

acquisition of commercial items and services.

Pertinent to this information collection is the FAR provision at 52.212-3, Offeror Representations and Certifications-Commercial Items. The provision is among the representations and certifications that are available for completion in the On-line Representation and Certification Application (ORCA) function of the System for Award Management (SAM) database. Because an offeror only has to complete representations and certifications once on an annual basis, with periodic updates, use of the ORCA function by prospective contractors decreases the number of responses per respondent per year for purposes of this information collection. ORCA was developed to eliminate the administrative burden for contractors of submitting the same information to various contracting offices, and to establish a common source for this information to procurement offices across the Government. Prior to ORCA's implementation, prospective contractors were required to submit representations and certifications in paper form for each individual contract award. Using the ORCA function in SAM, a contractor can enter their representations and certification information once for use on all Federal contracts. FAR 4.1201(a) requires prospective contractors to complete electronic annual representations and certifications in conjunction with required registration in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR). These requirements are met through functionality in SAM. The ORCA function reuses data pulled from the CCR function and, in many cases, pre-populates several of the required representations and certifications with CCR data. The representations and certifications are effective until one year from the date of submission or update to the ORCA function in SAM.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Because ORCA allows for multiple uses from one entry, i.e., a contractor can enter their representations and certification information once a year (with any needed updates) for use on all Federal contracts, the number of responses per respondent has decreased from the currently approved number 34 to 4. For purposes of this information collection, initial entry plus three updates are estimated as the number of responses per respondent per year, i.e., 4 responses per respondent. As of May 2012, there were 162,000 vendors registered in the ORCA function of SAM. For purposes of estimation, the number of vendors registered in the

ORCA function of SAM will serve as the number of respondents. Data entry by contractors is estimated at 30 minutes per response. As a result, a downward adjustment is being made to the estimated annual reporting burden since the notice regarding an extension to this clearance published in the **Federal Register** at 75 FR 6668, on February 10, 2010.

Respondents: 162,000.
Responses per Respondent: 4.
Total Responses: 648,000.
Hours per Response: .5.
Total Burden Hours: 324,000.

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. 9000-0136 regarding Commercial Item Acquisitions in all correspondence.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Designation of a Class of Employees for Addition to the Special Exposure Cohort

AGENCY: National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HHS gives notice of a decision to designate a class of employees from the Joslyn Manufacturing and Supply Company in Fort Wayne, Indiana, as an addition to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000. On March 6, 2013, the Secretary of HHS designated the following class of employees as an addition to the SEC:

All Atomic Weapons Employees who worked for Joslyn Manufacturing and Supply Company at the covered facility in Fort Wayne, Indiana, from March 1, 1943, through December 31, 1947, for a number of work days aggregating at least 250 work days, occurring either solely under this employment, or in combination with work

days within the parameters established for one or more other classes of employees included in the Special Exposure Cohort.

This designation will become effective on April 5, 2013, unless Congress provides otherwise prior to the effective date. After this effective date, HHS will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** reporting the addition of this class to the SEC or the result of any provision by Congress regarding the decision by HHS to add the class to the SEC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Designation of a Class of Employees for Addition to the Special Exposure Cohort

AGENCY: National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HHS gives notice of a decision to designate a class of employees from the Baker Brothers site in Toledo, Ohio, as an addition to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000. On March 6, 2013, the Secretary of HHS designated the following class of employees as an addition to the SEC:

All Atomic Weapons Employees who worked at the Baker Brothers site in Toledo, Ohio, during the period from June 1, 1943, through December 31, 1944, for a number of work days aggregating at least 250 work days, occurring either solely under this employment, or in combination with work days within the parameters established for one or more other classes of employees included in the Special Exposure Cohort.

This designation will become effective on April 5, 2013, unless Congress provides otherwise prior to the effective date. After this effective date, HHS will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** reporting the addition of this class to the SEC or the result of