

the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to reinstate a previously approved information collection requirement concerning Bid Guarantees, Performance and Payment Bonds, and Alternative Payment Protections.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary; 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 4, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (VPR), 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4041, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0045, Bid Guarantees, Performance and Payment Bonds, and Alternative Payment Protections, in all correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. William Clark, Procurement Analyst, Contract Policy Division, GSA, (202) 219-1813.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**A. Purpose**

These regulations implement the statutory requirements of the Miller Act (40 U.S.C. 3131 to 3134), which requires performance and payment bonds for any construction contract exceeding \$100,000, unless it is impracticable to require bonds for work performed in a foreign country, or it is otherwise authorized by law. In addition, the regulations implement the note to 40 U.S.C. 3132, entitled "Alternatives to Payment Bonds Provided by the Federal Acquisition Regulation," which requires alternative payment protection for construction contracts that exceed \$30,000 but do not exceed \$100,000. Although not required by statute, under certain circumstances the FAR permits the Government to require bonds on other than construction contracts.

**B. Annual Reporting Burden**

*Respondents: 11,304.*

*Responses per Respondent: 5.*

*Total Responses: 56,520.*

*Hours per Response: .42.*

*Total Burden Hours: 23,738.*

**Obtaining Copies of Proposals:**

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (VPR), 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4041, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0045, Bid Guarantees, Performance and Payment Bonds, and Alternative Payment Protections, in all correspondence.

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**Al Matera,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

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**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

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**Federal Acquisition Regulation; Information Collection; Authorized Negotiators**

**AGENCIES:** Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and 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 Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), Regulatory 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 Authorized Negotiators.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary; 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.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Suzanne Neurauder, Procurement Analyst, Contract Policy Division, GSA, (202) 219-0310.

**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.*

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**Federal Acquisition Regulation; Information Collection; Economic Price Adjustment**

**AGENCIES:** Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA),