

security program due to ownership or control by a foreign government;

- Determine whether there is a compelling reason for a contractor to enter into a subcontract in excess of \$30,000 with a firm, or subsidiary of a firm, that is identified in the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement as being ineligible for award of Defense subcontracts because it is owned or controlled by the government of a terrorist country;

- Evaluate claims of indemnification for losses or damages occurring under a research and development contract; and
- Keep track of radio frequencies on electronic equipment under research and development contracts so that the user does not override or interfere with the use of that frequency by another user.

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

Annual Burden Hours: 1,628.

Number of Respondents: 573.

Responses per Respondent:

Approximately 2.

Annual Responses: 1,144.

Average Burden per Response: 1.5 hours.

Frequency: On occasion.

Summary of Information Collection

This information collection pertains to information, as required in DFARS parts 208, 209, 235, and associated clauses in part 252 that an offeror must submit to DoD in response to a request for proposals or an invitation for bids or a contract requirement. In particular, the information collection covers the following DFARS requirements:

- *252.208-7000, Intent to Furnish Precious Metals as Government-Furnished Material.* Paragraph (b) of this clause requires an offeror to cite the type and quantity of precious metals required in the performance of the contract. Paragraph (c) requires the offeror to submit two prices for each deliverable item that contains precious metals: one based on the Government furnishing the precious metals, and the other based on the contractor furnishing the precious metals.

- *252.209-7001, Disclosure of Ownership or Control by the Government of a Terrorist Country.* Paragraph (c) of this provision requires an offeror to provide a disclosure with its offer if the government of a terrorist country has a significant interest in the offeror, in a subsidiary of the offeror, or in a parent company of which the offeror is a subsidiary.

- *252.209-7002, Disclosure of Ownership or Control by a Foreign Government.* Paragraph (c) requires the

offeror to provide a disclosure with its offer of any interest a foreign government has in the offeror when that interest constitutes control of the offeror by a foreign government.

- *252.209-7004, Subcontracting with Firms that are Owned or Controlled by the Government of a Terrorist Country.* Paragraph (b) requires the contractor to notify the contracting officer in writing before entering into a subcontract in excess of \$30,000 with a party that is identified in the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs as being ineligible for award of defense contracts or subcontracts because it is owned or controlled by the government of a terrorist country. The contractor must provide the name of the proposed subcontractor and the compelling reasons for doing business with the subcontractor.

- *252.235-7000, Indemnification Under 10 U.S.C. 2534—Fixed Price; and 252.235-7001, Indemnification Under 10 U.S.C. 2534—Cost-Reimbursement.* Paragraphs (f) and (e), respectively, of these clauses require contractors to notify the contracting officer of any claim and provide (1) proof or evidence of a claim and (2) copies of all pertinent papers when the contractor is to be indemnified.

- *DFARS 252.235-7003, Frequency Authorization.* Paragraph (b) requires that the contractor or subcontractor provide to the contracting officer the technical operating characteristics for any experimental, developmental, or operational equipment for which the appropriate frequency allocation has not been made.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Acquisition Regulations System

[OMB Control Number 0704-0454]

Information Collection Requirement; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Administrative Matters

AGENCY: Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

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 requirement for use through January 31, 2012. DoD proposes that OMB extend its approval for three additional years.

DATES: DoD will consider all comments received by January 27, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by OMB Control Number 0704-0454, using any of the following methods:

- *Email:* dfars@osd.mil. Include OMB Control Number 0704-0454 in the subject line of the message.

- *Fax:* 703-602-0350.

- *Mail:* Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Attn: Mr. Julian Thrash, OUSD (AT&L) DPAP/DARS, Room 3B855, 3060 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3060.

Comments received generally will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. To confirm receipt of your comment(s), please check <http://www.regulations.gov> approximately two to three days after submission to verify posting (except allow 30 days for posting of comments submitted by mail).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Julian Thrash, at (703) 602-0310. The information collection requirements addressed in this notice are available electronically on the Internet at: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/dfars/index.htm>. Paper copies are available from Mr. Julian Thrash, OUSD (AT&L) DPAP (DARS), Room 3B855, 3060 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3060.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title and OMB Number: Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 204, Administrative Matters: U.S. International Atomic Energy Agency

Additional Protocol; OMB Control Number 0704-0454.

Needs and Uses: This requirement is necessary to provide for protection of information or activities with national security significance. As such, this information collection requires contractors to comply with the notification process at DFARS clause 252.204-7010, Requirement for Contractor to Notify DoD if the Contractor's Activities are Subject to Reporting Under the U.S.-International Atomic Energy Agency Additional Protocol.

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

Number of Respondents: 300.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 300.

Average Burden per Response: 1 hour.

Annual Burden Hours: 300.

Frequency: On occasion.

Summary of Information Collection

Under the U.S.-International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Additional Protocol, the United States is required to declare a wide range of public and private nuclear-related activities to the IAEA and potentially provide access to IAEA inspectors for verification purposes. The U.S.-IAEA Additional Protocol permits the United States unilaterally to declare exclusions from inspection requirements for activities with direct national security significance.

The clause at 252.204-7010 is included in contracts for research and development or major defense acquisition programs involving fissionable materials (e.g., uranium, plutonium, neptunium, thorium, americium); other radiological source materials; or technologies directly related to nuclear power production, including nuclear or radiological waste materials.

The clause requires a contractor to provide written notification to the applicable DoD program manager and a copy of the notification to the contracting officer, if the contractor is required to report its activities under the U.S.-IAEA Additional Protocol. Upon such notification, DoD will determine if access may be granted to IAEA inspectors, or if a national security exclusion should be applied.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection requests.

SUMMARY: The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: An emergency review has been requested in accordance with the Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3507 (j)), since public harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by December 9, 2011. A regular clearance process is also beginning. Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 27, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Education Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., Room 10222, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, be faxed to (202) 395-5806 or emailed to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov with a cc: to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Director of OMB provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4)

Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. ED invites public comment.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: November 22, 2011.

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Federal Student Aid

Type of Review: New.

Title: Loan Verification Certificate for Special Direct Consolidation Loans.

OMB #: Pending.

Abstract: This Loan Verification Certificate (LVC) will serve as the means by which the U.S. Department of Education (the Department) collects certain information from commercial holders of Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program loans that a borrower wishes to consolidate into the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Program under a special initiative announced by the White House in an October 25, 2011 fact sheet titled "Help Americans Manage Student Loan Debt." Loans made under this initiative are known as Special Direct Consolidation Loans. The information collected on the LVC includes the amount needed to pay off the loans that the borrower wants to consolidate and other information required by the Department to make and service a Special Direct Consolidation Loan.

The purpose of the special consolidation initiative is to encourage borrowers who have both commercially-held FFEL Program loans and other loans that are held by the Department (either Direct Loan Program loans or FFEL Program loans previously sold to the Department by a FFEL Program lender) to consolidate their commercially-held FFEL Program loans into the Direct Loan Program. Currently, these borrowers have at least two loan servicers and are required to make at least two separate monthly payments on