

the sole means of disseminating the product, will not impose substantial acquisition or training costs on users, especially State and local governments and small business entities." OMB Circular A-130, paragraph 8a(8)(e). Elimination of the paper version of the TMEP will not result in any significant acquisition costs. The Internet version of the TMEP can be accessed without any special equipment or software. Free access to the TMEP will continue to be provided on DVD-ROM and via the Internet at all eighty-seven Patent and Trademark Depository Library (PTDL) locations throughout the United States. Elimination of the paper version of the TMEP is unlikely to significantly increase the demand for computer capacity at the PTDLs or otherwise impose a burden on them. PTDLs routinely provide reference assistance and training in the access and use of this and other trademark information. However, the electronic version of the TMEP is highly user-friendly, and therefore, its use requires little or no training. In addition, commercial vendors currently provide the TMEP in paper form, and the USPTO anticipates that availability through this channel will continue.

The guidelines also provide that use of electronic media is proper if "[t]he agency develops and maintains the information electronically." OMB Circular A-130, paragraph 8a(8)(a). The information set forth in the TMEP is both developed and maintained electronically.

A further requirement for use of electronic means to disseminate information is that the "[e]lectronic media or formats are practical and cost effective ways to provide public access to a large, highly detailed volume of information." OMB Circular A-130, paragraph 8a(8)(b). Electronic dissemination of the TMEP is both cost-effective and practical. Non-electronic dissemination of the TMEP is fairly costly. For example, when the TMEP was last reissued, the USPTO expended over \$20,000.00 in printing and binding costs. Electronic dissemination would eliminate these costs. Additionally, electronic dissemination is highly practical; such dissemination will allow the USPTO to issue updates whenever required by statutory, regulatory or policy changes. Additionally, the electronic format allows users to conduct electronic searches of the nineteen chapters and numerous subsections that comprise the TMEP.

The guidelines also require that "[t]he agency disseminates the product frequently." OMB Circular A-130, paragraph 8a(8)(c). The TMEP is

disseminated to users on demand. Currently, the product is updated every few years because of the burden involved in printing and disseminating a several-hundred-page paper document. Moving to electronic dissemination only will permit the USPTO to issue much more frequent updates and keep the TMEP current with changes in statute, regulation, and procedure.

The guidelines also provide that information should not be disseminated electronically unless "[t]he agency knows a substantial portion of users have ready access to the necessary information technology and training to use electronic information dissemination products." OMB Circular A-130, paragraph 8a(8)(d). The USPTO is confident that a substantial proportion of its customers have ready access to the Internet, the forum on which the TMEP is posted, and that its customers have the necessary training to utilize the TMEP.

At this time, at least one publisher offers a paper TMEP in a slightly different format than that offered by the GPO. Thus, the USPTO is confident that, if there is a demand for a paper TMEP, an entrepreneurial publisher exists who will offer a paper publication.

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Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property, Director, United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

[OMB Control Number 0704-0214]

Information Collection Requirement; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Special Contracting Methods

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 requirement and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. DoD invites comments on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the

agency, 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. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved this information collection requirement for use through December 31, 2002. DoD proposes that OMB extend its approval for use through December 31, 2005.

DATES: DoD will consider all comments received by June 14, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Respondents may submit comments directly on the World Wide Web at <http://emissary.acq.osd.mil/dar/dfars.nsf/pubcomm>. As an alternative, respondents may e-mail comments to: dfars@acq.osd.mil. Please cite OMB Control Number 0704-0214 in the subject line of e-mailed comments.

Respondents that cannot submit comments using either of the above methods may submit comments to: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Attn: Ms. Susan L. Schneider, OUSD(AT&L)DP(DAR), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062; facsimile (703) 602-0350. Please cite OMB Control Number 0704-0214.

