DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Acquisition Regulations System

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Public Meetings on DFARS Cases Regarding Technical Data Rights

AGENCY: Defense Acquisition Regulation System, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Announcement of public meeting.

SUMMARY: DoD is hosting a public meeting to obtain views of experts and interested parties in Government and the private sector regarding amending the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to implement statutory amendments and revise policies and procedures for acquisition of technical data and computer software, and associated license rights.

DATES: Public Meeting Dates: The public meeting will be held on December 20, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Eastern time. The public meeting will end at the stated time, or when the discussion ends, whichever comes first.

Registration Dates: Registration to attend the public meeting must be received no later than close of business on December 13. Information on how to register for the public meeting may be found in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this notice.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in the Pentagon Library and Conference Center (PLCC), Conference Room B6, 115 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301. Conference Room B6 is located on the lower level of the PLCC.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DoD is hosting a public meeting to obtain the views of experts and interested parties in Government and the private sector regarding amending the DFARS to implement statutory amendments and revise policies and procedures for acquisition of technical data and computer software, and associated license rights. DoD also seeks to obtain information on the potential increase or decrease in public costs or savings that would result from such amendments to the DFARS. In addition to the statutory changes, DoD is considering recommendations related to that statutory subject matter that were provided in the November 13, 2018, Final Report of the Government-Industry Advisory Panel on Technical Data Rights (Section 813 Panel), established pursuant to section 813 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016.

To facilitate discussion at the public meeting, DoD anticipates publication of advance notices of proposed rulemaking, which will include initial drafts of the DFARS amendments, prior to the public meetings. This approach is based in part on a recommendation of the Section 813 Panel to invite industry to participate in the drafting of rules concerning technical data rights. For the public meeting listed in the DATES section of this notice, DoD anticipates discussion of DFARS case 2018–D071, Negotiation of Price for Technical Data and Preference for Specially Negotiated Licenses, which implements section 835 of the NDAA for FY 2018 and section 867 of the NDAA for FY 2019.

After this meeting, DoD anticipates scheduling and hosting additional public meetings, structured in the same manner and for the same overall objective, to address the following DFARS cases:

• 2018–D070, Continuation of Technical Data Rights during Challenges, which implements section 866 of the NDAA for FY 2018.
• 2019–D042, Proprietary Data Restrictions, which implements section 809(a), (b), and (d) of the NDAA for FY 2017 and section 815(b) of the NDAA for FY 2012.
• 2019–D044, Rights in Technical Data, which implements section 809(c) of the NDAA for FY 2017 and section 815(a) of the NDAA for FY 2012.

Registration: To ensure adequate room accommodations and to facilitate security screening and entry to the PLCC, individuals wishing to attend the public meeting must register by close of business on the date listed in the DATES section of this notice, by sending the following information via email to osd.dfars@mail.mil:

(1) Full name.
(2) Valid email address.
(3) Valid telephone number.
(4) Company or organization name.
Presentations: If you wish to make a presentation, please submit an electronic copy of your presentation to osd.dfars@email.mil no later than the registration date listed in the DATES section of this notice. Each presentation should be in PowerPoint to facilitate projection during the public meeting and should include the presenter’s name, organization affiliation, telephone number, and email address on the cover page. Please submit presentations only and cite “Public Meeting, DFARS Technical Data Rights Cases” in all correspondence related to the public meeting. There will be no transcription at the meeting. The submitted presentations will be the only record of the public meeting and will be posted to the following website at the conclusion of the public meeting: https://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/dars/technical_data_rights.html.

Special accommodations: The public meeting is physically accessible to persons with disabilities. Requests for reasonable accommodations, sign language interpretation, or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Valencia Johnson at telephone 571–372–6099, by no later than the registration date listed in the DATES section of this notice.

The TTY number for further information is: 1–800–877–8339. When the operator answers the call, let him or her know the agency is the Department of Defense and the point of contact is Valencia Johnson at 571–372–6099.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
[Docket No. ED–2019–ICCD–0145]
Agencies Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) 2021

AGENCY: National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing a revision of an existing information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 24, 2020.

ADDRESSES: To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use http://www.regulations.gov by searching the Docket ID number ED–2019–ICCD–0145. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at http://www.regulations.gov by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. If the regulations.gov site is no longer available to the public for any reason, ED will temporarily accept comments at ICCDocketMgr@ed.gov. Please include the Docket ID number and the title of the information collection request when requesting documents or submitting comments. Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted. Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Strategic Collections and Clearance Governance and Strategy Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, LBJ, Room 6W208B, Washington, DC 20202–4537.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Kashka Kuzdela, 202–245–7377 or email NCES.Information.Collections@ed.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department understand the Department’s information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) 2021.

OMB Control Number: 1840–0928.

Type of Review: A revision of an existing information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public:

Individuals or Households.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 564,407.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 472,735.

Abstract: The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), is a federally authorized survey of student achievement at grades 4, 8, and 12 in various subject areas, such as mathematics, reading, writing, science, U.S. history, civics, geography, economics, technology and engineering literacy (TEL), and the arts. The National Assessment of Educational Progress Authorization Act (Pub. L. 107–279 Title III, section 303) requires the assessment to collect data on specified student groups and characteristics, including information organized by race/ethnicity, gender, socio-economic status, disability, and limited English proficiency. It requires fair and accurate presentation of achievement data and permits the collection of background, noncognitive,