

consisting of 600 small catcher vessel owners, 630 large catcher vessel owners, 206 primary processor owners, including factory trawlers, motherhips and on-shore processing plants, 5 secondary processors and 130 charter boat operators.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 1 hour per small catcher vessel; 2 hours per large catcher vessel and charter boat; 5 hours per primary and secondary processor.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 2,675 hours (3-year average).

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0. Respondents will not be required to purchase equipment or materials to respond to this survey.

#### IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 5, 1998.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.*

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#### COMMISSION ON STRUCTURAL ALTERNATIVES FOR THE FEDERAL COURTS OF APPEALS

##### Public Hearings Notice

**AGENCY:** Commission on Structural Alternatives for the Federal Courts of Appeals.

**ACTION:** Notice of public hearings.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission on Structural Alternatives for the Federal Courts of Appeals has scheduled six public hearings to allow interested persons to comment on the Commission's work. The hearings will

be in the following cities. The precise times and locations will be announced later.

Atlanta, March 23

Dallas, March 25

Chicago, April 3

New York, April 24

Seattle, May 27

San Francisco, May 29

Congress created the Commission late last year under Public Law 105-119, section 305 (28 U.S.C. 41 note) and charged it with studying the structure and alignment of the federal appellate system, with particular reference to the Ninth Circuit. In December 1998 the Commission is to report to the President and Congress any recommendations for changes in circuit boundaries or structure, consistent with fairness and due process. To assist its work, the Commission is interested in obtaining views on whether each federal appellate court renders decisions that are reasonably timely, are consistent among the litigants appearing before it, are nationally uniform in their interpretations of federal law, and are reached through processes that afford appeals adequate, deliberative attention of judges.

At the public hearings, the Commission specifically requests that witnesses address the following:

1. What problems or difficulties do you perceive in the federal appellate system's structure, organization, alignment, processes, and personnel that may interfere with its ability to render decisions that meet the above objectives? What criteria or standards can be used to answer this question?

2. What measures should be adopted by Congress or the courts to ameliorate or overcome perceived problems in the federal appellate system or any of its circuits? What are the advantages or disadvantages of any proposed measures?

3. What is working well in the federal appellate courts?

Persons may request to testify at any single hearing by mailing or faxing a one-page letter to the Commission stating their interest in the question identified above, the hearing at which they desire to appear, and if applicable, the name of the organization on whose behalf they will be appearing. The letter must be received by the Commission at least 21 days before the hearing date. Persons who are invited by the Commission to testify will be expected to submit a written statement of not more than 2,500 words at least five days before the hearing.

In lieu of testifying at a hearing, interested persons may submit a

statement in writing to the Commission anytime prior to June 1, 1998.

Statements should be submitted in hard copy, typed, double-spaced, and also on a computer diskette in a format readable by a standard word processing program.

Letters and statements should be sent to: Commission on Structural Alternatives for the Federal Courts of Appeals, Washington, DC 20544, Fax: 202-208-5102.

Dated: March 3, 1998.

**Daniel J. Meador,**

*Executive Director, Commission on Structural Alternatives for the Federal Courts of Appeals.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

[OMB Control Number 0704-0359]

##### Information Collection Requirements; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement Part 232, Contract Financing

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense (DoD).

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

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), DoD announces the proposed extension of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. This information collection requirement is currently approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for use through September 30, 1998, under OMB Control Number 0704-0359. DoD proposes that OMB extend its approval for use through September 30, 2001.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by May 11, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to:

Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Attn: Ms. Sandra Haberlin, PDUSD (A&T) DP (DAR), IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20301-3062. Telefax number (703) 602-0350. Please cite OMB Control Number 0704-0359 in all correspondence related to this issue.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Sandra Haberlin, (703) 602-0131. A copy of the information collection requirements contained in the DFARS text is available electronically via the Internet at: <http://www.dtic.mil/dfars/>. Paper copies of the information collection requirements may be obtained from Ms. Sandra Haberlin, PDUSD (A&T) DP (DAR), IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20301-3062.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title, Associated Forms, and Associated OMB Control Number:* Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 232, Contract Financing, and related clause at 252.232-7007, Limitation of Government's Obligation; OMB Control Number 0704-0359.

