

p.m. on the last day of the comment period, Monday, November 12, 2007.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Institutes of Health awarded a construction grant to Boston University to partly fund the design and construction of one of two National Biocontainment Laboratories (NBLs). These advanced biomedical research laboratories are essential to the civilian biodefense initiative providing critically needed Biosafety Levels 2, 3, and 4 research space. The basic and translational research to be conducted in these laboratories over the next 20 years will result in development of new rapid diagnostic assays, vaccines and therapeutics for protection of the American public against intentional misuse or release of harmful biological agents or toxins and emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases such as H5N1 highly pathogenic avian influenza and the SARS coronavirus.

The NIH completed and published a final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and published a Record of Decision as required for major federal actions under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Construction of the National Emerging Infectious Diseases Laboratory (NEIDL) began at the BioSquare II Research Park on Albany Street, Boston, Massachusetts adjacent to the Boston University Medical Center (BUMC).

During the preparation of the EIS, the NIH conducted a thorough review of the possible impacts of the NBL on the public and the environment. That review demonstrated that the construction and operation of the NBL was not a risk to the community in which the laboratory was sited or surrounding communities. In response to additional and lingering concerns raised by some members of the community, the NIH has performed additional reviews of the potential impacts of the NBL. These reviews included additional "hard look" alternative site analyses and risk assessments investigating potential infectious disease threats that may be posed to the public should an exotic infectious agent be released into the community through an infected laboratory worker, laboratory accident or other mishap. Additionally, the risk assessments specifically addressed an

on-going community concern that an Environmental Justice community near the proposed NEIDL site in Boston would be disproportionately impacted should a release occur.

#### **Availability of Copies and Electronic Access**

Copies of the Supplementary Risk Assessments and Site Suitability Analyses for the National Emerging Infectious Disease Laboratory, Boston University Medical Center may be obtained at no cost by calling 301-496-7775, or by emailing requests to [nihnepa@mail.nih.gov](mailto:nihnepa@mail.nih.gov). Documents are available in alternate formats upon request. Persons who want a publication in an alternate format should specify the type of format. The document will also be available on the NIH Web site [http://www.nems.nih.gov/aspects/nat\\_resources/programs/nepa.cfm](http://www.nems.nih.gov/aspects/nat_resources/programs/nepa.cfm).

Dated: August 15, 2007.

**Daniel G. Wheeland,**

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## **DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

### **Information Collection Authority Under Homeland Security Acquisition Regulation (HSAR)**

**AGENCY:** Office of Chief Procurement Officer, Acquisition Policy and Legislation Office, DHS.

**ACTION:** Submission for OMB review; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security, Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, Acquisition Policy and Legislation Office, has submitted the following information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The Office of the Chief Procurement Officer is soliciting comments concerning an extension to an existing collection, Information collection authority under Homeland Security Acquisition Regulation (HSAR).

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until October 22, 2007. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.1

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and questions about this Information Collection Request should be forwarded to the Acquisition Policy and Legislation

Office, Attn: Kathy Strouss for the Department of Homeland Security, Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, Room 3114, Washington, DC 20528.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kathy Strouss, 202-447-5300 (this is not a toll free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office of the Chief Procurement Officer requires a renewal request and a revision of an existing OMB Control number for four forms in the HSAR 48 CFR Chapter 30. This notice provides a request for renewal of the designated OMB Control Number 1600-0002 previously granted in September 2004 on the following four forms: DHS Form 0700-01, DHS Form 0700-02, DHS Form 0700-03, and DHS Form 0700-04. These four forms will be used by contractors and/or contract employees during contract administration. A fifth form, DHS Form 0700-05, which was included with initial clearance and approval for this OMB control number 1600-0002 in September 2004, is obsolete due to recent changes in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 48 CFR Chapter 2. The change to FAR Part 45 was effective June 14, 2007 and removed previously existing annual contractor reporting requirements. The DHS Form 0700-05 supported the collection of the annual contractor report. A HSAR change will include designation of the DHS Form 0700-05, Contractor Report of Government Property as obsolete. No extension of the collection is requested for this form. DHS Form 0700-04, Employee Claim for Wage Restitution, requires an amendment to reflect a name change. The office designated for receipt of the claim currently appears as "The General Accounting Office" but the name has changed to "The Government Accountability Office". No other amendments to the DHS HSAR forms are anticipated. The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments regarding the following:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information;
3. Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;
4. Ways to minimize the information collection burden.
5. Estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance,

and purchase of services to provide information.

**Analysis**

*Agency:* Department of Homeland Security, Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, Acquisition Policy and Legislation Office.

*Title:* Information collection authority under Homeland Security Acquisition

Regulation (HSAR). Form(s): DHS Form 0700-01, Cumulative Claim and Reconciliation Statement; DHS Form 0700-02, Contractor's Assignment of Refunds, Rebates, Credits and other Amounts; DHS Form 0700-03, Contractor's Release; DHS Form 0700-04, Employee Claim for Wage Restitution; and DHS Form 0700-05,

Contractor Report of Government Property.

*OMB Number:* 1600-0002.

*Affected Public:* Businesses and individuals seeking and who are currently contracting with the DHS.

*Annual Estimated Burden:* The annual estimated burden is 7,101 hours.

Nature of burden .....	Total annual paper burden (number of respondents x estimated time per respondent x frequency) = total burden hours	
Formula .....	R = number of respondents T = time per respondent F = frequency B = Burden	R x T x F = B

\*Submit forms to provide the data required by various FAR clauses to facilitate contract closeout:

Form	Formula > R x T x F =	Burden > B
DHS Form 0700-01 .....	589 x 1 x 1 .....	589
DHS Form 0700-02 .....	589 x 1 x 1 .....	589
DHS Form 0700-03 .....	5,898 x 1 x 1 .....	5,898

\*Submit claim form for nonpayment of wages. Information needed to seek restitution, via the Government

Accountability Office (GAO) for contractor employees:

Form	Formula > R x T x F =	Burden > B
DHS Form 0700-04 .....	25 x 1 x 1 .....	= 25

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* \$0.00.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining):* \$0.00.

The asterisk (\*) denotes that the requested information is, in the strictest sense of the word, contract administration data. It is not data of a general nature solicited from the public at large. This information is furnished to the Government by contractors who are being paid to meet all the terms and conditions of the contract.

**Scott Charbo,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**Regulation on Agency Protests**

**AGENCY:** Office of Chief Procurement Officer, Acquisition Policy and Legislation Office, DHS.

**ACTION:** Submission for OMB review; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security, Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, Acquisition Policy and Legislation Office, has submitted the following information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The Office of the Chief Procurement Officer is soliciting comments concerning a renewal to an existing collection, Regulation on Agency Protests.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until October 22, 2007. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.1.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and questions about this Information Collection Request should be forwarded to the Acquisition Policy and Legislation Office, Attn: Kathy Strouss for the Department of Homeland Security, Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, Room 3114, Washington, DC 20528.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kathy Strouss, 202-447-5300 (this is not a toll free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office of the Chief Procurement Officer requires a renewal of an existing OMB Control number for the regulation on agency protests. This notice provides a request for comments on the renewal of the presently designated OMB Control Number 1600-0004, granted in September 2004. The information is requested from contractors so that the Government will be able to evaluate protests effectively and provide prompt resolution of issues in dispute when contractors file agency level protests.

The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments regarding the following:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the agency's information collection burden estimate;