

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM**Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies**

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The applications will also be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than June 20, 2013.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Yvonne Sparks, Community Development Officer) P.O. Box 442, St. Louis, Missouri 63166-2034:

1. *Sigma Holdings, Inc.*, Little Rock, Arkansas, to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of The Bank of Rison, Rison, Arkansas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, May 20, 2013.

Margaret McCloskey Shanks,
Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION****NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[Docket 2012-0076; Sequence 34; OMB Control No. 9000-0088]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Submission for OMB Review; Travel Costs

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

ACTION: Notice of request for comments regarding the extension of a previously 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 Travel Costs. A notice was published in the *Federal Register* at 77 FR 67366, on November 9, 2012. Two respondents submitted comments.

DATES: Submit comments on or before June 24, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments identified by Information Collection 9000-0088, Travel Costs 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 9000-0088, Travel Costs." Follow the instructions provided at the "Submit a Comment" screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and "Information Collection 9000-0088, Travel Costs" 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 9000-0088, Travel Costs.

Instructions: Please submit comments only and cite Information Collection 9000-0088, Travel Costs, 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: Mr. Edward Chambers, Procurement Analyst, Office of Acquisition Policy, GSA, (202) 501-3221 or via email at Edward.chambers@gsa.gov.

A. Purpose

FAR 31.205-46, Travel Costs, requires that, except in extraordinary and temporary situations, costs incurred by a contractor for lodging, meals, and incidental expenses shall be considered to be reasonable and allowable only to the extent that they do not exceed on a daily basis the per diem rates in effect as of the time of travel. These requirements are set forth in the Federal Travel Regulations for travel in the conterminous 48 United States, the Joint Travel Regulations, Volume 2, Appendix A, for travel in Alaska, Hawaii, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and territories and possessions of the United States, and the Department of State Standardized Regulations, section 925, "Maximum Travel Per Diem Allowances for Foreign Areas." The burden generated by this coverage is in the form of the contractor preparing a justification whenever a higher actual expense reimbursement method is used.

B. Discussion and Analysis

Two respondents submitted public comments on the extension of the previously approved information collection. The analysis of the public comments is summarized as follows:

Comment: One respondent stated that per diem reimbursement is reasonable so long as the per diem limits match the actual costs of travel and saves considerable administrative costs. The other respondent stated that the collection was both necessary and useful, but suggested that the Government explore the use of the Defense Travel System or a similar system to control travel costs.

Response: The comments are acknowledged, but do not address the estimated burden associated with this information collection requirement. The total estimated annual reporting burden remains the same as previously approved.

C. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 5,800.

Responses per Respondent: 10.

Total Responses: 58,000.

Hours per Response: .25.

Total Burden Hours: 14,500.

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. 9000-0088, Travel Costs, in all correspondence.

Dated: May 17, 2013.

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

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Docket 2012-0076; Sequence 35; OMB Control No. 9000-0095]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Submission for OMB Review; Commerce Patent Regulations

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

ACTION: Notice of request for comments regarding the extension of a previously existing OMB clearance.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, 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 Department of Commerce patent regulations. A notice was published in **Federal Register** at 77 FR 43082, on July 23, 2012. One respondent submitted comments.

DATES: Submit comments on or before June 24, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments identified by Information Collection 9000-0095, Commerce Patent Regulations, 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 9000-0095, Commerce Patent Regulations." Follow the instructions provided at the "Submit a Comment" screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and "Information Collection 9000-0095, Commerce Patent Regulations" 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 9000-0095, Commerce Patent Regulations.

Instructions: Please submit comments only and cite Information Collection 9000-0095, Commerce Patent Regulations, 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: Mr. Edward Loeb, Procurement Analyst, Office of Governmentwide Acquisition Policy, GSA, (202) 501-0650 or email Edward.loeb@gsa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

FAR Subpart 27.3, Patent Rights under Government Contracts, implements the Department of Commerce regulation (37 CFR 401) based on chapter 18 of title 35 U.S.C., Presidential Memorandum on Government Patent Policy to the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies, dated February 18, 1983, and Executive Order 12591, Facilitating Access to Science and Technology, dated April 10, 1987. Under the subpart, a contracting officer may insert clauses 52.227-11, Patent Rights—Ownership by the Contractor, or 52.227-13, Patent Rights—Ownership by the Government, in solicitations and contracts pertaining to inventions made in the performance of experimental, developmental, or research work.

In accordance with the clauses, a Government contractor must report all subject inventions to the contracting officer, submit a disclosure of the invention, and identify any publication, or sale, or public use of the invention (52.227-11(c), 52.227-13(e)(1)). The contracting officer may modify 52.227-11(e) or otherwise supplement the clause to require contractors to submit periodic or interim and final reports listing subject inventions (27.303(b)(2)(i) and (ii)). In order to ensure that subject inventions are reported, the contractor is required to establish and maintain effective procedures for identifying and disclosing subject inventions (52.227-11, Alternate IV; 52.227-13(e)(1)). In addition, the contractor must require his employees, by written agreements, to disclose subject inventions (52.227-11(e)(2); 52.227-13(e)(4)). The contractor also has an obligation to utilize the subject invention, and agree

to report, upon request, the utilization or efforts to utilize the subject invention (27.302(e); 52.227-11(f)).

B. Discussion and Analysis

One respondent submitted public comments on the extension of the previously approved information collection. The analysis of public comments is summarized as follows:

Comment: The respondent commented that the extension of the information collection would violate the fundamental purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act because of the burden it puts on the entity submitting the information and the agency collecting the information.

Response: In accordance with the Paperwork Required Act (PRA), agencies can request an OMB approval of an existing information collection. The PRA requires that agencies use the **Federal Register** notice and comment process, to extend the OMB's approval, at least every three years. This extension, to a previously approved information collection, pertains to the requirements of FAR clauses 52.227-11, Patent Rights—Ownership by the Contractor, or

52.227-13, Patent Rights—Ownership by the Government. The information is used, among other things to: (1) Encourage maximum participation of industry in federally supported research and development efforts; (2) Ensure that these inventions are used in a manner to promote free competition and enterprise without unduly encumbering future research and discovery; (3) Promote the commercialization and public availability of the inventions made in the United States by United States industry and labor; (4) Ensure that the Government obtains sufficient rights in federally supported inventions to meet the needs of the Government and protect the public against nonuse or unreasonable use of inventions; and (5) Minimize the costs of administering patent policies.

Comment: The respondent commented that the agency did not accurately estimate the public burden challenging that the agency's methodology for calculating it is insufficient and inadequate and does not reflect the total burden. For this reason, the respondent provided that the agency should reassess the total burden hours and revise the estimate upwards to be more accurate, as was done in FAR Case 2007-006. The same respondent also provided that the burden of compliance with the agency's information collection requirement greatly exceeds the agency's estimate