

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Practice by Former Members and Employees of the Commission (OMB Control No. 3038–0025). This is a request for extension of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* Commission Rule 140.735–6 governs the practice before the Commission of former members and employees of the Commission and is intended to ensure that the Commission is aware of any existing conflict of interest. The rule generally requires former members and employees who are employed or retained to represent any person before the Commission within two years of the termination of their CFTC employment, to file a brief written statement with the Commission's Office of General Counsel. The proposed rule was promulgated pursuant to the Commission's rulemaking authority contained in section 8a(5) of the Commodity Exchange Act, 7 U.S.C. 12a(5) (1994), as amended.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for the CFTC's regulations were published on December 30, 1981. See 46 FR 63035 (Dec. 30, 1981). The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on December 11, 2013 (78 FR 75333).

*Burden statement:* The respondent burden for this collection is estimated to average .10 hours per response to file the brief written statement. This estimate include the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

*Respondents/Affected Entities:* 3.

*Estimated number of responses:* 4.5.

*Estimated total annual burden on respondents:* .10 hours.

*Frequency of collection:* On occasion.

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*)

Dated: February 7, 2014.

**Christopher J. Kirkpatrick,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Commission.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Defense Acquisition Regulations System**

[Docket No. DARS–2014–0014]

**Negotiation of a Reciprocal Defense Procurement Memorandum of Understanding With the Republic of Slovenia**

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** On behalf of the U.S. Government, DoD is contemplating negotiating and concluding a Reciprocal Defense Procurement (RDP) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Republic of Slovenia (hereafter “Slovenia”). DoD is requesting industry feedback regarding its experience in public defense procurements conducted by or on behalf of the Slovenian Ministry of Defense or Armed Forces.

**DATES:** Submit written comments to the address shown below on or before March 14, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments to Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Attn: Mr. Victor Deal, 3060 Defense Pentagon, Room 5E621, Washington, DC 20301–3060; or by email to [Victor.T.Deal3.civ@mail.mil](mailto:Victor.T.Deal3.civ@mail.mil).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Victor Deal, Senior Analyst, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics (OUSD(AT&L)), Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Contract Policy and International Contracting; Room 5E621, 3060 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301–3060; telephone (703) 697–9351.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The RDP MOUs that DoD has with 23 “qualifying” countries are concluded at the level of the Secretary of Defense and his counterpart. The purpose of RDP MOUs is to promote rationalization, standardization, and interoperability of conventional defense equipment with allies and other friendly governments. These MOUs provide a framework for ongoing communication regarding market access and procurement matters that enhance effective defense cooperation.

RDP MOUs generally include language by which the Parties agree that their defense procurements will be conducted in accordance with certain implementing procedures. These procedures relate to—

- Publication of notices of proposed purchases;
- The content and availability of solicitations for proposed purchases;

- Notification to each unsuccessful offeror;

- Feedback, upon request, to unsuccessful offerors concerning the reasons they were not allowed to participate in a procurement or were not awarded a contract; and

- Providing for the hearing and review of complaints arising in connection with any phase of the procurement process to ensure that, to the extent possible, complaints are equitably and expeditiously resolved.

Based on the MOU, each country affords the other country certain benefits on a reciprocal basis consistent with national laws and regulations. The benefits that the United States accords to the products of qualifying countries include—

- Offers of qualifying country end products are evaluated without applying the price differentials otherwise required by the Buy American statute and the Balance of Payments Program;
- The chemical warfare protection clothing restrictions in 10 U.S.C. 2533a and the specialty metals restriction in 10 U.S.C. 2533b(a)(1) do not apply to products manufactured in a qualifying country; and
- Customs, taxes, and duties are waived for qualifying country end products and components.

If DoD (for the U.S. Government) concludes an RDP MOU with the Republic of Slovenia, then Slovenia would be listed as one of the “qualifying countries” in the definition of “qualifying country” at DFARS 225.003, and offers of products of Slovenia or that contain components from Slovenia would be afforded the benefits available to all qualifying countries. This also means that U.S. products would be exempt from any analogous “Buy Slovenia” and “Buy European Union” laws or policies applicable to procurements by the Slovenian Ministry of Defense or Armed Forces.

While DoD is evaluating Slovenia's laws and regulations in this area, DoD would benefit from U.S. industry's experience in participating in Slovenia's public defense procurements. DoD is, therefore, asking U.S. firms that have participated or attempted to participate in procurements by or on behalf of Slovenia's Ministry of Defense or Armed Forces to let us know if the procurements were conducted with transparency, integrity, fairness, and due process in accordance with published procedures, and if not, the nature of the problems encountered.

DoD is also interested in comments relating to the degree of reciprocity that exists between the United States and Slovenia when it comes to the openness

of defense procurements to offers of products from the other country.

**Manuel Quinones,**

*Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations System.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

[Docket No. ED-2014-ICCD-0014]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; State of Preschool Survey 2013-2015**

**AGENCY:** Institute of Education Sciences/ National Center for Education Statistics (IES), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 3501 *et seq.*), ED is proposing an extension of an existing information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 14, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting Docket ID number Ed-2014-ICCD-0014 or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. *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 Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Mailstop L-OM-2-2E319, Room 2E103, Washington, DC 20202.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions related to collection activities or burden, please call Katrina Ingalls, 703-620-3655 or electronically mail [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov). Please do not send comments here. We will ONLY accept comments in this mailbox when the regulations.gov site is not available to the public for any reason.

**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 assess the impact of its information

collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public 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:* State of Preschool Survey 2013-2015.

*OMB Control Number:* 1850-0895.

*Type of Review:* An extension of an existing information collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Governments.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 53.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 636.

*Abstract:* The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), within the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) of the U.S. Department of Education (ED), is seeking approval to conduct in 2014, 2015, and 2016 the annual, web-based State of Preschool survey, which centralizes data about publicly provided early childhood education opportunities. Data are collected from state agencies responsible for providing early childhood education and made available for secondary analyses. Data collected as part of the survey focus on enrollment counts in state-funded early childhood education programs, funding provided by the states for these programs, and program monitoring and licensing policies. The collected data are then reported, both separately and in combination with extant data available from federal agencies supporting early childhood education programs such as Head Start and the U.S. Census Bureau. Data from the U.S. Census Bureau form the basis for some of the rates developed for the State of Preschool reports. The data and annual report resulting from the State of Preschool data collection provide a key information resource for research and for federal and state policy

on publicly funded early childhood education.

**Kate Mullan,**

*Acting Director,*

Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management. [FR Doc. 2014-03030 Filed 2-11-14; 8:45 am]

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

[Docket No.: ED-2014-ICCD-0015]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Annual Student Activities Report**

**AGENCY:** Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 3501 *et seq.*), ED is proposing an extension of an existing information collection.

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