At the end of the comment period, interested parties may view public comments on the World Wide Web at <http://emissary.acq.osd.mil/dar/dfars.nsf>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Susan L. Schneider, (703) 602-0326. The information collection requirements addressed in this notice are available electronically on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dp/dars/dfars.html>. Paper copies are available from Ms. Susan L. Schneider, OUSD(AT&L)DP(DAR), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 217, Special Contracting Methods, and related provisions and clauses at DFARS 252.217-7012, Liability and Insurance, DFARS 252.217-7018, Change in Plant Location—Bakery and Dairy Products, DFARS 252.217-7026, Identification of Sources of Supply, and 252.217-7028, Over and Above Work; OMB Control Number 0704-0214.

Needs and Uses: DFARS Part 217 prescribes policies and procedures for acquiring supplies and services by special contracting methods. Contracting officers use the required information as follows:

The clause at DFARS 252.217-7012 is used in master agreements for repair and alteration of vessels. Contracting officers use the information required by paragraph (d) of the clause to determine that the contractor is adequately insured. This requirement supports prudent business practice, because it limits the Government's liability as a related party to the work the contractor performs. Contracting officers use the information required by paragraphs (f) and (g) of the clause to keep informed of lost or damaged property for which the Government is liable, and to determine the appropriate course of action for replacement or repair of the property.

Contracting officers use the information required by the clause at DFARS 252.217-7018 to determine the place of performance under contracts for bakery and dairy products. This information helps to ensure that food products are manufactured and processed in sanitary facilities.

Contracting officers use the information required by the provision at DFARS 252.217-7026 to identify the apparently successful offeror's sources of supply so that competition can be enhanced in future acquisitions. This collection complies with 10 U.S.C. 2384, Supplies: identification of supplier and sources, which requires the contractor to identify the actual manufacturer or all sources of supply for supplies furnished under contract to DoD.

Contracting officers use the information required by the clause at 252.217-7028 to determine the extent of "over and above" work before the work commences. This requirement allows the Government to review the need for pending work before the contractor begins performance.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.
Annual Burden Hours: 765,498.
Number of Responses: 53,160.
Responses per Respondent: 1.3.
Average Burden Per Response: 14.4 hours.

Frequency: On occasion.

Summary of Information Collection

Each provision or clause requires the offeror or contractor to submit certain information:

a. Paragraph (d)(3) of the clause at DFARS 252.217-7012 requires the contractor to show evidence of

insurance under a master agreement for vessel repair and alteration.

b. Paragraphs (f) and (g) of the clause at DFARS 252.217-7012 require the contractor to notify the contracting officer of any property loss or damage for which the Government is liable, and to submit to the contracting officer a request for reimbursement of the cost of replacement or repair with supporting documentation.

c. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of the clause at DFARS 252.217-7018 require the offeror or contractor to obtain contracting officer approval before changing the place of performance of a contract for bakery or dairy products.

d. The provision at 252.217-7026 requires the apparently successful offeror to identify its sources of supply.

e. Paragraphs (c) and (e) of the clause at DFARS 252.217-7028 require the contractor to submit to the contracting officer a work request and a proposal for "over and above" work.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0071]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Information Collection; Price Redetermination

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 (9000-0071).

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 price redetermination. The clearance currently expires on June 30, 2002.

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 June 14, 2002.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julia Wise, Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 208-1168.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

Fixed-price contracts with prospective price redetermination provide for firm fixed prices for an initial period of the contract with prospective redetermination at stated times during performance. Fixed price contracts with retroactive price redetermination provide for a fixed ceiling price and retroactive price redetermination within the ceiling after completion of the contract. In order for the amounts of price adjustments to be determined, the firms performing under these contracts must provide information to the Government regarding their expenditures and anticipated costs. The information is used to establish fair price adjustments to Federal contracts.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 3,500.

Responses Per Respondent: 2.

Annual Responses: 7,000.

Hours Per Response: 1.

Total Burden Hours: 7,000.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVP), Room 4035, 1800 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0071, Price Redetermination, in all correspondence.