

B. Discussion and Analysis

The analysis of the public comment is summarized as follows:

Both commenters support the extension of this information collection. In addition to supporting the extension, both commenters suggested some revisions/enhancements to the current Standard Form 28.

Comments: One commenter stated that SF 28 does not achieve its intended purpose in assisting contracting officers in determining whether individuals proposed as sureties are financially sound with the resources to support the obligations pledged for a Federal construction contract. The commenter states that the SF 28 has not prevented individual sureties from pledging the same assets for multiple bonds and recommends that the SF 28 be enhanced to ensure that the assets pledged to the Federal government can be accessed if needed. The Federal government should require any assets pledge other than real estate be placed in escrow only in a Federal insured financial institution and that a copy of the escrow agreement be filed with the SF 28 that shows the Federal government would have unrestricted access if needed. In addition, SF 28 should include questions relating to the criminal background, debarments and cease and desist orders from the state insurance departments. The SF 28 should also specify documentation to demonstrate the value of the assets, verify that it has been pledged to the United States and is free of tax liens or other encumbrances.

The other commenter acknowledges that changes have been made in the past to strengthen the form but points out that the current SF 28 would benefit from greater specificity on the information required of individual sureties relating to the pledging of assets, especially information relating to assets other than real estate. Also, additional information should be provided on the SF 28 to assist contracting officers in their efforts to select an acceptable individual surety (such as disclosure of Federal tax liens against the individual surety and disclosure of personal insolvency proceedings).

Response: As in the past, these suggestions will be taken into consideration and if deemed warranted a FAR case will be opened to revise the standard form. At that time, the estimated total annual public hour and cost burden will be adjusted if necessary.

C. Annual Reporting Burden

Based on a comprehensive reassessment performed, this information collection resulted in no change in the total burden hours from the previous information collection that was published in the **Federal Register** at 76 FR 60050 on September 28, 2011. The previous assessment performed resulted in a change to the “Response per Respondent” and “Hours per Response” categories. The 1.43, responses per respondent, was lowered to 1. to adequately reflect this category. A respondent has to respond completely not partially when submitting this form. The “Hours per Response” category was decreased to .3 (18 minutes) from .4 (24 minutes) to reflect the benefits of being able to submit the required information electronically, as respondents no longer have to print and physically mail forms.

Responses: 500.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Total Responses: 500.

Hours per Response: 0.3.

Total Burden Hours: 150.

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, telephone 202-501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0001, SF 28, Affidavit of Individual Surety, in all correspondence.

Dated: November 7, 2014.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0047; Docket No. 2014-0055; Sequence 14]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Submission to OMB for Review; Place of Performance

AGENCIES: 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 and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning place of performance. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** at 79 FR 41286 on July 15, 2014. There were two comments received.

DATES: Submit comments on or before December 15, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments identified by Information Collection 9000-0047, Place of Performance 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 9000-0047. Select the link “Comment Now” that corresponds with “Information Collection 9000-0047, Place of Performance”. Follow the instructions provided on the screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and “Information Collection 9000-0047 Place of Performance” on your attached document.

- *Fax:* 202-501-4067.
- *Mail:* General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat Division (MVCB) 1800 F Street NW., Washington, DC 20405. ATTN: Ms. Hada Flowers/IC 9000-0047, Place of Performance.

Instructions: Please submit comments only and cite Information Collection 9000-0047 Place of Performance, 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. Michael O. Jackson, Procurement Analyst, Acquisition Policy Division at 202-208-4949 or email michaello.jackson@gsa.gov.

