

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The GSA, FHWA, and MaineDOT will have copies of the DSEIS for review at the Town of Madawaska Town Office on 328 St. Thomas Street, Suite 1012, Madawaska, Maine 04756. Further information, including an electronic copy of the Draft SEIS, may be found online on the following website: <https://www.gsa.gov/about-us/regions/welcome-to-the-new-england-region-1/buildings-and-facilities/development-projects/madawaska-land-port-of-entry-madawaska-me>.

### Background

The purpose of the project is to provide for the long-term safe and efficient flow of current and projected traffic volumes, including the movement of goods and people between Edmundston, New Brunswick and Madawaska, Maine. The need is that (1) the existing International Bridge is nearing the end of its useful life, and (2) the existing Madawaska Land Port of Entry is substandard, inhibiting the agencies assigned to the Port from adequately fulfilling their respective missions.

The existing Madawaska-Edmundston International Bridge, opened in 1921, and its design life has been exceeded. Notable bridge deficiencies are (1) substandard roadway width and clearance, (2) foundation susceptible to undermining, (3) piers cracked and deteriorated, (4) significant steel corrosion, (5) bridge capacity is insufficient, and (6) deficiencies prompting the bridge posting on October 27, 2017, from 50 tons to 5 tons.

A Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Record of Decision (ROD) were published in January 2007, which addressed the construction of a new Madawaska LPOE.

Built in 1959, the current LPOE suffers from facility, operational and site deficiencies, and does not meet current CBP mission and operational requirements for an LPOE. A few noted deficiencies: (1) Lack of office and inspection areas, (2) deficient inbound and outbound passenger and commercial processing areas, (3) inadequate queuing space for vehicles, and (4) inability to meet the Architectural Barriers Act. In furtherance of the LPOE Project, GSA previously acquired approximately nine acres of land but did not commence construction.

A Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) is needed due to a change in circumstance, specifically the decision by MaineDOT and New Brunswick Department of Transportation and Infrastructure

(NBDTI) to initiate the Madawaska-Edmundston International Bridge project. The SEIS will address changes to the Proposed Action, including an updated design in accordance with current GSA and CBP requirements, and options for rehabilitation or replacement of the International Bridge (the totality of which may require additional land acquisition).

The Proposed Action consists of replacing the existing International Bridge and the existing Madawaska LPOE to improve safety, security, and functionality.

The new LPOE would consist of a main administration building and support building with parking, circulation and processing areas. The new LPOE would be designed in accordance with the requirements and criteria of the GSA and CBP to provide facilities adequate for fulfilling the agencies' respective missions. Portions of Mill Street and Main Street adjacent to the LPOE may be reconstructed or re-profiled to provide smooth ingress and egress to the LPOE. The Proposed Action may include the demolition of the existing LPOE.

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This DSEIS evaluates a no action alternative and several build alternatives for the LPOE and International Bridge. No alternative has been identified as the preferred alternative. However, a preferred location for the new LPOE and a preferred corridor for a new International Bridge have been selected. A no-build alternative is being studied that evaluates the consequences of not constructing the new International Bridge and LPOE. This alternative is included to provide a basis for comparison to the action alternatives described above as required by the NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1002.14(d)).

The GSA, FHWA, and MaineDOT invite individuals, organizations, and agencies to submit comments concerning the content and findings of the DSEIS. The public comment period starts with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** and will continue until January 31, 2019. The GSA, FHWA, and MaineDOT will consider and respond to comments received on the DSEIS in preparing the Final SEIS. The GSA, FHWA and MaineDOT expect to issue the Final SEIS by spring 2019, at which time its availability will be announced in the **Federal Register** and local media.

Dated: November 21, 2018.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

### NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0189; Docket 2018-XX; Sequence X]

### Submission for OMB Review; Identification of Predecessors

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Regulatory Secretariat Division will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a previously approved information collection requirement regarding identification of predecessors.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before January 2, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for GSA, Room 10236, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503. Additionally submit a copy to GSA by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* This website provides the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field or attach a file for lengthier comments. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions on the site.

