as a custodian on behalf of customers (item 3).

Schedule D

To capture an alternative method for calculating the high quality liquid assets (HQLA) adjustment to trading and available-for-sale (AFS) securities, the Federal Reserve proposes to collect trading and AFS securities that meet the definition of Level 1 assets (item 11) and trading and AFS securities that meet the definition of Level 2 assets after applying haircuts (item 12). This alternative method may better reflect the amount of HQLA attributable to total trading and AFS securities. To reflect the liquidity definitions adopted by the BCBS in January 2013, the Federal Reserve proposes to revise the reporting instructions for Level 2 assets (item 8) and the adjustment to HQLA due to cap on Level 2 assets (item 9). The Federal Reserve recognizes that other data items would also be affected by the revised liquidity definitions (e.g., Level 1 assets). However, the instructions refer to the instructions for the July Basel III implementation monitoring exercise of the reporting year, which will already reflect the updated definitions. The Federal Reserve also proposes to delete securities for which the fair value option is elected (item 4(a)), as it is no longer being used in the BCBS G–SIB methodology. Finally, the Federal Reserve proposes to move held-to-maturity securities (item 11) to Schedule F (item 12).

Schedule F

To correct an instructional typo that resulted in the reporting of overstated figures, the Federal Reserve proposes to revise the reporting instructions for retail funding (item 2).

Change to Reporting Criteria

Currently the reporting panel is determined based on total consolidated assets as of December 31st. The Federal Reserve proposes to determine the reporting panel using total consolidated assets as of the June 30th prior to the December 31st as-of date. This would afford new reporters lead time to update their systems to capture the FR Y–15 data.

Instructional Clarifications

The Federal Reserve proposes to incorporate instructional clarifications in response to feedback and questions received from banking organizations that filed the FR Y–15 for year-end 2012.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 26, 2013.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000–0136; Docket 2012–0076; Sequence 63]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Submission for OMB Review; Commercial Item Acquisitions

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

ACTION: Notice of request for comments regarding an extension, with changes, to 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 the clauses and provisions required for use in commercial item acquisitions. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** at 78 FR 18349, on March 26, 2013. Comments were received from two respondents.

DATES: Submit comments on or before September 30, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments identified by Information Collection 9000–0136, Commercial Item Acquisitions, 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 9000–0136, Commercial Item Acquisitions''. Follow the instructions provided at the ''Submit a Comment'' screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and ''Information Collection 9000–0136, Commercial Item Acquisitions'' on your attached document.
- *Fax:* 202–501–4067.
- *Mail:* General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (MVCB), 1800 F Street NW., 2nd Floor, Washington, DC, 20405–0001.
- *ATTN:* Hada Flowers/IC 9000–0136, Commercial Item Acquisitions.

Instructions: Please submit comments only and cite Information Collection 9000–0136, Commercial Item Acquisitions, in all correspondence related to this collection. Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503. 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. Michael O. Jackson, Procurement Analyst, Office of Governmentwide Acquisition Policy, GSA (202) 208–4949 or email at *michaelo.jackson@gsa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

The Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994 included Title VIII, entitled Commercial Items. The title made numerous additions and revisions to both the civilian agency and Armed Service acquisition statutes to encourage and facilitate the acquisition of commercial items and services by Federal Government agencies.

To implement these changes, DoD, NASA, and GSA amended the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to include several streamlined and simplified clauses and provisions to be used in place of existing clauses and provisions. These clauses and provisions were designed to simplify solicitations and contracts for commercial items. The simplified clauses and provisions are used by Federal agencies to facilitate the 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). ORCA as a stand-alone system no longer exists; however, its functionality is incorporated into the System for Award Management (SAM).

