

2003. DoD proposes that OMB extend its approval for use through March 31, 2006.

DATES: DoD will consider all comments received by December 2, 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 0704-0397 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: Mr. Rick Layser, OUSD(AT&L)DP(DAR), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062; facsimile (703) 602-0350. Please cite OMB Control Number 0704-0397.

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: Mr. Rick Layser, at (703) 602-0293. The information collection requirements addressed in this notice are available on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dp/dars/dfars.html>. Paper copies are available from Mr. Rick Layser, OUSD(AT&L)DP(DAR), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title and OMB Number:* Contract Modifications—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 243 and associated clauses in DFARS 252.243; OMB Control Number 0704-0397.

Needs and Uses: The information collection required by the clause at DFARS 252.243-7002, Requests for Equitable Adjustment, implements 10 U.S.C. 2410(a). DoD contracting officers and auditors use this information to evaluate contractor requests for equitable adjustment to contract terms.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

Annual Burden Hours: 2,120.

Number of Respondents: 440.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 440.

Average Burden Per Response: 4.8 hours.

Frequency: On occasion.

Summary of Information Collection

The clause at DFARS 252.243-7002, Requests for Equitable Adjustment, requires contractors to certify that requests for equitable adjustment that exceed the simplified acquisition

threshold are made in good faith and that the supporting data are accurate and complete. The clause also requires contractors to fully disclose all facts relevant to the requests for adjustment.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

[OMB Control Number 0704-0250]

Information Collection Requirement; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Contract Administration

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 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. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved this information collection for use through January 31, 2003. DoD proposes that OMB extend its approval for use through January 31, 2006.

DATES: DoD will consider all comments received by December 2, 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 0704-0250 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: Mr. Rick Layser, OUSD(AT&L)DP(DAR), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062; facsimile (703) 602-0350. Please cite OMB Control Number 0704-0250.

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: Mr. Rick Layser, at (703) 602-0293. The information collection requirements addressed in this notice are available on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dp/dars/dfars.html>. Paper copies are available from Mr. Rick Layser, OUSD(AT&L)DP(DAR), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title, Associated Forms, and OMB Number:* Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 242, Contract Administration, and related clauses in DFARS Part 252; DD Form 375, Production Progress Report; DD Form 375C, Production Progress Report (Continuation); and DD Form 1659, Application for U.S. Government Shipping Documentation/Instructions; OMB Control Number 0704-0250.

Needs and Uses: DoD needs this information to perform contract administration functions. DoD uses the information as follows:

a. Contract administration offices use the information required by DFARS Subpart 242.11, and submitted on DD Forms 375 and 375C, to determine contractor progress and to identify any factors that may delay contract performance.

b. Administrative contracting officers use the information required by DFARS Subpart 242.73 to determine the allowability of insurance/pension costs under Government contracts.

c. Contract administration offices and transportation officers use the information required by DFARS 252.242-7003, and submitted on DD Form 1659, in providing Government bills of lading to contractors.

d. Contracting officers use the information required by DFARS 252.242-7004 to determine if contractor material management and accounting systems conform to established DoD standards.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

Annual Burden Hours: 537,590.

Number of Respondents: 109,560.

Responses Per Respondent:

Approximately 2.

Annual Responses: 172,430.

Average Burden Per Response:
Approximately 3 hours.
Frequency: On occasion.

Summary of Information Collection

This information collection includes requirements relating to DFARS Part 242, Contract Administration.

a. DFARS Subpart 242.11 requires DoD contract administration personnel to conduct production reviews to determine contractor progress and to identify any factors that may delay contract performance. Contractors must provide information needed to support the reviews and must submit production progress reports on DD Forms 375 and 375c.

b. DFARS Subpart 242.73 contains requirements for Government conduct of Contractor Insurance/Pension Reviews. Contractors must provide documentation needed to support the reviews.

c. DFARS 252.242-7003 requires contractors to request Government bills of lading by submitting DD Form 1659 to the transportation officer or the contract administration office.

d. DFARS 252.242-7004 requires contractors to establish, maintain, disclose, and demonstrate material management and accounting systems.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics)/Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Industrial Policy)/Industrial Capabilities and Assessments.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics)/Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Industrial Policy)/Industrial Base Capabilities and Readiness 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 the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's 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 through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by December 2, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics)/Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Industrial Policy)/Industrial Base Capabilities and Readiness, ATTN: Mr. John Bissell, Room 3E1060, 3330 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3330.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address, or call Industrial Base Capabilities and Readiness, at (703) 602-4290.

Title, Associated Form; and OMB Number: Industrial Capabilities Questionnaire; DD Form 2737; OMB Number 0704-0377.

Needs and Uses: As part of its responsibilities to facilitate a diverse, responsive, and competitive industrial base, the Department of Defense (DoD) requires accurate, pertinent, and up to date information as to industry's ability to satisfy defense needs. The Industrial Capabilities Questionnaire will be used by all Services and the Defense Logistics Agency to gather business, industrial capability (employment, skills, facilities, equipment, processes, and technologies), and manufactured end item information to conduct required industrial assessments and to support DoD strategic planning and decisions. Such data is essential to the Department of Defense for peacetime and wartime industrial base planning. All DD Form 2737 data submitted to the Department of Defense, Military Services or Defense Agencies are treated as Proprietary Company Confidential information and protected from release to other parties.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Annual Burden Hours: 12,800.

Number of Respondents: 153,600.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 12 Hours.

Frequency: Annually.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

Respondents are industry professionals who provide information to the requesting DoD agency on the industrial capabilities associated with the subject facility being reviewed. The DoD agencies were directed to solicit only those data elements within this form necessary to conduct the particular planning or assessment task at hand. This approach is used to minimize the burden for data requests on industry and limit the retention of in-house data to that essential to supporting defense decisions and plans. A significant portion of this information will be collected electronically and, with appropriate measures to protect sensitive data, will be made available to authorized users in the Department to support a wide variety of industrial capability analyses. These analyses are used to support cost effective acquisition of defense systems and key troop support/consumable items, assess the implications of changes in defense spending on industry, development of responsive logistics support efforts, and industrial preparedness planning and readiness analyses. The lack of accurate, current and relevant industry capability information will adversely impact the integrity of the Department's decisions and planning efforts.

Dated: September 25, 2002.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meetings.

SUMMARY: The Joint Defense Science Board/Air Force Scientific Advisory Board Task Force on the Acquisition of National Security Space Programs will meet in closed sessions on October 3-4, 2002, in Littleton, CO; October 15-17, 2002, in Los Angeles, CA, and Colorado Springs, CO; and October 30-November 1, 2002, in Chantilly, VA. This Task Force will review the acquisition of National Security Space Programs and make recommendations to improve the