

Notice of Opportunity To Apply for Membership

Membership Obligations

Members will be expected to serve a term of two years. However, to set up a staggered membership renewal, one-third of the private sector members from this initial appointment will serve for a two year term; a second third will serve for a three year term and a final third for a four year term. Each year, a third of the ACA membership will be replaced.

Nominations are now being sought for private sector members to serve for a two, three, or four year period from January 1, 2000 until December 31, 2001–2004, respectively. Members will serve at the discretion of the Secretary and shall serve as representatives of the business community and, specifically, the industry in which their business is engaged. They are expected to participate fully in implementing the Committee's work program. It is expected that private sector individuals chosen for ACA membership will attend not less than 75% of the ACA meetings each year.

Private sector members are fully responsible for travel, per diem, and personal expenses associated with their participation on the ACA.

The ACA will work on issues of common interest to encourage trade and investment, including the following:

- Resolving obstacles to trade and investment between the United States and Africa;
- Expanding commercial activity between the United States and Africa and identifying commercial opportunities;
- Developing sectoral or project-oriented approaches to expand business opportunities;
- Identifying further steps to facilitate and encourage the development of commercial expansion between the United States and Africa; and
- Taking any other appropriate steps for fostering commercial relations between the U.S. and Africa.

Criteria

In order to be eligible for membership in the U.S. section, potential candidates must be:

- (1) U.S. citizens or permanent residents;
- (2) CEOs or other senior management level employees of a U.S. company or organization with demonstrated involvement in trade with and/or investment in Sub-Saharan Africa who will participate in not less than 75% of the meetings, which will be held in the United States. Representative

nominated should be the individual who will actively participate in the ACA;

(3) Not a Registered Foreign Agent; and

(4) Actively doing business in Sub-Saharan Africa or actively developing entry plans for doing business in Sub-Saharan Africa.

To the extent possible, the Department of Commerce will strive to achieve membership composition that reflects U.S. entrepreneurial diversity. Therefore, in reviewing eligible candidates, the Department of Commerce will consider such selection factors as:

(1) Depth of experience in the Sub-Saharan African market;

(2) Export/investment experience;

(3) Representation of industry or service sectors of importance to our commercial relationship with Sub-Saharan Africa;

(4) Company size or, if an organization, size and number of member companies;

(5) Location of company or organization; and

(6) Contribution to the Committee's ethnic and gender diversity.

To apply for membership, please provide a company information sheet and a personal resume and any other pertinent information which demonstrate how the applicant satisfies the selection criteria identified.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 1501 *et seq.*; Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1979, 19 U.S.C. 2171 Note, 5 U.S.C. App.2.

Edward Casselle,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Africa.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 17, 1999.

PLACE: 1155 21st St., N.W., Washington, D.C., 9th Floor Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Enforcement Matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jean A. Webb, 202-418-5100.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title, Form Number, and OMB Number: Validation of Public or Community Service Employment Performed by Retired Personnel Retired Under the Temporary Early Retirement Authority for Increased Retirement Compensation; DD form 2676; OMB Number 0704-0357.

Type of Request: Revision.

Number of Respondents: 1,775.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 1,775.

Average Burden per Response: 10 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 296.

Needs and Uses: Public Law 102-484, section 4464, required the Department of Defense to develop policy and procedures to validate and credit increased compensation for qualifying public and community service employment performed by retired personnel of the Armed Forces under the "Temporary Early Retirement Authority Program." Public Law 103-337, section 542, extended this program to the Coast Guard. This information, which uses DD Form 2676, will allow DoD and Coast Guard to collect necessary information to recompute retired pay when the participating member qualifies under this program. Respondents to this program will be registered public or community service employers. The data are submitted by the Defense Manpower Data Center to either the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) or the Coast Guard Finance Center for update of final pay information files. When a member reaches age 62, the Finance Centers will recompute retirement pay, adding whatever public or community service employment was validated during the enhanced retirement qualification period.

Affected Public: Business or Other For-Profit; Not-For-Profit Institutions; Federal Government; State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Frequency: On occasion; Annually.
Respondents Obligation: Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Edward C. Springer.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Springer at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: October 28, 1999.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0130]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request Entitled Buy American Act— North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act—Balance of Payments Program Certificate

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0130).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning Buy American Act—North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act—Balance of Payments Program Certificate. The clearance currently expires on February 28, 2000.

DATES: Comments may be submitted on or before January 3, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of the collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, should be submitted to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB,

Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRS), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Linfield, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, GSA, (202) 501-1757.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

Under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Implementation Act, unless specifically exempted by statute or regulation, agencies are required to evaluate offers over a certain dollar limitation to supply an eligible product without regard to the restrictions of the Buy American Act or the Balance of Payments program. Offerors identify excluded end products and NAFTA end products on this certificate.

The contracting officer uses the information to identify the offered items which are domestic and NAFTA country end products so as to give these products a preference during the evaluation of offers. Items having components of unknown origin are considered to have been mined, produced, or manufactured outside the United States.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .167 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

The annual reporting burden is estimated as follows: *Respondents*, 1,140; *responses per respondent*, 5; *total annual responses*, 5,700; *preparation hours per response*, .167; and *total response burden hours*, 952.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals

Requester may obtain a copy of the justification from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRS), Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 208-7312. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0130, Buy American Act—North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act—Balance of Payments Program Certificate, in all correspondence.

Dated: October 29, 1999.

Edward C. Loeb,

Director, Federal Acquisition Policy Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Intelligence Agency, Science and Technology Advisory Board; Closed Panel Meeting

AGENCY: Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of subsection (d) of Section 10 of Public Law 92-463, as amended by Section 5 of Public Law 94-409, notice is hereby given that a closed meeting of the DIA Science and Technology Advisory Board has been scheduled as follows:
DATES: 9-10 November, (800 am to 1600 pm).

ADDRESSES: The Defense Intelligence Agency, Bolling AFB, Washington, DC 20340.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maj. Donald R. Culp, Jr., USAF, Executive Secretary, DIA Science and Technology Advisory Board, Washington, D.C. 20340-1328 (202) 231-4930.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The entire meeting is devoted to the discussion of classified information as defined in Section 552b(c)(1), Title 5 of the U.S. Code, and therefore will be closed to the public. The Board will receive briefings on and discuss several current critical intelligence issues and advise the Director, DIA, on related scientific and technical matters.

Dated: October 28, 1999.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register, Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board Task Force on DoD Frequency Spectrum Issues

ACTION: Notice of Advisory Committee meetings.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board Task Force on DoD Frequency Spectrum Issues will meet in closed session on November 9-10, December 10, 1999, January 20-21, February 24-25, March 29-30, April 20-21, May 24-25, 2000 at SAIC, 4001 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia (except for the 10 December meeting which will be held at the Joint Spectrum Center, Annapolis, MD.) In order for the Task Force to obtain time sensitive classified briefings, critical to the understanding of the issues, the