B. Analysis of Public Comments

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: The respondent commented that the extension of the information collection contradicts 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 Reduction Act (PRA), agencies can request an extension to an existing OMB approved 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 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 ORCA function of the SAM database. This provision is required by statute. In accordance with Section 8002 of Public Law 103–355 (41 U.S.C. 264), contracts for the acquisition of commercial items shall, to the maximum extent practicable, include only those clauses—

(1) Required to implement provisions of law or executive orders applicable to the acquisition of commercial items; or

(2) Determined to be consistent with customary commercial practice.

Not granting this extension would consequently eliminate a primary means of complying with this statutory requirement.

Comment: Two respondents 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. One respondent commented that the ''estimate of four responses per contractor per year is unrealistically low.'' The respondent also commented that if the estimate accounted for the totality of the information collection requirement, including recordkeeping, compiling and reporting, the burden hours would be six to ten hours per response. For this reason, the respondent asserted that the agency should reassess the estimated total burden hours and revise the estimate upward to be more accurate, as was done in FAR Case 2007–006. A second respondent commented that on average, the time burden is approximately 215 hours per company, per response, for the end-to-end process. Further, both respondents commented that the estimate of 0.5 hours of burden per response was unrealistically low when considering the time and effort necessary for a company to gather the data.

Response: Serious consideration is given, during the open comment period, to all comments received and adjustments are made to the paperwork burden estimate based on reasonable considerations provided by the public. This is evidenced, as the respondent notes, in FAR Case 2007–006 where an adjustment was made from the total preparation hours from three to 60. This change was made considering particularly the hours that would be required for review within the company, prior to release to the Government.

The burden is prepared taking into consideration the necessary criteria in OMB guidance for estimating the paperwork burden put on the entity submitting the information. For example, consideration is given to an entity reviewing instructions; using technology to collect, process, and disclose information; adjusting existing practices to comply with requirements; searching data sources; completing and reviewing the response; and transmitting or disclosing information. The estimated burden hours for a collection are based on an average between the hours that a simple disclosure by a very small business might require and the much higher numbers that might be required for a very complex disclosure by a major corporation. Also, the estimated burden hours should only include projected hours for those actions which a company would not undertake in the normal course of business.

Careful consideration went into assessing the estimated burden hours for this collection. It has been determined that an upward adjustment is not required at this time. The estimate of four responses per respondent is based upon contractor use of the ORCA function in SAM rather than the completion of representations and certifications for each solicitation/contract for which a vendor submits an offer. The ORCA function 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, prospective contractors were required to submit representations and certifications in paper form for each individual contract award. Under these conditions, a response rate of 20 to more than 100 times per year may have been necessary. However, using the ORCA function in SAM, a contractor can enter their representations and certification information once for use on all Federal contracts and solicitations. FAR 4.1201(a) requires prospective contractors to complete electronic annual representations and certifications at the SAM Internet site in conjunction with required registration in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) function in SAM. The representations and certifications are effective until one year from the date of submission or update to the ORCA function in SAM. For purposes of this information collection, initial data entry plus three updates per year was considered reasonable and was used to estimate the number of responses per respondent per year.

Subject matter experts were consulted to obtain additional information that helped in estimating the hours of burden per response. After reviewing the average estimated burden hours per response, and the respondent's comments to the burden hours per response in conjunction with consultation with subject matter experts, it has been determined that the estimate of thirty minutes (0.500), or approximately 10 minutes more than the original estimate of 0.312 published in the **Federal Register** at 75 FR 6668 on February 2, 2010, was a valid measure of the average time required to complete and review each response. However, at any point, members of the public may submit comments for further consideration, and are encouraged to provide data to support their request for an adjustment.

C. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 162,000.
Responses per Respondent: 4.
Total Responses: 648,000.
Hours per Response: .500.
Total Burden Hours: 324,000.

D. Public Comments

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.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals: Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (MVCB), 1800 F Street NW., 2nd Floor, Washington, DC 20405–0001, telephone (202) 501–4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000–0136 regarding Commercial Item Acquisitions in all correspondence.

Dated: August 22, 2013.

