

There may be only one submission per business. In addition, each entity:

- Shall be incorporated in and maintain a primary place of business in the United States;
- May not be a Federal entity or Federal employee acting within the scope of their employment.
- Sole proprietors may participate in xTechSearch if the individual is a citizen or permanent resident of the United States and the business is registered in the United States.
- Foreign companies may participate in xTechSearch by establishing a US domestic business relationship (*e.g.*, wholly owned US subsidiary) or partner with a US based company.
- Companies that have previously participated in the xTechSearch competition are eligible to participate for new technology concepts or improvements to prior submitted proposals.

Registered participants shall be required to agree to assume any and all risks and waive claims against the Federal Government and its related entities, except in the case of willful misconduct, for any injury, death, damage, or loss of property, revenue, or profits, whether direct, indirect, or consequential, arising from their participation in a prize competition, whether the injury, death, damage, or loss arises through negligence or otherwise.

Participants shall be required to obtain liability insurance or demonstrate financial responsibility, in amounts determined by the Army, for claims by—

- Third parties for death, bodily injury, or property damage, or loss resulting from an activity carried out in connection with participation in a prize competition, with the Federal Government named as an additional insured under the registered participant's insurance policy and registered participants agreeing to indemnify the Federal Government against third party claims for damages arising from or related to prize competition activities; and

The Federal Government for damage or loss to Government property resulting from such an activity.

Prizes will be offered under 15 U.S.C. Section 3719 (Prize competitions).

- The total prize pool is \$2.18M.

#### Evaluation Criteria and Process

##### *Phase I: Concept White Paper Contest*

The Phase I proposal must be a white paper describing the novel technology concept, innovative application concept and integration with one or more of the

Army's technology focus areas. The proposal must be submitted via the Challenge.gov portal as a single searchable PDF file containing:

- Title.
- Author(s).
- *Army Technology Focus Area:* Choose from the eight (8) Technology Focus Area(s):
  - Long Range Precision Fires.
  - Next Generation Combat Vehicle.
  - Future Vertical Lift.
  - Network with hardware, software, and infrastructure.
  - Air and Missile Defense.
  - Soldier Lethality.
  - Medical Technologies.
  - Military Engineering Technologies.
- *Keyword(s):* Provide up to ten (10) keywords that describe the technology.
- *Abstract:* Provide an abstract (up to 250 words).
- *White Paper:* Technology proposal concept, no greater than 1000 words (not including title, author(s), keywords, abstract, company bio, graphs, figures or images). The word limit on the White Paper submission will be strictly enforced.

- *List of prior SBIR awards in the past 5 years:* Include Date award received, Funding organization, Phase of awards, and Topic Title awarded.

- *Company Biography (Optional):* Company background information, up to 1 page.

Contestants' concept papers will be reviewed by a panel of subject matter experts who will select the contestants to be invited to the xTechSearch Technology Pitch Forums. Companies selected by the panel will receive a prize of \$4,000 and an invitation to Phase II: xTechSearch Technology Pitches.

Concept White Papers will be ranked using the following Scoring Criteria:

- Potential for Impact/Revolutionizing the Army—50%.
- Scientific and Engineering Viability—50%.

##### *Phase II: xTechSearch Technology Pitches*

- Up to sixty (60) selected contestant semi-finalists will be invited to complete an in-person venture style pitch to a panel of Army subject matter experts and judges at locations across the United States.

- Companies will pitch their technology and a proposed live proof-of-concept demonstration for Phase III (15 minute pitch followed by 10 minutes for questions and answers).

- Up to twenty five (25) semifinalists selected by the judge panel will receive a prize of \$10,000 and be invited to display an exhibit and make a formal

public oral presentation of their proposal at the 2019 AUSA Global Force Symposium and Exposition Innovators' Corner in Huntsville, AL.

- Scoring Criteria:
  - Potential for Impact/Revolutionizing the Army—40%.
  - Scientific and Engineering Viability—40%.
  - Proof-of-Concept Demonstration Plan—10%.
  - Team Ability—10%.

##### *Phase III: AUSA Innovators' Corner*

The AUSA Innovators' Corner phase provides up to twenty five (25) xTechSearch semifinalists to be featured at the AUSA Innovators' Corner at the AUSA Global Force meeting, 26–28 March 2019 in Huntsville, AL. The finalists will leverage Army-sponsored exhibit space to engage with Department of Defense (DoD) customers, Army leadership, industry partners, and academia.

