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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colin C. Bennett, Human Resources Specialist, Office of Human Resources Management, Division of Human Capital Strategic Planning and Programs, at telephone 240–418–6822 or via email to colin.bennett@gsa.gov for clarification of content.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

The GSA routinely hires, reassigns, promotes, or transfers Federal employees to duty stations in foreign areas (*i.e.*, outside of the United States and its territories and possessions). Civilian employees located in foreign areas are eligible for different compensation authorities compared to employees located in the United States or its territories or possessions. Besides basic pay, certain foreign allowances are often used as recruitment or retention incentives to make foreign service more attractive and economically feasible. One type of allowance is called a “living quarters allowance,” or “LQA,” and allows an agency to reimburse the cost of rental housing as well as utilities (such as electricity, natural gas, and water service). Under this authority

(conveyed by the Overseas Differentials and Allowances Act of 1960, Pub. L. 86–707, Sept. 6, 1960, codified at 5 U.S.C. 5923(a)(2)), not all job candidates or overseas employees are necessarily eligible (for example, if Government-provided housing is made available). In addition, for those job candidates who are eligible, the amount of the benefit varies by rank (*i.e.*, GS grade), presence overseas with or without family, and overall family size. Detailed rules concerning eligibility and other matters are found in the State Department’s *Department of State Standardized Regulations*, sections 031.12 and Chapter 130.

To more effectively administer LQA, GSA created GSA Form 5039, “Living Quarters Allowance Eligibility Questionnaire”. This form collects basic demographic and housing-related information. It also includes questions meant to coordinate housing benefits between the U.S. military and other Federal agencies (for example, if two spouses work for different Federal agencies). Individuals who complete this pre-employment questionnaire are considered job candidates and members of the public (if not already Federal civilian employees). The purpose of this data collection is to ensure that eligible applicants receive allowance consideration, in the correct amounts based on the position and family size, and that ineligible candidates are not erroneously provided with this significant monetary benefit.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 25 per year.
Responses per Respondent: 1.
Total Annual Responses: 25.
Hours per Response: 1.
Total Burden Hours: 25.

C. Public Comments

Public comments are encouraged and are particularly invited on: (a) whether this collection of information is necessary, (b) whether it will have practical utility, (c) whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate (and based on valid assumptions and methodology), (d) whether or not there are ways to enhance the form’s utility and clarity of the information to be collected, and (e) whether or not there might be ways in to minimize the data collection burden through the use of information technology.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals: Please visit the GSA Forms Library at <https://www.gsa.gov/forms-library> to view and/or download a copy of GSA Form 5039. Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from

the GSA, Regulatory Secretariat Division, by emailing GSARegSec@gsa.gov. Please cite OMB Control No. 3090–0331, Living Quarters Allowance Eligibility Questionnaire; GSA Form 5039, in all correspondence.

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Office of Federal Procurement Policy

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000–0034; Docket No. 2025–0120; Sequence No. 1]

Submission for OMB Review; Examination of Records by Comptroller General and Contract Audit

AGENCY: Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP), Office of Management and Budget (OMB); 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 OMB a request to review and approve an extension of a previously approved information collection requirement regarding examination of records by Comptroller General and contract audit.

DATES: Submit comments on or before March 30, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for this 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 Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: FARPolicy@gsa.gov or call 202–969–4075.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

9000–0034, Examination of Records by Comptroller General and Contract Audit.

B. Need and Uses

This clearance covers the information that contractors must submit to comply with the following Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) requirements, as codified in Chapter 1 of Title 48 of the Code of Federal Regulations:

FAR 52.212–5, Contract Terms and Conditions Required to Implement Statutes or Executive Orders—Commercial Products and Commercial Services. Paragraph (d) of this clause requires contractors to make available at its offices at all reasonable times the records, materials, and other evidence for examination, audit, or reproduction by the Comptroller General of the United States, or an authorized representative. As used in this clause, records include books, documents, accounting procedures and practices, and other data, regardless of type and regardless of form.

FAR 52.214–26, Audit and Records—Sealed Bidding. This clause requires contractors required to submit certified cost or pricing data in connection with a contract and to make all records available to the contracting officer, or its authorized representative, including computations and projections related to the proposal for the modification; the discussions conducted on the proposal(s), including those related to negotiating; pricing of the modification; or performance of the modification. This clause requires contractors to make all records available to the Comptroller General of the United States, or an authorized representative, in the case of pricing a modification. This clause allows the Comptroller General to interview any current employee regarding such transactions.

FAR 52.215–2, Audit and Records—Negotiation. This clause requires contractors to maintain records for cost-reimbursement, incentive, time-and-materials, labor-hour, or price redeterminable contracts, or any combination of these, for contracting officers, or an authorized representative, to examine and audit all records and other evidence sufficient to reflect properly all costs claimed to have been incurred or anticipated to be incurred directly or indirectly in performance of a contract. The right of examination includes inspection at all reasonable times of contractor's plants, or parts of them, engaged in performing the

pertinent contract. Contractors required to submit certified cost or pricing data in connection with a pricing action under a contract must make all records available to the contracting officer, or its authorized representative, including computations and projections related to the proposal for the contract, subcontract, or modification; the discussions conducted on the proposal(s), including those related to negotiating; pricing of the contract, subcontract, or modification; or performance of the contract, subcontract or modification. Also, this clause requires contractors to make all records available to the Comptroller General of the United States, or an authorized representative, to examine any of the contractor's directly pertinent records involving transactions under the pertinent contract or subcontract. This clause allows the Comptroller General to interview any current employee regarding such transactions.

The information must be retained so that audits necessary for contract surveillance, verification of contract pricing, and reimbursement of contractor costs can be performed. This information collection does not require contractors to create or maintain any record that the contractor does not maintain in its ordinary course of business.

C. Annual Burden

Respondents: 16,474.

Total Annual Responses: 52,344.

Total Burden Hours: 52,344.

D. Public Comment

A 60-day notice was published in the **Federal Register** at 90 FR 59121, on December 18, 2025. 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. 9000–0034, Examination of Records by Comptroller General and Contract Audit.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 3090–0329; Docket No. 2026–0001; Sequence No. 1]

Information Collection; Overseas Employment Service Agreement (GSA Form 5040)

AGENCY: Office of Human Resource Management, Human Capital Strategic Planning and Programs Division, General Services Administration (GSA).

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Regulatory Secretariat Division will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension to an existing information collection requirement.

DATES: Submit comments on or before April 28, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments identified by Information Collection 3090–0329; “Overseas Employment Service Agreement (GSA Form 5040)” to: <https://www.regulations.gov>. Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal by searching for “Information Collection 3090–0329; Overseas Employment Service Agreement (GSA Form 5040).” Select the link “Submit a Comment” that corresponds with “Information Collection 3090–0329; Overseas Employment Service Agreement (GSA Form 5040).” Follow the instructions provided at the “Submit a Comment” screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and “Information Collection 3090–0329; Overseas Employment Service Agreement (GSA Form 5040)” on your attached document. If your comment cannot be submitted using <https://www.regulations.gov>, call or email the points of contact in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document for alternate instructions.

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