

22809). After receiving DOT certification, the laboratory will be included in the monthly list of HHS-certified laboratories and participate in the NLCP certification maintenance program.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Delay of Effective Date for the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) Becoming the Sole CBP-Authorized Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) System for Processing Electronic Drawback and Duty Deferral Entry and Entry Summary Filings

AGENCY: U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Delay of effective date.

SUMMARY: On August 30, 2016, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing plans to make the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) the sole electronic data interchange (EDI) system authorized by the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) for processing electronic drawback and duty deferral entry and entry summary filings. The changes announced in that notice were to have been effective on October 1, 2016. This notice announces that the effective date for the transition to ACE as the sole CBP-authorized EDI system for electronic drawback and duty deferral entry and entry summary filings is delayed until further notice.

DATES: *The effective date is delayed until further notice:* CBP will publish a subsequent notice announcing the effective date when ACE will be the sole CBP-authorized EDI system for processing electronic drawback and duty deferral entry and entry summary filings, and ACS will no longer be a CBP-authorized EDI system for purposes of processing these filings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions related to this notice may be emailed to ASKACE@cbp.dhs.gov with the subject line identifier reading "ACS to ACE Drawback and Duty Deferral Entry and Entry Summary Filings transition".

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 30, 2016, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published a notice in the **Federal Register** (81 FR 59644) announcing plans to make the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) the sole electronic data interchange (EDI) system authorized by the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) for processing electronic drawback and duty deferral entry and entry summary filings, effective on October 1, 2016. The document also announced that, on October 1, 2016, the Automated Commercial System (ACS) would no longer be a CBP-authorized EDI system for purposes of processing these electronic filings. Finally, the notice announced a name change for the ACE filing code for duty deferral and the creation of a new ACE filing code for all electronic drawback filings, replacing the six distinct drawback codes previously filed in ACS.

CBP has been assessing stakeholder readiness for the mandatory transition of post-release capabilities in ACE, including the transition of electronic drawback and duty deferral entry and entry summary filings from ACS to ACE. CBP has determined that industry partners need additional time to prepare for the transition to electronic post-release capabilities in ACE. Accordingly, the effective date for all that was announced in the August 30, 2016 **Federal Register** notice, including the transition to ACE as the sole CBP-authorized EDI system for electronic drawback and duty deferral entry and entry summary filings, is delayed until further notice. CBP will publish a subsequent notice announcing the effective date.

Dated: September 28, 2016.

Kevin K. McAleenan,
Deputy Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID: FEMA-2016-0017; OMB No. 1660-0022]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Community Rating System (CRS) Program—Application Worksheets and Commentary

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will submit the information collection abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget for review and clearance in accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The submission will describe the nature of the information collection, the categories of respondents, the estimated burden (*i.e.*, the time, effort and resources used by respondents to respond) and cost, and the actual data collection instruments FEMA will use.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before November 2, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the Desk Officer for the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and sent via electronic mail to oir.submission@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bill Lesser, Program Specialist, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, (202) 646-2807. You may contact the Records Management Division for copies of the proposed collection of information at email address: FEMA-Information-Collections-Management@fema.dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This proposed information collection previously published in the **Federal Register** on July 14, 2016, at 81 FR 45517, with a 60 day public comment period. No comments were received. The purpose of this notice is to notify the public that FEMA will submit the information collection abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget for review and clearance.

Collection of Information

Title: Community Rating System (CRS) Program—Application Worksheets and Commentary.

Type of Information Collection: Extension, without change, of a currently approved information collection.

OMB Number: 1660–0022.

FEMA Forms: FEMA Form 086–0–35, Community Rating System Application Letter and Quick Check; FEMA Form 086–0–35A, Community Annual Recertifications, and FEMA Form 086–0–35B, Environmental and Historic Preservation Certifications.

Abstract: The CRS Application Letter & Quick Check, the CRS certification forms, and accompanying guidance are used by communities that participate in the National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS). The CRS is a voluntary program where flood insurance costs are reduced in communities that implement practices, such as building codes and public awareness activities, which are considered to reduce the risks of flooding and promote the purchase of flood insurance.

Affected Public: State, local, or Tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 1,579.

Number of Responses: 1,579.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 41,936 hours.

Estimated Cost: The estimated annual cost to respondents for the hour burden is \$2,442,795.30. There are no annual costs to respondents' operations and maintenance costs for technical services. There are no annual start-up or capital costs. The cost to the Federal Government is \$5,425,600.00.

Comments

Comments may be submitted as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** caption above. Comments are solicited to (a) evaluate whether the proposed data collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) evaluate 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; (c) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Dated: September 22, 2016.

Richard W. Mattison,

Records Management Program Chief, Mission Support, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Request To Submit Invoices for Over-Age Firm-Fixed-Price Contracts

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) currently has contracts that are considered over-age, as the period of performance or final delivery date of these actions has expired and the time allowed for contract file closeout has elapsed. To clear the backlog of over-age contracts, DHS developed procedures that would enable the Agency to closeout these elapsed actions in an efficient and cost effective manner. These procedures required the Agency to identify those expired contracts that could more easily be closed-out based on certain criteria that would deem them low-risk, such as firm-fixed-price contracts containing no outstanding issues and no invoice or payment activity within the past year. These contracts are listed at <https://dhs.gov/publication/low-risk-closeout>. To facilitate the closeout of these actions, DHS requests that contractors with contracts identified on this list submit any outstanding invoices to the cognizant DHS Component contracting activities within 60 days after the publication of this notice.

DATES: For the contract actions listed at <https://dhs.gov/publication/low-risk-closeout>, submit all outstanding invoices to the cognizant DHS Component contracting activities on or before December 2, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Go to <https://dhs.gov/publication/low-risk-closeout> for guidance on where to submit invoices.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eric Cho, Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, Department of Homeland Security, 245 Murray Lane SW., Building 410, Washington, DC 20528, telephone: 202–447–0271; email: Eric.Cho@hq.dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DHS's contract closeout backlog not only poses a significant burden to various acquisition and financial systems, but it also impedes DHS's on-going efforts to strengthen and modernize its financial

management practices. The procedures DHS developed to significantly reduce the number of expired contracts with unliquidated funds will enable DHS to expeditiously close these actions. DHS developed the procedures using risk-based management principles by first identifying and classifying open, expired contracts as low-risk based on the following criteria: (i) The contract is firm-fixed-price; (ii) the contract expired and the additional time allowed for contract file closeout under Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 4.804–1(a) has elapsed; and (iii) the contract had no invoice or payment activity within the past 12 months.

Notwithstanding DHS's intention to expeditiously closeout the actions identified at the aforementioned list, contractors' rights are protected under 41 U.S.C. chapter 71 Contract Disputes (commonly known as the Contract Disputes Act of 1978), which establishes procedures for filing claims against Federal Government contracts. Normal contract file retention requirements will apply after closeouts (See FAR 4.805, Storage, handling, and disposal of contract files.) This notice will also be published to FedBizOpps.

Dated: September 8, 2016.

Soraya Correa,

Chief Procurement Officer.

Chip Fulghum,

Deputy Under Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–5913–N–28]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Utility Allowance Adjustments for Rental Assistance

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HUD is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, HUD is requesting comment from all interested parties on the proposed collection of information. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* December 2, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding