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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0183; Docket No. 2014-0055; Sequence 13]

Information Collection; Preventing Personal Conflicts of Interest for Contractor Employees Performing Acquisition Functions

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

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments regarding an extension, to an existing OMB clearance.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), the Regulatory Secretariat Division (MVCB) will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement regarding Preventing Personal Conflicts of Interest for Contractor Employees Performing Acquisition Functions. This request for extension relates to FAR case 2013-022, Extension of Limitations on Contractor Employee Personal Conflicts of Interest, proposed rule, which published updated burden hours in the **Federal Register** at 79 FR 18503 on April 2, 2014.

DATES: Submit comments on or before August 11, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments identified by Information Collection 9000-0183, Preventing Personal Conflicts of Interest for Contractor Employees Performing Acquisition Functions 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 9000-0183. Select the link "Comment Now" that corresponds with "Information Collection 9000-0183, Preventing Personal Conflicts of Interest for Contractor Employees Performing

Acquisition Functions". Follow the instructions provided on the screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and "Information Collection 9000-0183, Preventing Personal Conflicts of Interest for Contractor Employees Performing Acquisition Functions" on your attached document.

- *Fax:* 202-501-4067.

- *Mail:* General Services

Administration, Regulatory Secretariat Division (MVCB), 1800 F Street NW., Washington, DC 20405-0001. ATTN: Ms. Flowers/IC 9000-0183.

Instructions: Please submit comments only and cite Information Collection 9000-0183, Preventing Personal Conflicts of Interest for Contractor Employees Performing Acquisition Functions, 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 L. Davis, Procurement Analyst, Acquisition Policy Division, GSA 202-219-0202 or email cecelia.davis@gsa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

This is a request for an extension of an existing information collection requirement concerning the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number 9000-0183, Preventing Personal Conflicts of Interest for Contractor Employees Performing Acquisition Functions. The request uses the burden hours provided in the proposed FAR rule (2013-022).

The proposed rule expands the coverage and proposes to amend the FAR by implementing section 829 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Pub. L. 112-239) to extend the limitations on contractor employee personal conflicts of interest to apply to the performance of all functions that are closely associated with inherently governmental functions (not just acquisition functions) and to contracts for personal services (to the extent such contracts are authorized by law, e.g., legal or medical services).

In the current information collection, Section 841(a) requires the Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy to develop and issue a standard policy to prevent personal conflicts of interest by contractor employees performing acquisition functions closely associated with inherently governmental function, and an

associated personal conflicts-of-interest clause or set off clauses.

Contractors are required to notify contracting officers whenever they become aware of any personal conflict of interest violations by a covered employee. The objective of the notification requirement is to emphasize the critical importance of integrity in contracting and reduce the occurrence of personal conflict-of-interest violations by contractor employees performing acquisition-related functions.

In addition, contractors have the opportunity, in exceptional circumstances, to request mitigation or waiver of the personal conflict-of-interest standards. The information is used by the Government to evaluate the requested mitigation/waiver.

B. The Annual Reporting Burden Estimated as Follows

Respondents: 188.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Total Responses: 188.

Hours per Response: 30.

Total Burden Hours: 5640.

The annual recordkeeping burden is estimated as follows:

Recordkeepers: 9,361.

Hours per recordkeeper: 59.

Total recordkeeping hours: 552,299.

C. Public Comments

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the 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 Division (MVCB), 1800 F Street NW., Washington, DC 20405-0001, telephone 202-501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0183, Preventing Personal Conflicts of Interest for Contractor Employees Performing Acquisition Functions, in all correspondence.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Proposed Projects

Title: Trafficking Victims Tracking System.

OMB No.: 0970-NEW.

Description: The Trafficking Victims Protection Act, Public Law 106-386, Division A, 114 Stat. 1464 (2000), requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to certify adult alien (“foreign”) victims of severe forms of trafficking in persons (“human trafficking”) who are willing to assist law enforcement in the investigation and prosecution of human trafficking, unless unable to cooperate due to physical or psychological trauma, and who have either made a bona fide application for T nonimmigrant status that has not been denied or been granted Continued Presence (CP) from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Issued by the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) within the HHS

Administration for Children and Families, certification letters grant adult foreign victims of human trafficking access to federal and state benefits and services to the same extent as refugees.

In general, ORR initiates the certification process when it receives a notice from DHS that DHS has granted a foreign victim of trafficking CP or T nonimmigrant status, or has determined an application for T nonimmigrant status is bona fide. To issue certification letters, it is necessary for ORR to collect information from a victim’s representative, such as an attorney, case manager, or law enforcement victim specialist, including an address to send the letter. In line with other ORR Anti-Trafficking in Persons Program activities, ORR may ask if the victim is in need of a service provider and the current location (city, state) of the victim, and refer the victim to an appropriate service provider in his or her area, if requested. ORR will also ask about the victim’s language and urgent concerns, such as medical care or housing, and transmit this information to the service provider.

Finally ORR collects information, such as the victim’s sex and the type of human trafficking the victim experienced, to provide to Congress in an annual report on U.S. Government activities to combat trafficking that is prepared by the U.S. Department of Justice. Congress requires HHS and other appropriate Federal agencies to report, at a minimum, information on the number of persons who received benefits or other services under

subsections (b) and (f) of section 7105 of Title 22 of the U.S. Code, the TVPA, in connection with programs or activities funded or administered by HHS. HHS includes in these annual reports additional information about the victims that it collects when assisting each victim to obtain certification or eligibility. ORR will store this information and any other details regarding the victim’s case in the Trafficking Victims Tracking System (TVTS) on ORR’s secure database. Other details maintained in the victim’s file may include ORR staff actions, referrals, and notes regarding the victim’s interest in receiving services. Maintaining victim records on TVTS will ensure efficient service for victims, allow ORR staff to track victims’ progress toward certification, verify their eligibility for benefits, and organize information for reporting to Congress.

The TVTS also includes information about foreign victims of trafficking and potential victims who were minors when an eligibility letter was sought from ORR. Information about these individuals is collected pursuant to an OMB-approved collection, OMB Control Number 0970-0362.

In January 2011, the Archivist of the United States approved an Electronic System Schedule for the disposition of TVTS records.

Respondents: Respondents can include attorneys, legal representatives, social service providers, case managers, and volunteers acting on behalf of the adult foreign victim of trafficking.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Request for information	800	1	.1	80
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours	80

In compliance with the requirements of Section 506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, 370 L’Enfant Promenade SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. Email address: *infocollection@*

acf.hhs.gov. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.

The Department specifically requests comments 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 collection of information; (c) 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. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

Robert Sargis,

Reports Clearance Officer.

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