

**ACTION:** Notice of request for comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0027).

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning value engineering requirements. A request for public comments was published at 66 FR 32606, June 15, 2001. No comments were received.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the FAR, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before September 13, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVP), 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cecelia Davis, Acquisition Policy Division, GSA, (202) 219-0202.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**A. Purpose**

Value engineering is the technique by which contractors (1) voluntarily suggest methods for performing more economically and share in any resulting savings or (2) are required to establish a program to identify and submit to the Government methods for performing more economically. These recommendations are submitted to the Government as value engineering change proposals (VECP's) and they must include specific information. This information is needed to enable the Government to evaluate the VECP and,

if accepted, to arrange for an equitable sharing plan.

**B. Annual Reporting Burden**

The annual reporting burden is estimated as follows:

*Respondents: 400.*

*Responses Per Respondent: 4.*

*Total Responses: 1,600.*

*Hours Per Response: 30.*

*Total Burden Hours: 48,000.*

*Obtaining Copies of Proposals:*

Requester may obtain a copy of the proposal from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVP), 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0027, Value Engineering Requirements, in all correspondence.

Dated: August 8, 2001.

**Al Matera,**

*Director, Acquisition Policy Division.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**

**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[OMB Control No. 9000-0138]

**Federal Acquisition Regulation; Submission for OMB Review; Contract Financing**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0138).

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension to a currently approved information collection requirement concerning contract financing. A request for public comments was published at 66 FR 22218, May 3, 2001. No comments were received.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the FAR, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on

valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jerry Olson, Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-3221.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**A. Purpose**

The Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act (FASA) of 1994, Pub. L. 103-355, provided authorities that streamlined the acquisition process and minimized burdensome Government-unique requirements. Sections 2001 and 2051 of FASA substantially changed the statutory authorities for Government financing of contracts. Sections 2001(f) and 2051(e) provide specific authority for Government financing of purchases of commercial items, and sections 2001(b) and 2051(b) substantially revised the authority for Government financing of purchases of non-commercial items.

Sections 2001(f) and 2051(e) provide specific authority for Government financing of purchases of commercial items. These paragraphs authorize the Government to provide contract financing with certain limitations.

Sections 2001(b) and 2051(b) also amended the authority for Government financing of non-commercial purchases by authorizing financing on the basis of certain classes of measures of performance.

To implement these changes, DOD, NASA, and GSA amended the FAR by revising Subparts 32.0, 32.1, and 32.5; by adding new Subparts 32.2 and 32.10; and by adding new clauses to 52.232.

The coverage enables the Government to provide financing to assist in the performance of contracts for commercial items and provide financing for non-commercial items based on contractor performance.

**B. Annual Reporting Burden**

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2 hours per request for commercial financing and 2 hours per request for performance-based financing, 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 for commercial financing is estimated as follows:

*Respondents: 1,000.*

*Responses Per Respondent: 5.*

*Total Responses: 5,000.*

*Hours Per Response: 2.*

*Total Burden Hours: 10,000.*

The annual reporting burden for performance-based financing is estimated as follows:

*Respondents: 500.*

*Responses Per Respondent: 12.*

*Total Responses: 6,000.*

*Hours Per Response: 2.*

*Total Burden Hours: 12,000.*

*Obtaining Copies of Proposals:*

Requester may obtain a copy of the proposal from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVP), 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0138, Contract Financing, in all correspondence.

Dated: August 8, 2001.

**Al Matera,**

*Director, Acquisition Policy Division.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Office of the Secretary****Notice of Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense (DoD) Medicare-Eligible Retiree Health Care Board of Actuaries.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** A meeting of the Board has been scheduled to execute the provisions of Chapter 56, Title 10, United States Code (10 U.S.C. 1111 et seq.). The Board shall review DoD actuarial methods and assumptions to be used in the valuation of benefits under DoD retiree health care programs for Medicare-eligible beneficiaries. Persons desiring to: (1) attend the DoD Medicare-Eligible Retiree Health Care Board of Actuaries meeting or, (2) make an oral presentation or submit a written statement for consideration at the

meeting must notify Joel Sitrin at (703) 696-7412 by August 31, 2001.

Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

**DATES:** September 14, 2001, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Pentagon, Room 1E801.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joel Sitrin, Deputy Chief Actuary, DoD Office of the Actuary, 1555 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 701, Arlington, VA 22209-2405, (703) 696-7412.

Dated: August 8, 2001.

**L.M. Bynum,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Office of the Secretary of Defense****Membership of the Performance Review Board**

**AGENCY:** Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

**ACTION:** Notice.

This notice announces the appointment of the members of the Performance Review Board (PRB) of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service. The publication of PRB membership is required by 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4). The Performance Review Board (PRB) provides fair and impartial review of Senior Executive Service performance appraisals and makes recommendations regarding performance ratings and performance awards to the Director, DFAS.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** August 24, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lisa Shipe, Outreach Division, Human Resources Directorate, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Arlington, Virginia, (703) 607-3829.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4), the following executives are appointed to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service PRB: Executives listed will serve a one-year renewable term, effective August 24, 2001.

**List All Members of PRB**

Susan J. Grant (Chairperson)

JoAnn R. Boutelle

Edward T. Grysavage

Leon J. Krushinski

Dated: August 8, 2001.

**L.M. Bynum,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, DoD.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers****Intent To Prepare a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) for Proposed Changes to the Chickamauga Lock Project, Hamilton County, TN**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The Corps of Engineers, Nashville District, and the Tennessee Valley Authority (Cooperating Agency) will prepare a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) to the 1996 Environmental Impact Statement titled Chickamauga Dam—Navigation Lock Project Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). This supplement is necessary to provide information unknown and not required at the time the FEIS was completed.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received by the Corps of Engineers on or before September 10, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on issues to be considered in the SEIS shall be mailed to: Wayne Easterling or Patty Coffey, Project Planning Branch, Nashville District Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 1070 (PM-P), Nashville, Tennessee 37202-1070.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information concerning the notice and meeting announcement, please contact Wayne Easterling, Environmental Team, (615) 736-7847, or Patty Coffey, Environmental Team, (615) 736-7865.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

1. The intent of the Supplemental EIS is to provide National Environmental Policy Act coverage for the Chickamauga Lock project that were unknown or not required when the original EIS was prepared. The original EIS for Chickamauga Lock was completed in 1995 and a Record of Decision signed in 1996. The original EIS considered four alternatives including no action (closing the existing lock), constructing a new 110 x 600 foot lock (preferred alternative), constructing a new 60 x 360 foot lock (replacement in kind) and constructing a new 75 x 400 foot lock. The SEIS now proposed