- *Mail:* General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat Division (MVCB), 1800 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20405. ATTN: Ms. Mandell/IC 9000-0189, Identification of Predecessors.

*Instructions:* Please submit comments only and cite Information Collection 9000-0189, Identification of Predecessors, in all correspondence related to this collection. Comments received generally will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any

personal and/or business confidential information provided. To confirm receipt of your comment(s), please check [www.regulations.gov](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).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Cecelia L. Davis, Procurement Analyst, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, at 202-219-0202 or email [cecelia.davis@gsa.gov](mailto:cecelia.davis@gsa.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **A. Purpose**

The Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) provision 52.204-20, Predecessor of Offeror, requires each offeror to identify if the offeror is, within the last three years, a successor to another entity that received a Federal Government award and, if so, to provide the Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code and legal name of the predecessor. The information on predecessors is used to identify such entities in the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIS) to allow retrieval of integrity and performance data on the most recent predecessor of an apparent successful offeror to whom award is anticipated. FAR 9.104-6 requires contracting officers to consult FAPIS before awarding a contract in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold. The information on predecessors is collected on an annual basis for inclusion in the annual representations and certifications in the System for Award Management (SAM) for offerors required to register in SAM. Offerors not required to register in SAM but required to provide the information in the provision at FAR 52.204-20 will do so as specified in the solicitation or instructed by the contracting officer.

##### **B. Public Comment**

A 60 day notice was published in the **Federal Register** at 83 FR 47342, on September 19, 2018. One comment was received; however, it did not change the estimate of the burden. The commenter supports the information collection requirement as an important step in bringing greater transparency and efficiency to the federal acquisition process.

*Comment:* The commenter is concerned that offerors are not complying with the information collection requirement and they must be held accountable for their representations and certifications. The commenter suggested that to do so, the government should periodically audit

vendor-entered FAPIS and SAM data quality and address non-compliance through a system of sanctions ranging from warning letters to monetary fines, or through the suspension and debarment process. The commenter also suggested expanding the information collection requirement to include the names of key individuals associated with the offeror company and any past relationships they had with entities that received contracts or grants.

*Response:* This comment is out of scope because the suggestions made by the commenter would require additional rulemaking. They did not express an opinion on whether the stated number of burden hours is accurate for what they believe to be the actual number of hours an offeror expends to comply with the provision.

##### **C. Annual Reporting Burden**

The burden to provide the information required by the FAR provision at 52.204-20 when an offeror is registered in SAM is already covered by OMB Control Number 9000-0159, System for Award Management Registration (SAM). OMB Control Number 9000-0189 now will cover the burden for providing the required information when the offeror is not required to register in SAM in accordance with the exceptions in FAR 4.1102(a). The Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS) for FY 2017 was used to develop the estimated burden hours as shown below:

*Respondents:* 974.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Total Annual Responses:* 974.

*Hours per Response:* 0.1.

*Total Burden Hours:* 97.4.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

*Obtaining Copies:* 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. 9000-0189, Identification of Predecessors, in all correspondence.

Dated: November 27, 2018.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

### **GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**

### **NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[OMB Control No. 9000-0035; Docket No. 2018-0003; Sequence No. 7]

#### **Submission for OMB Review; Claims and Appeals**

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Regulatory Secretariat Division will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a previously approved information collection requirement regarding claims and appeals.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before January 2, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for GSA, Room 10236, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503. Additionally submit a copy to GSA by any of the following methods:

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- *Mail:* General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat Division (MVCB), 1800 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20405. ATTN: Ms. Mandell/IC 9000-0035, Claims and Appeals.

*Instructions:* Please submit comments only and cite Information Collection 9000-0035, Claims and Appeals, in all correspondence related to this collection. Comments received generally will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided. To confirm receipt of your comment(s), please check [www.regulations.gov](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).