Karlos Morgan,

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 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Proposed Collection; 60-day Comment Request Cancer Trials Support Unit (CTSU) (NCI)

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the National Cancer Institute (NCI), National Institutes of Health (NIH), will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects to be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval.

Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies are invited on one or more of the following points: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

To Submit Comments and For Further Information: To obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, submit comments in writing, or request more information on the proposed project, contact: Michael Montello, Cancer Therapy Evaluation Program, Division of Cancer Treatment and Diagnosis, 9609 Medical Center Drive Rockville, MD 20850 or call non-toll-free number 240–276–6080 or Email your request, including your address to: *montellom@mail.nih.gov.* Formal requests for additional plans and instruments must be requested in writing.

Comment Due Date: Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 60 days of the date of this publication.

Proposed Collection: Cancer Trials Support Unit (CTSU) (NCI), 0925–0624, Expiration Date 12/31/2013, REVISION, National Cancer Institute (NCI), National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Need and Use of Information Collection: The Cancer Therapy Evaluation Program (CTEP) establishes and supports programs to facilitate the participation of qualified investigators on CTEP-supported studies, and to institute programs that minimize redundancy among grant and contract holders, thereby reducing overall cost of maintaining a robust treatment trials program. Currently guided by the efforts of the Clinical Trials Working Group (CTWG) and the Institute of Medicine (IOM) recommendations to revitalize the Cooperative Group program, CTEP has funded the Cancer Trials Support Unit (CTSU). The CTSU collects standardized forms to process site regulatory information, changes to membership, patient enrollment data, and routing information for case report forms. In addition, CTSU collects annual surveys of customer satisfaction for clinical site staff using the CTSU Help Desk, the CTSU Web site, and the Protocol and Information Office (PIO). An ongoing user satisfaction survey is in place for the Oncology Patient Enrollment Network (OPEN). User satisfaction surveys are compiled as part of the project quality assurance activities and are used to direct improvements to processes and technology.

OMB approval is requested for 3 years. There are no costs to respondents other than their time. The total estimated annualized burden hours are 24,996.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Form name	Type of respondent	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total annual burden hour
CTSU IRB/Regulatory Approval Transmittal Form	Health Care Practitioner	9,000	12	2/60	3,600
CTSU IRB Certification Form	Health Care Practitioner	8,500	12	10/60	17,000
CTSU Acknowledgement	Health Care Practitioner	500	12	5/60	500
Withdrawal from Protocol Participation Form	Health Care Practitioner	50	12	5/60	50
Site Addition	Health Care Practitioner	25	12	5/60	25
CTSU Roster Update Form	Health Care Practitioner	50	12	4/60	40
CTSU Radiation Therapy Facilities Inventory Form.	Health Care Practitioner	20	12	30/60	120
CTSU IBCSG Drug Accountability Form	Health Care Practitioner	11	12	10/60	22
CTSU IBCSG Transfer of Investigational Agent Form.	Health Care Practitioner	3	12	20/60	12
Site Initiated Data Update Form	Health Care Practitioner	10	12	10/60	20
Data Clarification Form	Health Care Practitioner	341	12	20/60	1,364
RTOG 0834 CTSU Data Transmittal Form	Health Care Practitioner	60	12	10/60	120
MC0845(8233) CTSU Data Transmittal	Health Care Practitioner	50	12	10/60	100
CTSU Generic Data Transmittal Form	Health Care Practitioner	500	12	10/60	1,000
CTSU Patient Enrollment Transmittal Form	Health Care Practitioner	200	12	10/60	400
CTSU P2C Enrollment Transmittal Form	Health Care Practitioner	15	12	10/60	30
CTSU Transfer Form	Health Care Practitioner	20	12	10/60	40
CTSU System Account Request Form	Health Care Practitioner	20	12	20/60	80
CTSU Request for Clinical Brochure	Health Care Practitioner	75	12	10/60	150