c. Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;
d. Ways to minimize the burden of information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and
e. Estimates of capital or startup costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.
At the end of the comment period, the comments and recommendations received will be analyzed to determine the extent to which the Board should modify the proposal.

Proposal Under OMB Delegated Authority To Extend for Three Years, Without Revision, the Following Information Collection

Report title: Notice of Branch Closure.
Agency form number: FR 4031.
OMB control number: 7100–0264.
Frequency: On occasion.
Respondents: State member banks (SMBs).
Estimated number of respondents: Reporting: regulatory notice, 91; Disclosure: customer mailing, 91 and posted notice, 91; Recordkeeping: adoption of policy, 1.
Estimated average hours per response:
Reporting: regulatory notice, 2 hours; Disclosure: customer mailing, 0.75 hour and posted notice, 0.25 hour; Recordkeeping: adoption of policy, 8 hours.
Estimated annual burden hours:
Reporting: regulatory notice, 182 hours; Disclosure: customer mailing, 68 hours and posted notice, 23 hours; and Recordkeeping: adoption of policy, 8 hours.

General description of report: The reporting, recordkeeping, and disclosure requirements regarding the closing of any branch of an insured depository institution are contained in section 42 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (FDI Act), as supplemented by an interagency policy statement on branch closings. There is no reporting form associated with the reporting portion of this information collection; SMBs notify their appropriate Reserve Bank by letter prior to closing a branch.

Legal authorization and confidentiality: The FR 4031 is authorized pursuant to Section 42(a)(1) of the FDI Act and section 11 of the Federal Reserve Act, which authorizes the Board to require SMBs to submit information as the Board deems necessary. The reporting requirements associated with FR 4031 are mandatory.

Generally, individual respondent data submitted pursuant to the FR 4031 is not considered to be confidential; however, a state member bank may request confidential treatment pursuant to exemption 4 of the Freedom of Information Act, which protects trade secrets and privileged or confidential commercial or financial information. Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, September 4, 2019.

Michele Taylor Fennell, Assistant Secretary of the Board.

FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT

Board Member Meeting
77 K Street NE, 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20002.
September 16, 2019, 8:30 a.m., In-Person.

Open Session
1. Approval of the August 27, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes
2. Investment Manager Annual Service Review
3. Monthly Reports
   (a) Participant Activity Report
   (b) Investment Policy
   (c) Legislative Report
4. Quarterly Report
   (d) Vendor Risk Management Update
5. FY20 Budget Review and Approval
6. Mid-Year Financial Audit
7. Withdrawal Project Update

Closed Session
Information covered under 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(c)(4), (c)(9)(B), (c)(10).
Contact Person for More Information: Kimberly Weaver, Director, Office of External Affairs, (202) 942–1640.
Megan Grumbine, General Counsel, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

Submission for OMB Review; Changes, Change Order Accounting, and Notification of Changes

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 has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve a revision and renewal of a previously approved information collection requirement regarding changes, change order accounting, and notification of changes.

DATES: Submit comments on or before October 10, 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 or at Oira_submission@omb.eop.gov. 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: Lois Mandell/IC 9000–0026, Changes, Change Order Accounting, and Notification of Changes.

Instructions: All items submitted must cite Information Collection 9000–0026, Changes, Change Order Accounting, and Notification of Changes. 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
research and development contracts that are associated with changes in supply and production. The contractor must be able to account properly for costs that result from such changes.

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

9000–0026, Changes, Change Order Accounting, and Notification of Changes

B. Needs and Uses

The information collection title is changed to “Changes, Change Order Accounting, and Notification of Changes.” This clearance covers the information that contractors must submit to comply with the following Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) part 43 requirements as stated in the listed clauses:

a. 52.243–4, Changes. For acquisitions exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold for dismantling, demolition, or removal of improvements; and construction, under a fixed-price contract, the contractor must assert its right to an adjustment under this clause within 30 days after receipt of a written change order or the furnishing of a written notice, by submitting to the contracting officer a written statement describing the general nature and amount of proposal, unless this period is extended by the Government. The written notice covers any other written or oral order (which includes direction, instruction, interpretation, or determination) from the contracting officer that causes a change. The contractor gives the contracting officer a written notice stating (1) the date, circumstances, and source of the order and (2) that the contractor regards the order as a change order. The statement of proposal for adjustment may be included in the written notice.

b. 52.243–6, Change Order Accounting. The contractor, for each change or series of related changes, shall maintain separate accounts, by job order or other suitable accounting procedure, of all incurred segregable, direct costs (less allocable credits) of work, both changed and not changed, allocable to the change. The contractor shall maintain these accounts until the parties agree to an equitable adjustment or the matter is conclusively disposed of under the Disputes clause. This requirement is necessary in order to be able to account properly for costs associated with changes in supply and production and research and development contracts that are technically complex and incur numerous changes, or construction contracts if deemed appropriate by the contracting officer.

c. 52.243–7, Notification of Changes. The clause is available for use primarily in negotiated research and development or supply contracts for the acquisition of major weapon systems or principal subsystems. If the contract amount is expected to be less than $1,000,000, the clause shall not be used, unless the contracting officer anticipates that situations will arise that may result in a contractor alleging that the Government has effected changes other than those identified as such in writing and signed by the contracting officer. The contractor shall notify the Administrative Contracting Officer in writing if the contractor identifies any Government conduct (including actions, inactions, and written or oral communications) that the contractor regards as a change to the contract terms and conditions. This excludes changes identified as such in writing and signed by the contracting officer. On the basis of the most accurate information available to the contractor, the notice shall state—

1. The date, nature, and circumstances of the conduct regarded as a change;
2. The name, function, and activity of each Government individual and Contractor official or employee involved in or knowledgeable about such conduct;
3. The identification of any documents and the substance of any oral communication involved in such conduct;
4. In the instance of alleged acceleration of scheduled performance or delivery, the basis upon which it arose;
5. The particular elements of contract performance for which the Contractor may seek an equitable adjustment under this clause, including—
   i. What line items have been or may be affected by the alleged change;
   ii. What labor or materials or both have been or may be added, deleted, or wasted by the alleged change;
   iii. To the extent practicable, what delay and disruption in the manner and sequence of performance and effect on continued performance have been or may be caused by the alleged change;
   iv. What adjustments to contract price, delivery schedule, and other provisions affected by the alleged change are estimated; and
6. The Contractor’s estimate of the time by which the Government must respond to the Contractor’s notice to minimize cost, delay or disruption of performance.

C. Annual Burden

Respondents: 4,261.
Total Annual Responses: 17,215.
Total Burden Hours: 17,215.

D. Public Comment

A 60-day notice was published in the Federal Register at 84 FR 29205, on June 21, 2019. No comments were received.

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. 9000–0026, Changes, Change Order Accounting, and Notification of Changes, in all correspondence.


Janet Fry,
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