

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Defense Acquisition Regulations System**

[Docket DARS–2018–0003; OMB Control Number 0704–0397]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**AGENCY:** Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Department of Defense (DoD).**ACTION:** Notice.**SUMMARY:** The Defense Acquisition Regulations System has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by June 4, 2018.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:***Title, Associated Forms, and OMB Number:* Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS), Contract Modifications and related clause at DFARS 252.243–7002; OMB Control Number 0704–0397.*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit entities.*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.*Reporting Frequency:* On occasion.*Number of Respondents:* 88.*Responses per Respondent:* 1.1, approximately.*Annual Responses:* 94.*Average Burden per Response:* 14.2 hours, approximately.*Annual Burden Hours:* 1,334.*Needs and Uses:* The clause at DFARS 252.243–7002, Requests for Equitable Adjustment, is prescribed at DFARS 243.205–71 for use in solicitations and contracts, including solicitations and contracts using FAR part 12 procedures for the acquisition of commercial items that are estimated to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold. The clause requires contractors to certify that requests for equitable adjustment that exceed the simplified acquisition threshold are made in good faith and that the supporting data are accurate and complete. The clause also requires contractors to fully disclose all facts relevant to the requests for adjustment. DoD contracting officers and auditors use this information to evaluate contractor requests for equitable adjustments to contracts.*OMB Desk Officer:* Ms. Jasmeet Sehra.

Comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection

should be sent to Ms. Jasmeet Sehra, DoD Desk Officer, at *Oira_submission@omb.eop.gov*. Please identify the proposed information collection by DoD Desk Officer and the Docket ID number and title of the information collection.

You may also submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by the following method:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.*DoD Clearance Officer:* Mr. Frederick C. Licari.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Licari at: WHS/ESD Directives Division, 4800 Mark Center Drive, 2nd Floor, East Tower, Suite 03F09, Alexandria, VA 22350–3100.

Jennifer Lee Hawes,*Regulatory Control Officer, Defense Acquisition Regulations System.*

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[Docket Number DARS–2018–0034; OMB Control Number 0704–0231]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**ACTION:** 30-Day emergency information collection notice.**SUMMARY:** The Defense Acquisition Regulations System has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by June 4, 2018.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:***Title and OMB Number:* Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 237, Service Contracting, associated DFARS Clauses at DFARS 252.237, DD Form 2062, Record of Preparation and Disposition of Remains (DoD Mortuary Facility), and DD Form 2063, Record of Preparation and Disposition of Remains (Within CONUS); OMB Control Number 0704–0231.*Type of Request:* Emergency.*Number of Respondents:* 2,737.*Responses per Respondent:* 1.5, approximately.*Annual Responses:* 4,019.*Average Burden per Response:* 1.5, approximately.*Annual Burden Hours:* 6,051.*Needs and Uses:* This information collection is used for the following purposes—

DFARS 237.270 prescribes the use of the provision at DFARS 252.237–7000, Notice of Special Standards, in solicitations for the acquisition of audit services. The provision, at paragraph (c), requires the apparently successful offeror to submit evidence that it is properly licensed in the state or political jurisdiction it operates its professional practice.

DFARS 237.7003 prescribes the use of the clause 252.237–7011, Preparation History. The clause and the DD Form 2062, Record of Preparation and Disposition of Remains (DoD Mortuary Facility), and the DD Form 2063, Record of Preparation and Disposition of Remains (Within CONUS) are used to verify that the deceased's remains have been properly cared by the mortuary contractor.

DFARS 237.7603(b) prescribes the use of the provision at 252.237–7024, Notice of Continuation of Essential Contractor Services, in solicitations that require the acquisition of services to support a mission essential function. The provision requires the offeror to submit a written plan demonstrating its capability to continue to provide the contractually required services to support a DoD component's mission essential functions in an emergency. The written plan, submitted concurrently with the proposal or offer, allows the contracting officer to assess the offeror's capability to continue providing contractually required services to support the DoD component's mission essential functions in an emergency.

DFARS 237.7603(a) prescribes the use of the clause at DFARS 252.237–7023, Continuation of Essential Contractor Services, in solicitations and contracts for services in support of mission essential functions. The clause requires the contractor to maintain and update its written plan as necessary to ensure that it can continue to provide services to support the DoD component's mission essential functions in an emergency. The contracting officer provides approval of the updates to the contractor's plan, to ensure that the contractor can continue to provide services in support of the DoD component's required mission essential functions in an emergency.

