Proposed Information Collection (VAAR Clause 852.236.89, Buy American Act) Activity: Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of Management, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of Management (OM), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information needed to evaluate bidders’ qualification and to support claims for price adjustment due to delay in construction caused by severe weather.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before March 15, 2011.

ADDRESS: Submit written comments on the collection of information through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at http://www.Regulations.gov; or to Arita Tillman, Office of Acquisition and Logistics (049P1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420; or e-mail: arita.tillman@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0623” in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13; 44 U.S.C. 3501–3521), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA. With respect to the following collection of information, OM invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of OM’s functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of OM’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Title: Department of Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) Clause 852.236.91.

OMB Control Number: 2900–0623.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VAAR Clause 852.236.91 requires bidders to furnish information on previous experience, technical qualifications, financial resources, and facilities available to perform the work. The clause also requires contractors submitting a claim for price adjustment due to severe weather delay to provide climatologically data covering the period of the claim and covering the same period in preceding years. VA uses the data collected to evaluate the bidder’s qualification and responsibility, and to evaluate the contractor’s claims for contract price adjustment due to weather-related delays.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit and Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Annual Burden:

a. Qualifications Data: 758 hours.
b. Weather Data: 20 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:

a. Qualifications Data: 30 min.
b. Weather Data: 1 hour.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

a. Qualifications Data: 1,516.

Dated: January 11, 2011.

By direction of the Secretary.

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20420; or e-mail: arita.tillman@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0622” in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Title: Department of Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) Clause 852.236–89, Buy American Act.

OMB Control Number: 2900–0622.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The Buy American Act requires that only domestic construction material shall be used to perform domestic Federal contracts for construction, with certain exceptions. Despite the allowable exceptions, it is VA policy not to accept foreign construction material. VAAR clause 852.236–89 advises bidders of these provisions and requires bidders who choose to submit a bid that includes foreign construction material to identify and list the price of such material. VA uses the information to determine whether to accept or not accept a bid that includes foreign construction material.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit and Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Annual Burden: 20 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 30 min.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 40.

Dated: January 11, 2011.

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