- Up to twelve (12) Phase III prize winner finalists will be announced at AUSA and provided a prize of \$120,000 and 6 months to demonstrate proof-of-concept for their xTechSearch technology at the Phase IV: xTechSearch Capstone Demonstration.

##### *Phase IV: xTechSearch Finale Demonstration—October 2019*

- Each Phase III finalist will demonstrate proof-of-concept for their technology solution to Army subject matter experts and DoD leadership at the AUSA Annual Meeting and Exposition, October 2019, Washington DC. A single grand-prize winner will be selected for the technology concept with the greatest potential for impact and to revolutionize the Army.

- The winner of the Finale Demonstration will be awarded a prize of \$250,000.

**Authority:** 15 U.S.C. Section 3719; Pub. L. 96–480, Section 24, as added Pub. L. 111–358, title I, Section 105a, Jan. 4, 2011 Stat. 3989.

**Brenda S. Bowen,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID DOD–2018–OS–0048]

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, DoD.

**ACTION:** 30-Day information collection notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense 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 December 24, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be emailed to Ms. Jasmeet Seehra, DoD Desk Officer, at [oira\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oira_submission@omb.eop.gov). Please identify the proposed information collection by DoD Desk Officer, Docket ID number, and title of the information collection.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Fred Licari, 571-372-0493, or [whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil](mailto:whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number:* DoD Enterprise-Wide Contractor Manpower Reporting Application (ECMRA); OMB Control Number 0704-0491.

*Type of Request:* Revision.

*Number of Respondents:* 5,582.

*Responses per Respondent:* 4.

*Annual Responses:* 22,328.

*Average Burden per Response:* 5 minutes.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 1,860.667.

*Needs and Uses:* The information collection requirement is necessary to achieve the collection of direct labor hours and associated costs in order to meet the requirements set for the DoD by section 2330a of Title 10, United States Code. Furthermore, ECMRA collections enable DoD organizations to understand the extent of contracted support, the associated level of effort in achieving mission, the reliance on contracted services necessary to facilitate their workforce planning process, and to support statutory requirements set forth in sections 115a, 129a, 235, 2461, and 2463 of Title 10, United States Code.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Ms. Jasmeet Seehra.

You may also submit comments and recommendations, identified by Docket ID 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

ID number, and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other 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.

*DoD Clearance Officer:* Mr. Frederick Licari.

Requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Licari at [whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil](mailto:whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil).

Dated: November 16, 2018.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

[Docket ID DOD-2018-HA-0067]

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, DoD.

**ACTION:** 30-Day information collection notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense 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 December 24, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be emailed to Ms. Cortney Higgins, DoD Desk Officer, at [oira\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oira_submission@omb.eop.gov). Please identify the proposed information collection by DoD Desk Officer, Docket ID number, and title of the information collection.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Fred Licari, 571-372-0493, or [whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil](mailto:whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number:* TRICARE Select Survey of Civilian Providers; OMB Control Number 0720-0031.

*Type of Request:* Revision.

*Number of Respondents:* 20,000.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 20,000.

*Average Burden per Response:* 5 minutes.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 1,667.

*Needs and Uses:* As mandated by Congress, the information collection requirement is necessary to determine how many providers are aware of the TRICARE health benefits program, and specifically accept new TRICARE Select patients in each market area. The original requirement is outlined in Section 711 Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) (Pub. L. 110-181) and was reaffirmed in Section 721 FY12 NDAA (Pub. L. 112-81). Section 712 of FY15 NDAA extended the requirement to conduct the survey from 2017 through 2020. Surveys of civilian physician and non-physician behavioral health care providers will be conducted in a number of locations in the United States each year. Respondents include civilian physicians (M.D.s & D.O.s) and non-physician behavioral health providers (clinical psychologists, clinical social workers and other TRICARE authorized behavioral health providers). The locations surveyed will include areas where the TRICARE Prime benefit is offered (known as TRICARE PRIME Service Areas) and geographic areas where TRICARE Prime is not offered. Respondents will be contacted by mail with a telephone follow-up to complete the survey.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Ms. Cortney Higgins.

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