

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by January 30, 2012.

*Title, Form, and OMB Number:*

Department of Defense Focus Groups of Employers; OMB Control Number 0704–TBD.

*Type of Request:* New.

*Number of Respondents:* 150.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 150.

*Average Burden per Response:* 1.5 hours.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 225 hours.

*Needs and Uses:* The Department of Defense Focus Groups of Employers are designed to identify ways of supporting employers when Guard and Reserve employees are absent due to military duties and targeting such support, explore the characteristics of duty-related absences (such as frequency and duration) that have the greatest impact on employers, characterize the attitudes of employers toward Guard and Reserve employees, and examine knowledge of and compliance with Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) and other ESGR programs. The Department of Defense Focus Groups of Employers are intended to complement information gathered through the Department of Defense National Survey of Employers. The Department of Defense will use these data to inform decisions related to the management of Guard and Reserve.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government; State, local or tribal government organizations.

*Frequency:* One-time.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Ms. Jasmeet Sehra.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Ms. Sehra at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

You may also submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by the following method:

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

*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.

*DoD Clearance Officer:* Ms. Patricia Toppings.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Ms. Toppings at WHS/ESD/Information Management Division, 4800 Mark Center Drive, 2nd Floor, East Tower, Suite 02G09, Alexandria, VA 22350–3100.

Dated: December 23, 2011.

**Aaron Siegel,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID DOD–2011–HA–0033]

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

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*Title, Form, and OMB Number:*

ACAM2000® Myopericarditis Registry; OMB Control Number 0720–TBD.

*Type of Request:* New.

*Number of Respondents:* 20.

*Responses per Respondent:* 2.

*Annual Responses:* 40.

*Average Burden per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 20 hours.

*Needs and Uses:* The Food and Drug Administration required the establishment of several Phase IV post licensure studies to evaluate the long term safety of ACAM2000® smallpox vaccine. Among the required post licensure studies is the establishment of a myopericarditis registry. The ACAM2000® Myopericarditis Registry is designed to study the natural history of myopericarditis following receipt of the ACAM2000® vaccine, including evaluating factors that may influence disease prognosis, thus addressing the FDA post-licensure requirement and ensuring the continued licensing of this vaccine.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Frequency:* Semi-annually.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Ms. John Kraemer. Written comments and recommendations on the proposed

information collection should be sent to Mr. Kraemer at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

### Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program (SERDP), Scientific Advisory Board; Notice of Meeting

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice is published in accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463). The topic of the meeting on March 13–14, 2012 is to review new start research and development projects requesting Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program (SERDP) funds in excess of \$1M. This meeting is open to the public. Any interested person may attend, appear before, or file statements with the Scientific Advisory Board at the time and in the manner permitted by the Board.

**DATES:** Tuesday, March 13, 2012 from 12:45 p.m. to 5 p.m. & Wednesday, March 14 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** SERDP Office Conference Center, 901 North Stuart Street, Suite 804, Arlington, VA 22203.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Jonathan Bunger, SERDP Office, 901 North Stuart Street, Suite 303, Arlington, VA or by telephone at (703) 696-2126.

Dated: December 22, 2011.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

#### Limited Public Interest Waiver Under Section 1605 (Buy American) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act)

**AGENCY:** Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of Limited Waiver.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is hereby granting a determination of inapplicability (unreasonable cost waiver) of section 1605 of the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009 (Recovery Act Buy American provisions) to the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation's (CUC) located in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), recipient of the EECBG grant DE-EE0000762, for 5 diesel engine radiators to be installed at the CUC's main power plant located in Saipan, CNMI. This waiver applies only to this project.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* December 6, 2011.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christine Platt-Patrick, Weatherization and Intergovernmental Program, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), (202) 287-1553, buyamerican@ee.doe.gov, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Mailstop EE-2K, Washington, DC 20585.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the authority of the Recovery Act, section 1605(b)(3), the head of a Federal department or agency may issue a "determination of inapplicability" (a waiver of the Buy American provisions) if the application of section 1605 would represent an 'unreasonable cost.' The authority of the Secretary of Energy to

make all inapplicability determinations was re-delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), for EERE projects under the Recovery Act, in Redelegation Order No. 00-002.01E, dated April 25, 2011, for EERE Recovery Act projects.

