

supporting the iconic image of ANC; and a briefing on the status of all commemorative monuments within and proposed for erection at the cemetery.

**Public's Accessibility to the Meeting:**

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102–3.140 through 102–3.165, and the availability of space, this meeting is open to the public. Seating is on a first-come basis. The ANC Welcome Center Conference room is readily accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities. For additional information about public access procedures, contact Mr. Timothy Keating, the Alternate Designated Federal Officer, at the email address or telephone number listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

**Written Comments and Statements:**

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.105(j) and 102–3.140 and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the public or interested organizations may submit written comments or statements to the subcommittee, in response to the stated agenda of the open meeting or in regard to the subcommittee's mission in general. Written comments or statements should be submitted to Mr. Timothy Keating, the subcommittee's Alternate Designated Federal Officer, via electronic mail, the preferred mode of submission, at the address listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Each page of the comment or statement must include the author's name, title or affiliation, address, and daytime phone number. Written comments or statements being submitted in response to the agenda set forth in this notice must be received by the Designated Federal Officer at least seven business days prior to the meeting to be considered by the subcommittee. The Designated Federal Officer will review all timely submitted written comments or statements with the respective subcommittee Chairperson, and ensure the comments are provided to all members of the subcommittee before the meeting. Written comments or statements received after this date may not be provided to the subcommittee until its next meeting. Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.140d, the subcommittee is not obligated to allow the public to speak or otherwise address the subcommittee during the meeting. However, interested persons may submit a written statement or a request to speak for consideration by the subcommittee. After reviewing any written statements or requests submitted, the subcommittee Chairperson and the Designated Federal Officer may choose to invite certain submitters to present their comments verbally during the open portion of this meeting or at a future meeting. The

Designated Federal Officer in consultation with the subcommittee Chairperson, may allot a specific amount of time for submitters to present their comments verbally.

**Brenda S. Bowen,**

*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Defense Acquisition Regulations System

[Docket DARS–2017–0006]

#### Negotiation of a Follow on Reciprocal Defense Procurement Memorandum of Understanding With the Ministry of Defence of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and With the Republic of Finland

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** On behalf of the United States Government, DoD is contemplating negotiating and concluding two follow on Reciprocal Defense Procurement (RDP) Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) with the Ministry of Defence of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and with the Republic of Finland, respectively. DoD is requesting industry feedback regarding its experience in public defense procurements conducted by or on behalf of the United Kingdom (UK) Ministry of Defence and by or on behalf of the Republic of Finland (Finland) Ministry of Defence.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by November 20, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments to Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Attn: Ms. Patricia Foley, 3060 Defense Pentagon, Room 5E621, Washington, DC 20301–3060; or by email to [patricia.g.foley.civ@mail.mil](mailto:patricia.g.foley.civ@mail.mil).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Patricia Foley, Senior Procurement Analyst, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics (OUSD(AT&L)), Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Contract Policy and International Contracting; Room 5E621, 3060 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301–3060; telephone 703–693–1145.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DoD has concluded RDP MOUs with 27 “qualifying” countries at the level of the Secretary of Defense and his counterpart. The purpose of a RDP MOU is to promote rationalization, standardization, and interoperability of

conventional defense equipment with allies and other friendly governments. These MOUs provide a framework for ongoing communication regarding market access and procurement matters that enhance effective defense cooperation.

RDP MOUs generally include language by which the Parties agree that their defense procurements will be conducted in accordance with certain implementing procedures. These procedures relate to—

- Publication of notices of proposed purchases;
- The content and availability of solicitations for proposed purchases;
- Notification to each unsuccessful offeror;
- Feedback, upon request, to unsuccessful offerors concerning the reasons they were not allowed to participate in a procurement or were not awarded a contract; and
- Provision for the hearing and review of complaints arising in connection with any phase of the procurement process to ensure that, to the extent possible, complaints are equitably and expeditiously resolved.

Based on the MOU, each country affords the other country certain benefits on a reciprocal basis consistent with national laws and regulations. The benefits that the United States accords to the products of qualifying countries include—

- Offers of qualifying country end products are evaluated without applying the price differentials otherwise required by the Buy American statute and the Balance of Payments Program;
- The chemical warfare protective clothing restrictions in 10 U.S.C. 2533a and the specialty metals restriction in 10 U.S.C. 2533b(a)(1) do not apply to products manufactured in a qualifying country; and
- Customs, taxes, and duties are waived for qualifying country end products and components of defense procurements.

Both countries have been listed as “qualifying countries” in the definition of “qualifying country” at Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement 225.003(10), and offers of products of the UK and Finland, or that contain components from these countries, would continue to be afforded the benefits available to all qualifying countries. This also means that U.S. products would be exempt from any analogous “Buy National” laws or policies applicable to procurements by the Ministry of Defence of each country.

