affected by Defense changes under 10 U.S.C. 2391 and Executive Order 12788, as amended. OEA specifically seeks proposals on:

- Research leading to the recurring presentation of current local economic indicator data for regions impacted by Defense downsizing or mission growth, based on the two elements identified in section I, subsection 1 of this announcement.

Proposals outside the identified areas of interest will not be considered.

IV. Application and Submission Information

The process requires each interested respondent to submit a proposal within the advertised solicitation period (sixty (60) days). OEA will hold a pre-application teleconference on Tuesday, January 27, 2009, at 3 p.m. EST in which all prospective respondents are invited to participate. OEA will make a brief presentation that reviews the goals and objectives of the RTA funding opportunity and will answer questions from the teleconference participants. For the teleconference number and passcode, interested parties may contact OEA as specified in section VII.

Each proposal submitted must include a cover or transmittal letter and accompanying text that shall consist of no more than 10 pages (single-sided), comprising:

- An abstract of the proposed research or technical assistance;
- A description of the scope of work required to address the challenge identified to include:
 - Specific economic indicators or types of indicators proposed to be obtained or developed to reflect near real-time economic conditions;
 - Methods for obtaining or developing the indicators;
 - The respondent's plan for engaging the impacted communities for each of the listed installations during development of the information and for evaluating the usefulness of information provided;
 - Methods for distributing the information to the impacted communities.
- A proposed budget and accompanying budget justification;
- Detailed description of the project team and their relevant experience;
- A project schedule for completion of the work;
- A point of contact.

Proposals must be provided to: Director, Office of Economic

Adjustment, by mail to 400 Army Navy Drive, Suite 200, Arlington, VA 22202–4704, by facsimile to OEA at (703) 604–5460, or electronically to: rtasubmit@wso.whs.mil.

V. Application Review Information

1. *Selection Criteria*—In reviewing proposals under this Notice, OEA considers and equally weights each of the following factors as a basis for inviting applications:

- Overall conformance with proposal requirements;
- Overall quality of proposed research;
- Overall expertise, experience, qualifications and ability of investigators; and
- Overall reasonableness of budgeted expenditures.

2. *Review and Selection Process*—OEA will assign a Project Manager and notify respondent(s) as soon as practicable following its review of proposals and determination of eligibility, to advise and assist with the preparation of an application. Applications will be reviewed for their completeness and accuracy, and, to the extent possible, an award notification will be issued within fourteen (14) days of the receipt of a complete application.

VI. Award Administration Information

1. *Award Notices*—To the extent possible, successful applicants will be notified within fourteen (14) days of the receipt at OEA of a complete application whether or not they will receive an award. Upon notification of an award, applicants will receive an award agreement, signed by the Director of OEA on behalf of DoD. Awardees must review the award agreement and indicate their consent to its terms by signing and returning it to OEA.

2. *Administrative and National Policy Requirements*—The Awardee, and any subawardee or consultant/contractor, operating under the terms of a grant or cooperative agreement shall comply with all Federal, State, and local laws including the following, where applicable: 32 CFR Part 33, “Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments”; OMB Circulars A–87, “Cost Principles for State and Local Governments” and the revised A–133, “Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations”; 32 CFR Part 25, “Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement)”; 32 CFR Part 26, “Drug-free Workplace”; 32 CFR, Part 32, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements to Institutions of Higher

Education, Hospitals, and other Non-Profit Organizations; 32 CFR, Part 34, Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with For-Profit Organizations; OMB Circular A–21 Cost Principles for Educational Institutions; OMB Circular A–122, Cost Principles for Non Profit Organizations; 32 CFR Part 28, “New Restrictions on Lobbying (Grants)”; and 2 CFR Part 175, “Award Term for Trafficking in Persons.”

3. *Reporting*—OEA requires interim performance reports and one final performance report for each award. The performance reports will contain information on the following:

- A comparison of actual accomplishments to the objectives established for the reporting period;
- Reasons for slippage if established objectives were not met;
- Additional pertinent information when appropriate;
- A comparison of actual and projected expenditures for the period;
- The amount of awarded funds on hand at the beginning and end of the reporting period.

The final performance report must contain a summary of activities for the entire award period. All remaining required deliverables should be submitted with the final performance report. The final SF 269A, “Financial Status Report,” must be submitted to OEA within ninety (90) days after the end date of the award. Any funds actually advanced and not needed for award purposes shall be returned immediately to OEA.

OEA will provide a schedule for reporting periods and report due dates in the Award Agreement.

VII. Agency Contacts

For further information, to answer questions, or for help with problems, contact: Daniel Glasson, Project Manager, Office of Economic Adjustment, 400 Army Navy Drive, Suite 200, Arlington, VA 22202–4704, O: (703) 604–6020, F: (703) 604–5843, E-mail: daniel.glasson@wso.whs.mil.

VIII. Other Information

The Office of Economic Adjustment Internet address is <http://www.oea.gov>.

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