DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000–0055; Docket No. 2019–0003; Sequence No. 7]

Information Collection: Freight Classification Description

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

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance.

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 concerning freight classification description.

DATES: Submit comments on or before August 19, 2019.

ADDRESSES: The FAR Council invites interested persons to submit comments on this collection by either 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 9000–0053, Permits, Authorities, or Franchises.

Instructions: All items submitted must cite Information Collection 9000–0056, Report of Shipment. 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, approximately two to three days after submission to verify posting (except allow 30 days for posting of comments submitted by mail). This information collection is pending at the FAR Council. The Council will submit it to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Curtis E. Glover, Sr., Procurement Analyst, Office of Acquisition Policy, at 202–501–1448 or via email at curtis.glover@gsa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Solicitation of Public Comment

Written comments and suggestions from the public should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) 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;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) 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.

B. Purpose

The Government is required to provide, in solicitations, a complete description of the supplies to be acquired and the packing requirements to determine transportation (freight rate) charges for the evaluation of offers. Generally, the freight rate for supplies is based on the ratings applicable to the freight classification description published in the National Motor Freight Classification (for carriers) and the Uniform Freight Classification (for rail) filed with Federal and State regulatory bodies.

When the Government purchases supplies that are new to the supply system, nonstandard, or modifications of previously shipped supplies, and different freight classifications may apply, per FAR clause 52.247–53, offerors are requested to indicate the full Uniform Freight Classification or National Motor Freight Classification description applicable to the supplies. The Government will use these descriptions as well as other information available to determine the classification description most appropriate and advantageous to the government.

C. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 3,000.

Responses per Respondent: 3.

Annual Responses: 9,000.

Hours per Response: .167.

Total Burden Hours: 1,503.

Affected Public: Business other for-profit entities and not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: On occasion.


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Agencies are encouraged to consider the use of this guidance when acquiring replacement assets via the exchange/sale authority. This Bulletin B–48 provides guidance on the use of this cost-saving strategy, as well as providing guidance for financial accounting of exchange/sale transactions. The Bulletin and additional guidance on the exchange/sale authority may be found at www.gsa.gov/exchangesale.

DATES: Applicability date: This notice is applicable beginning June 20, 2019 until otherwise revoked.


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Associate Administrator, Office of Government-wide Policy.
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[OMB Control No. 9000–0163; Docket No. 2019–0003; Sequence No. 24]

Submission for OMB Review; Small Business Size Rerepresentation

AGENCIES: 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 has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve a revision of a previously approved information collection requirement regarding small business size rerepresentation.

DATES: Submit comments on or before July 22, 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.


Instructions: All items submitted must cite Information Collection 9000–0163, Small Business Size Rerepresentation. 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, 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. Mahruba Uddowlaw, Procurement Analyst, at telephone 703–605–2868, or mahruba.uddowlaw@gsa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. OMB Number, Title, and any Associated Form(s)


B. Needs and Uses

Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 19.301 and the FAR clause at 52.219–28, Post-Award Small Business Program Rerepresentation, implement the Small Business Administration’s (SBA’s) regulation at 13 CFR 121.404(g), requiring that a concern that initially represented itself as small at the time of its initial offer must recertify its status as a small business under the following circumstances:

• Within thirty days of an approved contract novation;

• Within thirty days in the case of a merger or acquisition, where contract novation is not required; or

• Within 120 days prior to the end of the fifth year of a contract, and no more than 120 days prior to the exercise of any option thereafter.

The contracting officer at his or her discretion, may also request the contractor to rerepresent its status as a small business for individual task or delivery orders.

The implementation of SBA’s regulation in FAR 19.301 and the FAR clause at 52.219–28 require that contractors rerepresent size status by updating their representations at the prime contract level in the Representations and Certifications section of the System for Award Management (SAM) and notifying the contracting officer that it has made the required update.

The purpose of implementing small business rerepresentations in the FAR is to ensure that small business size status is accurately represented and reported over the life of long-term contracts. The FAR also provides for provisions designed to ensure more accurate reporting of size status for contracts that are novated, or performed by small businesses that have merged with or been acquired by another business. This information is used by the SBA, Congress, Federal agencies and the general public for various reasons such as determining if agencies are meeting statutory goals, set-aside determinations, and market research.

C. Annual Burden

Total Annual Responses: 3,970.

Hours per Response: 0.5.

Total Burden Hours: 1,985.

D. Public Comment

A 60 day notice was published in the Federal Register at 81 FR 88072, on December 6, 2016. No comments were received on the burden calculation for this information collection.


Dated: June 17, 2019.

Janet Fry,
Director, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, Office of Governmentwide Acquisition Policy, Office of Acquisition Policy, Office of Governmentwide Policy.
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