While DoD is evaluating laws and regulations in this area, DoD would

benefit from U.S. industry's experience in participating in public defense procurements issued by these countries. DoD is, therefore, asking U.S. firms that have participated or attempted to participate in procurements by or on behalf of the UK's Ministry of Defence or Finland's Ministry of Defence to let us know if the procurements were conducted with transparency, integrity, fairness, and due process in accordance with published procedures, and if not, the nature of the problems encountered.

DoD is also interested in comments relating to the degree of reciprocity that exists between the United States and the UK Finland when it comes to the openness of defense procurements to offers of products from either country.

**Jennifer L. Hawes,**

*Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations System.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Agency Information Collection Extension/Revision

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, intends to extend for three years, an information collection request with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the extended 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, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance 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.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before December 19, 2017. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be sent to Sandra K. Dentinger, AU-70/E-

455 Germantown Building, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20585-1290 or by fax at 301-903-2194, by email at [Sandra.Dentinger@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Sandra.Dentinger@hq.doe.gov), or information about the collection instruments may be obtained at: <https://energy.gov/ehss/information-collection>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to the person listed above in **ADDRESSES**.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This information collection request contains: (1) OMB No. 1910-1800; (2) Information Collection Request Title: Security; (3) Type of Review: renewal/revision; (4) Purpose: The collections are used by DOE to exercise management oversight and control over its contractors that provide goods and services for DOE organizations and activities in accordance with the terms of their contracts and the applicable statutory, regulatory, and mission support requirements of the Department. Information collected is for (1) Foreign Ownership, Control or Influence data from bidders on DOE contracts requiring personnel security clearances; and (2) individuals in the process of applying for a security clearance/access authorization or who already holds one. The collections are: DOE Form 5631.18, Security Acknowledgement; DOE F 5631.20, Request for Visitor Access Approval; DOE Form 5631.29, Security Termination Statement; DOE F 5631.34, Data Report on Spouse/Cohabitant; DOE Form 5631.5, The Conduct of Personnel Security Interviews; DOE Form 5639.3 Report of Security Incident/Infraction; DOE F 471.1, Security Incident Notification Report; DOE Form 472.3 Foreign Citizenship Acknowledgement; DOE Form 473.2, Security Badge Request; DOE Form 473.3, U.S. Department of Energy Clearance Access Request; Influence (e-FOCI) System as required by DOE Order 470.4B, Safeguards and Security Program, Section 2; and the Foreign Access Central Tracking System (FACTS); (5) Estimated Number of Respondents: 86,893; (6) Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses: 86,893; (7) Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours: 11,296; (8) Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: 0.

**Statutory Authority:** Section 641 of the Department of Energy Organization Act, codified at 42 U.S.C. 7251, and the following additional authorities:

*DOE F 5631.34, Data Report on Spouse/Cohabitant:* Section 145(b) of

the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, codified at 42 U.S.C. 2165; Executive Order 12968 (August 2, 1995); Executive Order 10865 (February 20, 1960); Executive Order 10450 (April 27, 1953); DOE O 472.2 (July 21, 2011).

*Security Incident Notification Report and Report of Preliminary Security Incident/Infraction (DOE F 471.1 and DOE F 5639.3):* Executive Order 13526 (December 29, 2009); 32 CFR part 2001; DOE O 470.4B (July 21, 2011).

*DOE F 5631.20, Request for Visitor Access Approval:* Section 145(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, codified at 42 U.S.C. 2165.

*DOE Form 5631.18, Security Acknowledgement:* Section 145(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, codified at 42 U.S.C. 2165; Executive Order 13526 (December 29, 2009); Executive Order 10865 (Feb. 20, 1960); Executive Order 10450 (April 27, 1953); DOE O 5631.2C (February 17, 1994).

*DOE Form 5631.29, Security Termination Statement:* Section 145(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, codified at 42 U.S.C. 2165; Executive Order 13526 (December 29, 2009); Executive Order 10865 (Feb. 20, 1960); Executive Order 10450 (Apr. 27, 1953); 32 CFR part 2001; DOE O 472.2 (July 21, 2011).

*DOE Form 5631.5, The Conduct of Personnel Security Interviews:* 10 CFR part 710; Executive Order 12968 (Aug. 2, 1995); Executive Order 10450 (April 27, 1953); DOE Order 472.2 (July 21, 2011).

DOE F 471.1, Security Incident Notification Report; DOE Form 472.3 Foreign Citizenship Acknowledgement; and DOE Form 473.2, Security Badge Request; the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and by Executive Orders 13764, 10865, and 13526.

*Electronic Foreign Ownership, Control or Influence (e-FOCI) System:* Executive Order 12829 (January 6, 1993); DOE O 470.4B (July 21, 2011).

*Foreign Access Central Tracking System (FACTS):* Presidential Decision Directive 61 (February 1999); DOE O 142.3A (October 14, 2010).

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**Stephanie K. Martin,**

*Director, Office of Resource Management, Office of Environment, Health, Safety and Security.*

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