Affected Public: Businesses and other for-profit and not-for profit institutions.*Reporting Frequency:* On occasion.*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.*OMB Desk Officer:* Ms. Jasmeet Sehra.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Ms. Seehra at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

You may also submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by the following method:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number, and title for the **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other public submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information provided. To confirm receipt of your comment(s), please check <http://www.regulations.gov> approximately two to three days after submission to verify posting (except allow 30 days for posting of comments submitted by mail).

DoD Clearance Officer: Mr. Frederick C. Licari.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Licari at: Information Collections Program, WHS/ESD Office of Information Management, 4800 Mark Center Drive, 3rd Floor, East Tower, Suite 03F09, Alexandria, VA 22350-3100.

Jennifer Lee Hawes,

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Applications for New Awards; Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018—Emergency Assistance to Institutions of Higher Education Program

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Education is issuing a notice inviting pre-applications and applications for the fiscal year (FY) 2018 Emergency Assistance to Institutions of Higher Education Program, Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number 84.938T. We will make the pre-applications available upon publication

of this notice, and we will make the applications available after review of the pre-applications. We intend to make the applications available 60 days after publication of this notice.

DATES:

Applications Available: May 3, 2018.

Deadline for Transmittal of Pre-

Applications: June 4, 2018.

Deadline for Transmittal of

Applications: August 1, 2018.

ADDRESSES: The addresses pertinent to this program—including the addresses for obtaining and submitting an application or pre-application—can be found under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Beatriz Ceja, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Room 260-04, Washington, DC 20202-6200. Telephone: (202) 453-6239. Email: Beatriz.Ceja@ed.gov.

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) or a text telephone (TTY), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: Under the Emergency Assistance to Institutions of Higher Education Program (EAI Program or EAI), we will award grants to eligible institutions of higher education (IHEs) for emergency assistance in areas directly affected by a covered disaster or emergency: Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria, and the wildfires in calendar year 2017 for which the President declared a major disaster or emergency under section 401 or 501 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170 and 5191) (covered disaster or emergency). Under the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 (Budget Act) the funds available under the EAI Program are for programs authorized under subpart 3 of part A and part C of title IV and part B of title VII of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA), as amended (20 U.S.C. 1087-51 *et seq.*; 20 U.S.C. 1138 *et seq.*), but the funds may be used for activities beyond those supported by those specific programs. In accordance with the Budget Act, we will award grants to eligible IHEs for emergency assistance for any purpose authorized under the HEA. We will prioritize, to the extent possible, projects that support students who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless as a result of displacement, and IHEs that have sustained extensive

damage, by a covered disaster or emergency.

Exemption From Rulemaking: This program is exempt from the rulemaking requirements in section 437 of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) (20 U.S.C. 1232) and section 553 of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. 553). Division B, Subdivision 1, Title VIII, “Hurricane Education Recovery” paragraph (6), of Public Law 115-123, the “Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018.” 132 Stat. 98.

Program Authority: Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, Public Law 115-123.

Note: The Budget Act provides that funds provided through the EAI Program must be for certain programs established under the HEA (the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Federal Work-Study, and the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education programs), but use of the funds is not limited to the activities authorized under those programs. Funds provided through these grants may be used for student financial assistance, faculty and staff salaries, equipment, student supplies and instruments, or any purpose authorized under the HEA.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations in 34 CFR parts 75, 77, 79, 81, 82, 84, 97, 98, and 99. (b) The Office of Management and Budget Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) in 2 CFR part 180, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 2 CFR part 3485. (c) The Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards in 2 CFR part 200, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 2 CFR part 3474.

Note: The regulations in 34 CFR part 79 apply to all applicants except federally recognized Indian tribes.

II. Award Information

Type of Award: Discretionary grants.

Estimated Available Funds:

\$100,000,000.

Estimated Maximum Award:

\$20,000,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards:

\$650,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 150.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Project Period: Grantees must expend funds within 24 months of the award date.

III. Eligibility Information

1. *Eligible Applicants:* Institutions that (1) meet the definition of “institution of higher education” in