

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 October 26, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments identified by *Information Collection 9000-0083, Qualification Requirements*, by any of the following methods:

- *Regulations.gov:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal by searching the OMB control number. Select the link "Submit a Comment" that corresponds with "Information Collection 9000-0083, Qualification Requirements". Follow the instructions provided at the "Submit a Comment" screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and "Information Collection 9000-0083, Qualification Requirements" on your attached document.

- *Fax:* 202-501-4067.
- *Mail:* General Services

Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (MVCB), 1275 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20417. ATTN: Hada Flowers/IC 9000-0083, Qualification Requirements.

**Instructions:** Please submit comments only and cite Information Collection 9000-0083, Qualification Requirements, in all correspondence related to this collection. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Patricia Corrigan, Procurement Analyst, Office of Governmentwide Acquisition Policy, GSA, (202) 208-1963 or [patricia.corrigan@gsa.gov](mailto:patricia.corrigan@gsa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**A. Purpose**

FAR subpart 9.2 and the associated clause at FAR 52.209-1, implement the statutory requirements of 10 U.S.C. 2319 and 41 U.S.C. 3311, which allows an agency to establish a qualification requirement for testing or other quality assurance demonstration that must be completed by an offeror before award of a contract. Under the qualification requirements, an end item, or a component thereof, may be required to be prequalified. The clause at FAR 52.209-1, Qualification Requirements,

requires offerors who have met the qualification requirements to identify the offeror's name, the manufacturer's name, source's name, the item name, service identification, and test number (to the extent known).

The contracting officer uses the information to determine eligibility for award when the clause at 52.209-1 is included in the solicitation. Alternatively, items not yet listed may be considered for award upon the submission of evidence of qualification with the offer.

**B. Annual Reporting Burden**

There is no Governmentwide data collection process or system, e.g., Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS) which identifies the number of solicitations issued that include qualification requirements. To date, no public comments or questions have been received regarding the burden estimates included in the currently approved clearance. However, a change is being made regarding the estimated number of responses annually from 100 (in the currently approved burden) to a more appropriate estimated average of 5 responses annually (i.e., the number of proposals received per solicitation issued). For purposes of this clearance, time required to read and prepare information remains at 15 minutes per submission assuming an offeror's use of electronic information tracking and retrieval processes.

*Respondents:* 2,207.

*Responses per Respondent:* 5.

*Annual Responses:* 11,035.

*Hours per Response:* .25.

*Total Burden Hours:* 2,758.

**Obtaining Copies of Proposals:**

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (MVCB), 1275 First Street NE., Washington, DC, 20417, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0083, Qualification Requirements, in all correspondences.

Dated: August 17, 2012.

**William Clark,**

*Acting Director, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, Office of Governmentwide Acquisition Policy, Office of Acquisition Policy, Office of Governmentwide Policy.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program, 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 October 23-25, 2012 is to review new start research and development projects requesting Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program funds in excess of \$1 million. 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, October 23, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, October 24 from 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. and Thursday, October 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** George Mason Conference Room at Metro Offices, 4601 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 1200, Arlington, VA 22203.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Jonathan Bunker, SERDP Office, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Suite 17D08 Alexandria, VA 22350-3600, by telephone at (571) 372-6384.

Dated: August 21, 2012.

**Aaron Siegel,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Meeting of the Department of Defense Military Family Readiness Council (MFRC)**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 10(a), Public Law 92-463, as amended, notice is hereby given of a forthcoming meeting of the Department of Defense Military Family Readiness Council (MFRC). The purpose of the Council meeting is to review the military family programs which will be the focus for the Council for next year, and address

selected concerns of military family organizations.

The meeting is open to the public, subject to the availability of space. Persons desiring to attend may contact Ms. Melody McDonald at 571-372-0880 or email

[FamilyReadinessCouncil@osd.mil](mailto:FamilyReadinessCouncil@osd.mil) no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 12, 2012 to arrange for parking and escort into the conference room inside the Pentagon.

Interested persons may submit a written statement for consideration by the Council. Persons desiring to submit a written statement to the Council must notify the point of contact listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 13, 2012.

**DATES:** September 20, 2012, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Pentagon Conference Center B6 (escorts will be provided from the Pentagon Metro entrance).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Melody McDonald or Ms. Betsy Graham, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Military Community & Family Policy), 4800 Mark Center Drive Alexandria, VA 22350-2300, Room 3G15. Telephones (571) 372-0880; (571) 372-0881 and/or email: [FamilyReadinessCouncil@osd.mil](mailto:FamilyReadinessCouncil@osd.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Meeting agenda.

#### Thursday, September 20, 2012

Welcome & Administrative Remarks.  
Review and Comment on Council Action from December meeting.  
Priority Areas Briefings.  
Office of the Secretary of Defense Changes to Family Policy.  
Update on Efforts to Evaluate Family Programs.  
Closing Remarks.

**Note:** Exact order may vary.

Dated: August 22, 2012.

**Aaron Siegel,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Air Force

[Docket ID: USAF-2012-0014]

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense/ Department of the Air Force/Air Force Office of Scientific Research (DoD/ USAF/AFOSR).

#### **ACTION:** Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Department of the Air Force announces a reinstatement 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 October 26, 2012.

**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, 4800 Mark Center Drive, East Tower, Suite 02G09, Alexandria, VA 22350-3100.

**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 Air Force Office of Scientific Research, ATTN: AFOSR/RSPP, 875 North Randolph Street, Suite 325, Room 3112, Arlington, VA 22203-1768, or email [NDSEG@afosr.af.mil](mailto:NDSEG@afosr.af.mil) or call AFOSR/RSPP, at 703-588-1779.

**Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number:** DoD National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate (NDSEG) Fellowships Program; National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate (NDSEG) Fellowship Application; OMB Number 0701-0154.

**Needs and Uses:** Support of Science, Mathematics, and Engineering

Education, 10 U.S.C. 2191, states that "the Secretary of Defense shall prescribe regulations providing for the award of fellowships to citizens and nationals of the United States who agree to pursue graduate degrees in science, engineering or other fields of study designated by the Secretary (of Defense) to be of priority interest to the DoD. Recipients shall be selected on the basis of a nationwide competition. The DoD is committed to increasing the number and quality of the nation's scientists and engineers. Application information will be used for evaluation and selection of students to be awarded fellowships. Failure to respond renders the student ineligible for a fellowship.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households.

**Annual Burden Hours:** 36,000 hours.

**Number of Respondents:** 3,000.

**Responses per Respondent:** 1.

**Average Burden per Response:** 12 hours.

**Frequency:** Annually.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Summary of Information Collection**

Respondents are students enrolled in doctoral programs in science and engineering desiring to complete their education. The on-line, electronic application provides information necessary for evaluation and selection of fellowships.

The NDSEG fellowships allow recipients to pursue their graduate studies at whichever United States institution they choose to attend. The goal is to provide the United States with talented, doctorally trained American men and women who will lead state of the art research projects in disciplines having the greatest payoff to national defense requirements. Approximately 190-200 3-year fellowships are anticipated to be awarded in the fields of Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering, Biosciences, Chemical Engineering, Chemistry, Civil Engineering, Cognitive, Neural, and Behavioral Sciences, Computer and Computational Sciences, Electrical Engineering, Geosciences, Material Science and Engineering, Mathematics, Mechanical Engineering, Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering, Oceanography, and Physics.

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**Aaron Siegel,**

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