A. Purpose

The information relative to the place of performance and owner of plant or facility, if other than the prospective contractor, is a basic requirement when contracting for supplies or services (including construction). A prospective contractor must affirmatively demonstrate its responsibility. Hence, the Government must be apprised of this information prior to award. The contracting officer must know the place of performance and the owner of the

plant or facility to (1) determine bidder responsibility; (2) determine price reasonableness; (3) conduct plant or source inspections; and (4) determine whether the prospective contractor is a manufacturer or a regular dealer. The information is used to determine the prospective contractor's eligibility for awards and to assure proper preparation of the contract. Prospective contractors are only required to submit place of performance information on an exceptional basis; that is, whenever the place of performance for a specific solicitation is different from the address of the prospective contractor as indicated in the proposal.

B. Discussion and Analysis

One respondent 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 "place of performance" information is competitive data. The respondent expressed concern that the manufacturer of its supplies would be revealed to competitors if the information was provided to the contracting officer.

Response: The information relative to the place of performance and owner of plant or facility is instrumental in determining bidder responsibility, responsiveness, and price reasonableness. The information is used to determine the firm's eligibility for awards and to assure proper preparation of the contract.

Comment: The respondent stated that the "place of performance" field on the DD Form 1155 is mandatory throughout the Department of Defense (DoD) and recommended that it be required throughout the Federal government.

Response: This comment is outside the parameters of this information collection. The DD Form 1155 was developed by DoD for use by DoD contracting activities.

C. Annual Reporting Burden

Time required to read, prepare, and record information is estimated at 2.73 minutes per completion. The Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS) shows that for fiscal year 2013, there were 2,090,428 new actions (including contracts and orders, excluding modifications) for manufacturing in the United States. The 2,090,428 actions will be used as the new basis for total annual responses.

Respondents: 149,316.

Responses per Respondent: 14.

Total Responses: 2,090,428.

Hours per Response: .0455.

Total Burden Hours: 95,114.

D. 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; and ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

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 telephone 202-501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0047, Place of Performance, in all correspondence.

Dated: November 3, 2014.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[Notice CPL-2014-02; Docket No. 2014-0002; Sequence 35]

GSA Labor-Management Relations Council Meeting

AGENCY: General Services Administration.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The GSA Labor-Management Relations Council (GLMRC) plans to meet on Tuesday, December 2, 2014 and Wednesday, December 3, 2014. The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. Eastern Standard Time on both days and will be held in Room 1034 of the GSA National Capitol Region Building, 301 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20407. Interested parties should contact the GLMRC at glmrc@gsa.gov with any questions and to check for any meeting changes.

The Council is an advisory body composed of representatives of the Federal employee unions representing General Services Administration (GSA) employees and senior GSA officials. The Council was established consistent with Executive Order 13522, entitled, "Creating Labor-Management Forums to Improve Delivery of Government Services" which instructs Federal

agencies to establish department or agency-level labor-management forums to help identify problems and propose solutions to better serve the public and Federal agency missions.

The Council is co-chaired by GSA's Chief Human Capitol Officer, together with two senior union officials from each of the two Federal employees' unions representing GSA employees.

At its meetings, the GLMRC works toward promoting cooperative and productive relationships between labor and management, providing employees through their union representatives with pre-decisional involvement in all workplace matters to the fullest extent practicable. As a part of this, the GLMRC advises the GSA administrator on innovative ways to improve delivery of services and products to the public while cutting costs and advancing employee interests. The meeting is expected to include discussion of the GLMRC's priorities for the coming year, performance management policy, and workforce mobility and telework.

The meetings are open to the public. In order to gain entry into the Federal building where the meeting is being held, public attendees who are Federal employees should bring their Federal employee identification cards, and members of the general public should bring their driver's license or a government-issued photo identification card. The manner and time prescribed for public comment at the meeting is limited, with such comment taking place at the end of the meeting. Extended public comment may be submitted to the GLMRC at glmrc@gsa.gov for its consideration prior to the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Temple L. Wilson, GLMRC Designated Federal Officer (DFO), at the General Services Administration, OHRM, 1800 F Street NW., Washington, DC 20405; phone at 202-969-7110, or email at glmrc@gsa.gov.

Dated: November 10, 2014.

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