

Incident Reporting, and Cloud Computing; OMB Control Number 0704–0478.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Number of Respondents:* 1,971.

*Responses per Respondent:* 8.2, approximately.

*Annual Responses:* 16,233.

*Average Burden per Response:* 0.42 hour.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 6,770.

*Needs and Uses:* Offerors and contractors must report cyber incidents on unclassified networks or information systems, within cloud computing services, and when they affect contractors designated as providing operationally critical support, as required by statute.

a. The clause at DFARS 252.204–7012, Safeguarding Covered Defense Information and Cyber Incident Reporting, covers cyber incident reporting requirements for incidents that affect a covered contractor information system or the covered defense information residing therein, or that affects the contractor's ability to perform the requirements of the contract that are designated as operationally critical support and identified in the contract.

b. The provision at DFARS 252.204–7008, Compliance with Safeguarding Covered Defense Information Controls, requires an offeror that proposes to vary from any of the security controls of National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publication (SP) 800–171 in effect at the time the solicitation is issued to submit to the contracting officer a written explanation of how the specified security control is not applicable or an alternative control or protective measure is used to achieve equivalent protection.

c. The provision at DFARS 252.239–7009, Representation of Use of Cloud Computing, requires offerors to report that they “anticipate” or do not “anticipate” utilizing cloud computing service in performance of a contract resulting from a solicitation containing the provision. The representation will notify contracting officers of the applicability of the cloud computing requirements of the DFARS 252.239–7010 clause of the contract.

d. The clause at DFARS 252.239–7010, Cloud Computing Services, requires reporting of cyber incidents that occur when DoD is purchasing cloud computing services.

These DFARS provisions and clauses facilitate mandatory cyber incident

reporting requirements in accordance with statutory regulations. When reports are submitted, DoD will analyze the reported information for cyber threats and vulnerabilities in order to develop response measures as well as improve U.S. Government understanding of advanced cyber threat activity. In addition, the security requirements in NIST SP 800–171 are specifically tailored for use in protecting sensitive information residing in contractor information systems and generally reduce the burden placed on contractors by eliminating Federal-centric processes and requirements. The information provided will inform the Department in assessing the overall risk to DoD covered defense information on unclassified contractor systems and networks.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Defense Acquisition Regulations System

**[Docket Number DARS–2025–0007; OMB Control Number 0750–0006]**

### Information Collection Requirement; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 237, Service Contracting, and Related Clauses

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

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

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, DoD announces the proposed 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 DoD'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.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved this information collection for use under Control Number 0750–0006 through October 31, 2025. DoD proposes that OMB approve an extension of the information collection requirement, to expire three years after the approval date.

**DATES:** DoD will consider all comments received by August 5, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by OMB Control Number 0750–0006, using either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Email:* [osd.dfars@mail.mil](mailto:osd.dfars@mail.mil). Include OMB Control Number 0750–0006 in the subject line of the message.

Comments received generally will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title and OMB Number:* Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 237, Service Contracting and Associated Clauses at 252.237–7025 and 252.237–7026; OMB Control Number 0750–0006.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Number of Respondents:* 12.

*Responses per Respondent:* 35.

*Annual Responses:* 420.

*Average Burden per Response:* 0.062 hour.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 26.

*Needs and Uses:* This information collection is required to implement section 1006 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 (Pub. L. 115–232), as amended by section 1011 of the NDAA for FY 2020 (Pub. L. 116–92). Section 1006 applies to accounting firms that provide financial statement auditing to DoD in support of the audit under 31 U.S.C. 3521 or audit remediation services in support of the Financial Improvement and Audit Remediation Plan described in 10 U.S.C. 240b. Such firms, when responding to a solicitation or awarded a contract for the acquisition of covered services, must disclose to DoD before any contract action (including award, renewals, and amendments) the details of any disciplinary proceedings with respect to the accounting firm or its associated persons before any entity with the authority to enforce compliance with

rules or laws applying to audit services offered by the accounting firm. DoD, as a matter of policy to provide a level playing field between firms that provide audit services to support certain DoD audits, is extending this requirement to firms other than accounting firms that provide such services. Section 1011 amended section 1006 to require any disclosures to be treated as confidential to the extent required by the court or agency in which the proceeding occurred and to be treated in a manner

consistent with any protections or privileges established by any other provision of Federal law.

a. DFARS provision 252.237–7025, Preaward Transparency Requirements for Firms Offering to Support Department of Defense Audits—Representation and Disclosure, is prescribed at DFARS 237.270(e)(3) for use in solicitations for the acquisition of financial statement auditing or audit remediation services.

b. DFARS clause 252.237–7026, Postaward Transparency Requirements

for a Firm that Supports Department of Defense Audits, is prescribed at DFARS 237.270(e)(4) for use in solicitations and contracts for the acquisition of financial statement auditing or audit remediation services.

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