

will be discontinued. The burden requirements previously approved under the discontinued number will be covered under OMB Control No. 9000–0018.

This clearance covers the information collection that offerors or contractors must submit to comply with the following requirements in FAR Part 3:

- *52.203–2, Certificate of Independent Price Determination.* This solicitation provision requires an offeror to certify that the prices in their offer have been arrived at independently, have not been or will not be knowingly disclosed, and have not been submitted for the purpose of restricting competition. This clause is used to ensure that Government contracts are not awarded to firms violating antitrust laws.

- *52.203–7, Anti-Kickback Procedures.* This contract clause requires contractors to report in writing to the inspector general of the contracting agency, the head of the contracting agency if the agency does not have an inspector general, or the Attorney General possible violations of 41 U.S.C. Chapter 87, Kickbacks, and to notify the contracting officer when monies are withheld from sums owed a subcontractor under the prime contract when the contracting officer has directed the prime contractor to do so to offset the amount of a kickback. The information reported by contractors will be used by the Federal agency to investigate potential violations.

- *52.203–13, Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct.* This contract clause requires contractors and subcontractors to report to the agency Office of the Inspector General, whenever it has credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, or subcontractor of the contractor has committed a violation of Federal criminal law involving fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, or gratuity violations found in Title 18 U.S.C., or a violation of the Civil False Claims Act (31 U.S.C. 3729–3733). The information will be used by the Federal agency to investigate suspected violations.

- *52.203–16, Preventing Personal Conflicts of Interest.* This contract clause requires contractors and subcontractors to obtain and maintain from employees assigned to a task under a contract, a disclosure of interests that might be affected by the task to which the employee has been assigned. Contractors must report to any personal conflict of interest violation by a covered employee and the proposed actions to be taken. In exceptional circumstances, the contractor may request the head of the contracting

activity approve a plan to mitigate the personal conflict of interest or waive the requirement to prevent personal conflicts of interest. This information is used by the contractor and the contracting officer to identify and mitigate personal conflicts of interest.

C. Annual Burden

Respondents: 10,275.

Recordkeepers: 8,391.

Total Annual Responses: 342,019.

Total Burden Hours: 627,162 (123,702 reporting hours + 503,460 recordkeeping hours).

D. Public Comment

A 60-day notice was published in the **Federal Register** at 85 FR 75325, on November 25, 2020. No comments were received.

Obtaining Copies: Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the GSA Regulatory Secretariat Division by calling 202–501–4755 or emailing GSARegSec@gsa.gov. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000–0018, Federal Acquisition Regulation Part 3: Improper Business Practices and Personal Conflicts of Interest.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000–0188; Docket No. 2021–0053; Sequence No. 3]

Information Collection; Combating Trafficking in Persons

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

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations, DoD, GSA, and NASA invite the public to comment on a revision and renewal concerning combating trafficking in persons. DoD, GSA, and NASA invite comments on: whether the proposed collection of

information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of Federal Government acquisitions, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. OMB has approved this information collection for use through September 30, 2021. DoD, GSA, and NASA propose that OMB extend its approval for use for three additional years beyond the current expiration date.

DATES: DoD, GSA, and NASA will consider all comments received by April 6, 2021.

ADDRESSES: DoD, GSA, and NASA invite interested persons to submit comments on this collection through <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions on the site. This website provides the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field or attach a file for lengthier comments. If there are difficulties submitting comments, contact the GSA Regulatory Secretariat Division at 202–501–4755 or GSARegSec@gsa.gov.

Instructions: All items submitted must cite OMB Control No. 9000–0188, Combating Trafficking in Persons. 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Mahruba Uddowla, Procurement Analyst, at telephone 703–605–2868, or mahruba.uddowla@gsa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. OMB control number, Title, and any Associated Form(s): 9000–0188, Combating Trafficking in Persons.

B. Need and Uses

This clearance covers the information that offerors contractors must submit to comply with the following Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) requirements:

52.222–50, Combating Trafficking in Persons.

Notification. Paragraph (d) of this clause requires contractors to notify the

contracting officer and the agency Inspector General of—

- Any credible information they receive from any source that alleges a contractor employee, subcontractor, or subcontractor employee, or their agent has engaged in conduct that violates the policy in paragraph (b) of the clause 52.222–50; and

- Any actions taken against a contractor employee, subcontractor, subcontractor employee, or their agent pursuant to this clause.

Compliance Plan and Annual Certification. Paragraph (h) of the clause contains an additional requirement for contracts for supplies (other than commercially available off-the-shelf (COTS) items) to be acquired outside the United States and contracts for services to be performed outside the United States, with an estimated value exceeding \$550,000, where the contractor is to maintain a compliance plan during the performance of the contract. This compliance plan must include an awareness program, a process for employees to report activity inconsistent with the zero-tolerance policy, a recruitment and wage plan, a housing plan, and procedures to prevent subcontractors from engaging in trafficking in persons.

- Contractors are required to provide the compliance plan to the contracting officer upon request.

- Contractors are required to submit a certification to the contracting officer annually after receiving an award, asserting that they have the required compliance plan in place and that there have been no abuses, or that appropriate actions have been taken if abuses have been found.

- For those subcontractors required to submit a certification (see next bullet on flow down), contractors shall require that submission prior to award of the subcontract and annually thereafter. Portions of this clause flows down to all subcontractors. The requirements related to the compliance plan only flow down to subcontracts exceeding \$550,000 for supplies (other than COTS items) acquired and services performed outside the United States.

This clause applies to commercial item acquisitions, except the portions related to the compliance plan do not apply to acquisitions of COTS items.

52.222–56, Certification Regarding Trafficking in Persons Compliance Plan.

This provision requires apparently successful offerors to submit a certification, prior to award, that they have implemented a compliance plan and that there have been no abuses, or

that appropriate actions have been taken if abuses have been found.

The provision requires this certification for the portion of contracts exceeding \$550,000 for supplies (other than COTS items) acquired and services performed outside the United States.

This provision applies to commercial item acquisitions, except acquisitions of COTS items.

FAR 52.222–50, paragraph (d)—Notification. The Government uses this notification of potential violations of trafficking in persons requirements to investigate and take appropriate action if a violation has occurred.

FAR 52.222–50, paragraph (h)—Compliance Plan. The Government uses the compliance plan to ascertain compliance with the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (22 U.S.C. 7104), Executive Order 13627, Strengthening Protections Against Trafficking in Persons in Federal Contracts dated September 25, 2012 (77 FR 60029, October 2, 2012) and Title XVII of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Pub. L. 112–239, enacted January 2, 2013) or any other applicable law or regulation.

FAR 52.222–50, paragraph (h) and FAR 52.222–56—Certification. The Government uses the certification to obtain reasonable assurance that the contractor and its subcontractors are aware of and complying with the requirements of the Executive Order and statute.

C. Annual Burden

Respondents/Recordkeepers: 5,876.

Total Annual Responses: 11,702.

Total Burden Hours: 164,154. (25,722 reporting hours + 138,432 recordkeeping hours)

Obtaining Copies: Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the GSA Regulatory Secretariat Division by calling 202–501–4755 or emailing GSARegSec@gsa.gov. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000–0188, Combating Trafficking in Persons.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS' intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, and to allow a second opportunity for public comment on the notice. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions, the accuracy of the estimated burden, ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

DATES: Comments on the collection(s) of information must be received by the OMB desk officer by March 8, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed collection(s) summarized in this notice, you may make your request using one of following:

1. Access CMS' website address at website address at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing.html>.