

- Inform other rulemakings specifically required or authorized by the Dodd-Frank Act;
- Inform the Bureau's perspective on the appropriate approach to regulation of various industries in its jurisdiction;
- Supplement available information used for mandated analyses that the Bureau is required to perform for potential new rules, such as analyses required under section 1022 of the Act, the Regulatory Flexibility Act, and the Paperwork Reduction Act;
- Review impacts of the rules the Bureau inherited from other agencies;
- Perform reviews of significant new rules the Bureau adopts, as the Bureau is generally required to do within five years; and
- Develop new tools and solutions that can help Providers more easily implement and maintain compliance systems for consumer financial regulations.

These information collections will ask Providers of various sizes and mixes of business activity about their compliance systems and processes and how regulations and regulatory changes impact different aspects of their business operations. Collection methods may include structured interviews, focus groups, conference calls, and written questionnaires—delivered via email or administered through an online survey. In some cases, the Bureau may also conduct case studies to gather more in-depth and granular information from a targeted sample of institutions.

The information and data collected would aid the Bureau in determining what rules prove to be unduly burdensome on Providers and to identify the causes of such burden. In doing so, the Bureau would be better positioned to develop potential policy solutions that will reduce burden on Providers, without sacrificing the benefits of regulations on both consumers and Providers.

Affected Public: U.S. depository and non-depository financial institutions.

Estimated Number of Responses: Up to 2,750 respondents. This estimate includes 600 structured interview respondents, 75 focus group respondents, 2,000 written questionnaire respondents, and 75 case study respondents.

Estimated Time per Respondent: Structured interviews and focus groups may take up to 1.5 hours per session, with up to an additional 1.5 hours of preparation. Written questionnaires may

take up to 1 hour per collection, with up to 1 hour of preparation. Case studies may take up to 16 hours for collections, with up to an additional 16 hours of preparation.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: Up to 9,008 hours.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection unless the information collection displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The Bureau published a 60-day **Federal Register** notice on June 14, 2012 (77 FR 35658). Comments were solicited and continue to be invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Bureau, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Bureau's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and the assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: October 1, 2012.

Chris Willey,

Chief Information Officer, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0045]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Information Collection; Bid Guarantees, Performance and Payment Bonds, and Alternative Payment Protections

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of reinstatement request for an information collection requirement regarding an existing OMB clearance.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Regulatory Secretariat will be

submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of 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 for the proper performance of functions of the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR), and 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 December 10, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments identified by Information Collection 9000-0045, Bid Guarantees, Performance, and Payment Bonds, and Alternative Payment Protections 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 9000-0045, Bid, Performance, and Payment Bonds". Follow the instructions provided at the "Submit a Comment" screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and "Information Collection 9000-0045, Bid Guarantees, Performance, and Payment Bonds, and Alternative Payment Protections" 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 9000-0045, Bid Guarantees, Performance, and Payment Bonds, and Alternative Payment Protections.

Instructions: Please submit comments only and cite Information Collection 9000-0045, Bid Guarantees, Performance, and Payment Bonds, and Alternative Payment Protections, 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. Cecelia Davis, Procurement Analyst, Contract Policy Division, GSA (202) 219-0202 or email Cecelia.davis@gsa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

FAR Subparts 28.1 and 28.2; FAR clauses at 52.228-1, 52.228-2, 52.228-13, 52.228-15, 52.228-16; and associated FAR standard forms implement the statutory requirements of the Miller Act (40 U.S.C. 3131 et seq.), which requires performance and payment bonds for any construction contract exceeding \$150,000, unless it is impracticable to require bonds for work performed in a foreign country, or it is otherwise authorized by law. In addition, the note to 40 U.S.C. 3132, entitled "Alternatives to Payment Bonds Provided by the Federal Acquisition Regulation," is implemented in the FAR, which requires alternative payment protection for construction contracts that exceed \$30,000 but do not exceed \$150,000. Although not required by statute, under certain circumstances the FAR permits the Government to require bonds on other than construction contracts. The information collected under this clearance provides the Government with a form of security that the contractor will not withdraw a bid or assures that the contractor will perform its obligations under a contract.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

The estimated annual reporting burden is slightly increased since published in the **Federal Register** at 74 FR 46988, on September 14, 2009. Based on use of data, from the Federal Procurement Data System, for fiscal year 2011, an upward adjustment is made to the estimated annual reporting burden.

Respondents: 7,800.

Responses per Respondent: 7.6051.

Total Responses: 59,320.

Hours per Response: .42.

Total Burden Hours: 24,914.

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. 9000-0045, Bid Guarantees, Performance, and Payment Bonds, and Alternative Payment Protections, in all correspondence.

Dated: September 28, 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

Notice of Advisory Committee Closed Meeting; U.S. Strategic Command Strategic Advisory Group

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of Advisory Committee closed meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C. App 2, Section 1), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b), and 41 CFR 102-3.150, the Department of Defense announces the following closed meeting notice pertaining to the following federal advisory committee: U.S. Strategic Command Strategic Advisory Group.

DATES: November 15, 2012, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and November 16, 2012, from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Dougherty Conference Center, Building 432, 906 SAC Boulevard, Offutt AFB, Nebraska 68113.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Bruce Sudduth, Designated Federal Officer, (402) 294-4102, 901 SAC Boulevard, Suite 1F7, Offutt AFB, NE 68113-6030.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Meeting: The purpose of the meeting is to provide advice on scientific, technical, intelligence, and policy-related issues to the Commander, U.S. Strategic Command, during the development of the Nation's strategic war plans.

Agenda: Topics include: Policy Issues, Space Operations, Nuclear Weapons Stockpile Assessment, Weapons of Mass Destruction, Intelligence Operations, Cyber Operations, Global Strike, Command and Control, Science and Technology, Missile Defense.

Meeting Accessibility: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b, and 41 CFR 102-3.155, the Department of Defense has determined that the meeting shall be closed to the public. Per delegated authority by the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, General C. Robert Kehler, Commander, U.S. Strategic Command, in consultation with his legal advisor, has determined

in writing that the public interest requires that all sessions of this meeting be closed to the public because they will be concerned with matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1).

Written Statements: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140, the public or interested organizations may submit written statements to the membership of the Strategic Advisory Group at any time or in response to the stated agenda of a planned meeting. Written statements should be submitted to the Strategic Advisory Group's Designated Federal Officer; the Designated Federal Officer's contact information can be obtained from the GSA's FACA Database—<https://www.fido.gov/facadatabase/public.asp>. Written statements that do not pertain to a scheduled meeting of the Strategic Advisory Group may be submitted at any time. However, if individual comments pertain to a specific topic being discussed at a planned meeting, then these statements must be submitted no later than five business days prior to the meeting in question. The Designated Federal Officer will review all submitted written statements and provide copies to all the committee members.

Dated: October 4, 2012.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences; Quarterly Meeting Notice

AGENCY: Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU), Department of Defense.

ACTION: Quarterly meeting notice.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended) and the Sunshine in the Government Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), this notice announces the following meeting of the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

DATES: Friday, November 9, 2012, from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (Open Session) and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Closed Session).

ADDRESSES: Everett Alvarez Jr. Board of Regents Room (D3001), Uniformed Services University of the Health