DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

[Docket ID: USA–2021–HQ–0008]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of the Army, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Information collection notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Defense Forensics and Biometrics Agency announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency’s 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 through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by July 6, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- Mail: The DoD cannot receive written comments at this time due to the COVID–19 pandemic. Comments should be sent electronically to the docket listed above.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this Federal Register document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at http://www.regulations.gov as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the Defense Forensics and Biometrics Agency, 251 18th Street Suite 244A, Arlington, VA 22202. ATTN: Mr. Russell Wilson, or call (703) 571–0388.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Associated Form; and OMB Number: Defense Biometric Identification Records System; OMB Control Number 0702–0127.

Needs and Uses: The DoD Automated Biometric Identification System (ABIS) is an authoritative biometrics data repository that processes, matches, and stores biometric identity information data, collected by global U.S. forces, during the course of military operations. Biometric data may also be collected for use in field identification and recovery of persons, or their physical remains, who have been captured, detained, missing, prisoners of war (POW), or personnel recovered from hostile control. The information processed by DoD ABIS (biometric, biographic, behavioral, and contextual data) is collected by DoD military personnel worldwide using hand-held biometric collection devices across the full range of military operations for DoD warfighting, intelligence, law enforcement, security, force protection, base access, homeland defense, counterterrorism, business enterprise purposes, and also in information environment mission areas. It also includes biometric data from individuals collected from interagency or foreign partners’ data repositories. Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Burden Hours: 201,872.917. Number of Respondents: 2,422,475. Responses per Respondent: 1. Annual Responses: 2,422,475. Average Burden per Response: 5 minutes. Frequency: As Required. The information collected and processed by DoD ABIS is shared, accessed, and leveraged by DoD partners, U.S. Government inter-agency agency and departmental stakeholders, and approved multi-national partners, such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) for intelligence, counterterrorism, military force protection, national security, and law enforcement purposes. DoD provides collected and processed information to the FBI/Terrorist Screening Center (TSC) to place individuals on National Watchlists. Required biometric fields for every record include: Name, ten (10) fingerprints, and two (2) irises scans. All other data fields in DoD ABIS, such as Social Security Number (SSN), are optional and vary based on each record and situation.


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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Acquisition Regulations System

[Docket Number DARS–2021–0009; OMB Control Number 0704–0187]

Information Collection Requirement; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Information Collection in Support of the DoD Acquisition Process (Various Miscellaneous Requirements)

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

ACTION: Notice and request for comments regarding a proposed revision and extension of an approved information collection requirement.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, DoD announces the proposed revision and extension of a public information collection requirement and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. DoD invites comments on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of DoD, 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 through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved this information collection for use through August 31, 2021. DoD proposes that OMB extend its approval for use for three additional years beyond the current expiration date.

DATES: DoD will consider all comments received by July 6, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by OMB Control Number
0704–0187, using any of the following methods:
- Email: osd.dfars@mail.mil. Include OMB Control Number 0704–0187 in the subject line of the message.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Title and OMB Number: Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS), Information Collection in Support of the DoD Acquisition Process (Various Miscellaneous Requirements) OMB Control Number 0704–0187.
Type of Request: Revision and extension.
AFFECTED PUBLIC: Businesses or other for-profit and not-for profit institutions.
RESPONDENT'S OBLIGATION: Required to obtain or retain benefits.
Number of Respondents: 450.
Responses per Respondent: 1.29.
Annual Responses: 582.
Hours per Response: 1.74, approximately.
Annual Burden Hours: 1,010.
Reporting Frequency: On occasion.
Needs and Uses: This information collection requirement pertains to information required in DFARS parts 208, 209, 235, and associated solicitation provision and contract clauses in part 252 that offerors and contractors must submit to DoD in response to a request for proposals or an invitation for bids or a contract requirement. DoD uses this information to:
- Determine whether to provide precious metals as Government-furnished material;
- Determine whether a foreign government owns or controls the offeror to prevent access to proscribed information;
- Determine whether there is a compelling reason for a contractor to enter into a subcontract in excess of $35,000 with a firm, or subsidiary of a firm, that is identified in the System for Award Management Exclusions as ineligible for award of Defense subcontracts because it is owned or controlled by the government of a country that is a state sponsor of terrorism;
- Evaluate claims of indemnification for losses or damages occurring under a research and development contract; and
- Keep track of radio frequencies on electronic equipment under research and development contracts so that the user does not override or interfere with the use of that frequency by another user.
Jennifer D. Johnson,
Regulatory Control Officer, Defense Acquisition Regulations System.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Office of the Secretary

AGENCY: Missile Defense Agency, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Missile Defense Agency (MDA), as the lead agency, announces the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Long Range Discrimination Radar (LRDR) located at Clear Air Force Station (CAFST), Alaska. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Department of the Air Force (DAF) are cooperating agencies to this Final EIS.

DATES: MDA will not issue a final decision on the proposed action for a minimum of 30 days after the date that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) publishes its Notice of Availability (NOA) in the Federal Register.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Ryan Keith, MDA Public Affairs, at 256–450–1599 or by email: lrdr.info@mda.mil. The Final EIS for the Long Range Discrimination Radar Operations at Clear Air Force Station, Alaska is available online at the MDA’s website at: https://www.mda.mil/system/lrdr.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Defense’s NOA (85 FR 68314) for the Draft EIS was published in the Federal Register on October 28, 2020, and the USEPA’s NOA (ER–FRL–9053–6) for the Draft EIS was published in the Federal Register on October 30, 2020, which provided notice that the Draft EIS was available for comment from October 30, 2020 to December 21, 2020.

MDA hosted a telephone public meeting, December 2, 2020, and an online open house to share information about the proposed action and alternatives and allow the public to provide comments and ask questions. Additionally, the public was able to submit comments by facsimile, postal mail, or via a project email address.
MDA received comments on the Draft EIS from ten individuals or organizations, one of which commented twice. Commenters requested changes to the proposed Restricted Areas, more information about communication methods if Restricted Areas are activated at unscheduled times, and mitigation for climate change and air quality. Comments on the Draft EIS were considered and incorporated as appropriate into the Final EIS.
Comments resulted in the addition of clarifying text and an update to the impacts to airspace based on information presented during the FAA Safety Risk Management Panel’s analysis. However, these changes did not significantly change the alternatives or analysis presented in the EIS.

Background: In response to the Congressional mandate to deploy the LRDR, MDA completed a siting analysis for the LRDR, which selected CAFST out of 50 candidate Department of Defense installations in Alaska. In June 2016, MDA and DAF prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA), to evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with the construction and operation of the LRDR at CAFST. The 2016 EA resulted in a Finding of No Significant Impact, and construction of the LRDR began in July 2017.

Since that time, due to emerging threats, MDA proposes to modify the LRDR operational requirements and procedures to reflect continuous operations. Due to the proposed changes to LRDR operations, airspace restrictions at CAFST are necessary to ensure that aircraft would not encounter high intensity radiation fields (HIRF) resulting from the LRDR operations that exceed FAA's HIRF certification standards for aircraft electrical and electronic systems. The proposed airspace restrictions include expanding the existing Restricted Area (R–2206) at CAFST by adding six new Restricted Areas. The preferred alternative is to operate the LRDR continuously under the changed operational concept and to implement the associated proposed airspace restrictions as described in the Proposed Action analyzed in the Final EIS.
The EIS also analyzes the No Action Alternative. Under the No Action Alternative, the LRDR would be operated in a manner that would