Pursuant to this delegation, the Acting Assistant Secretary has determined that application of section 1605 restrictions represents an 'unreasonable cost' for the project described herein.

Specifically, this unreasonable cost determination waives the Buy American requirements for the diesel engine radiators needed for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation's (CUC) located in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), recipient of the EECBG grant DE-EE0000762, for 5 diesel engine radiators to be installed at the CUC's main power plant located in Saipan, CNMI. EERE has developed a robust process to ascertain in a systematic and expeditious manner whether or not there is domestic manufacturing capacity for the items submitted for a waiver of the Recovery Act Buy American provision. This process involves a close collaboration with the United States Department of Commerce National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP), in order to scour the domestic manufacturing landscape in search of producers before making any nonavailability or unreasonable cost determinations.

The NIST MEP has 59 regional centers with substantial knowledge of, and connections to, the domestic manufacturing sector. MEP uses their regional centers to 'scout' for current or potential manufacturers of the product(s) submitted in a waiver request. In the course of this interagency collaboration, MEP has been able to find exact or partial matches for manufactured goods that EERE grantees had been unable to locate. As a result, in those cases, EERE was able to work with the grantees to procure American-made products rather than granting a waiver.

Upon receipt of completed waiver requests for the product in the current waiver, EERE reviewed the information provided and submitted the relevant technical information to the NIST MEP. The MEP then used their network of nationwide centers to scout for domestic manufacturers.

In addition to the MEP collaboration outlined above, the EERE Buy American Team worked with labor unions, trade associations and other manufacturing stakeholders to scout for domestic

manufacturing capacity or an equivalent product for the 5 diesel engine radiators contained in this waiver. EERE also conducted significant amounts of independent research to supplement MEP's scouting efforts.

As a result of EERE's efforts and MEP's scouting process, a quote was obtained from the only domestic manufacturer that has the capabilities to produce a similar item. That quote is reflected in the price cited infra, and supports the finding that this item, if purchased domestically, will increase the total project cost by more than 25%.

This ARRA supported project involves the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation's (CUC) main power plant-1. It was built in 1979 with the installation of four 7.2MW-18V 40/54A diesel engines. Four larger 13.0MW-18V 52/55B engines were installed in 1990. Over the years, radiator fin corrosion and fouling have deteriorated to a point where inadequate cooling limited generator loads to just 60% of design capacity.

Radiator deterioration on engines #5 and #6 were so advanced (generators de-rated to 30% of design capacity), the radiator sets on both engines were replaced in 2009. The performance of these new radiator sets since 2009 can be described as excellent.

The 40% reduction in loading capacity on engines #1,2,3, 7 and 8 have cost the Utility severely in terms of fuel efficiency and cost, which unfortunately continues to be passed on to the rate-payers. This 40% loss in engine capacity plus the unavailability of engines 5 and 7 in 2008—resulted in rolling blackouts and the eventual collapse of power plant-1 in 2008.

In mid 2008, CUC contracted a rental generator company to supply 15MW of generators for a period of 12 months at a total cost of \$6,000,000 dollars.

Power plant-1 rehabilitation work began in 2009 and although surplus power is now available—the 60% load limitation on engines 1,2,3, 7 and 8 is costing CUC and its rate-payers dearly, in terms of fuel efficiency and cost.

The diesel engines utilized in the facility are designed to operate between 70% to 100% of name plate rating. Fuel efficiency is at its maximum at this load range. De-rated gen-sets 1,2,3,7 and 8 currently operate at an average fuel efficiency of 14.0 kWh per gallon of diesel. Engines operated between 70% to 100% load do so at a higher fuel efficiency of 15.0 to 15.6kWh per gallon—a 7% better fuel consumption.

CUC's power plant-1 burns an average of 1,000,000 gallons of diesel per month. Radiator replacement on engines 1,2,3,7 and 8 will enable CUC to increase the