*Needs and Uses:* This requirement provides for the collection of information from contractors that are awarded incrementally funded, fixed-price DoD contracts. The information collection requires these contractors to notify the Government when the work under the contract will, within 90 days, reach the point at which the amount payable by the Government (including any termination costs) approximates 85 percent of the funds currently allotted to the contract. This information will be used to determine what course of action the Government will take (e.g., allot additional funds for continued performance, terminate the contract, or terminate certain contract line items).

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

*Annual Burden Hours:* 800.

*Number of Respondents:* 800.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 800.

*Average Burden per Response:* 1 Hour.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

**Summary of Information Collection**

The information collection includes requirements related to contract financing and payment in DFARS Part 232, Contract Financing, and the related clause at DFARS 252.232-7007, Limitation of Government's Obligation.

DFARS Subpart 232.7, Contract Funding, limits the use of incrementally funded fixed-price contracts to situations where the contract is funded with research and development appropriations; where Congress has otherwise incrementally appropriated program funds; or where the head of the contracting activity approves the use of incremental funding for either base services contracts or hazardous/toxic waste remediation contracts. The clause at DFARS 252.232-7007 identifies procedures for incrementally funding the contract and requires the contractor to provide the Government with written notice when the work will reach the point at which the amount payable by the Government, including any termination costs, approximates 85 percent of the funds currently allotted to the contract.

**Michele P. Peterson,**

*Executive Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Department of the Army**

**Armed Forces Epidemiological Board (AFEB)**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Surgeon General.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of Public Law 92-463, The Federal Advisory Committee Act, this announces the forthcoming AFEB Meeting. The Infectious Disease Subcommittee will meet from 0800-1630 on Wednesday, 15 April. The regular AFEB meeting will be held from 0800-1630, Thursday and 0800-1300 on Friday, 16-17 April 1998. The purpose of the meeting is to address pending Board issues, provide briefings for Board members on topics related to ongoing and new Board issues, and to conduct an executive working session. The meeting location will be at the Naval Environmental Health Center in Norfolk, Virginia.

The meeting will be open to the public, but limited by space accommodations. Any interested person may attend, appear before or file statements with the committee at the time and in the manner permitted by the committee.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** COL Vicky Fogelman, AFEB Executive

Secretary, Armed Forces Epidemiological Board, Skyline Six, 5109 Leesburg Pike, Room 682, Falls Church, Virginia 22041-3258, (703) 681-8012/4.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** None.

**Gregory D. Showalter,**

*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Department of the Army**

**Armed Forces Institute of Pathology Scientific Advisory Board**

**AGENCY:** Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP)

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law (92-463) announcement is made of the following open meeting:

*Name of Committee:* Scientific Advisory Board (SAB).

*Dates of Meeting:* 21-22 May 1998.

*Place:* Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Building 54, 14th St. & Alaska Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20306-6000.

*Time:* 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (21 May 1998), 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (22 May 1998).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Ridgely Rabold, Center for Advanced Pathology (CAP), AFIP, Building 54, Washington, DC 20306-6000, phone (202) 782-2553.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *General function of the board:* The Scientific Advisory Board provides scientific and professional advice and guidance on programs, policies and procedures of the AFIP.

*Agenda:* The Board will hear status reports from the AFIP Deputy Director, Center for Advanced Pathology Director, the National Museum of Health and Medicine, and each of the pathology departments which the Board members will visit during the meeting.

*Open board discussions:* Reports will be given on all visited departments. The reports will consist of findings, recommended areas of further research, and suggested solutions. New trends and/or technologies will be discussed and goals established. The meeting is open to the public.

**Gregory D. Showalter,**

*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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