

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****GENERAL SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATION****NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND  
SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[Docket 2012–0076; Sequence 43; OMB Control No. 9000–0073]

**Federal Acquisition Regulation;  
Information Collection; Advance  
Payments**

**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.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Regulatory Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a previously approved information collection requirement concerning advance payments.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the Federal Acquisition Regulations (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 21, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments identified by Information Collection 9000–0073 Advance Payments by any of the following methods:

- *Regulations.gov:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal by searching the OMB control number. Select the link “Submit a Comment” that corresponds with “Information Collection 9000–0073, Advance Payments.” Follow the instructions provided at the “Submit a Comment” screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and “Information Collection 9000–0073, Advance Payments” on your attached document.

- *Fax:* 202–501–4067.

- *Mail:* General Services

Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (MVCB), 1275 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20417. Attn: Hada Flowers/IC 9000–0073, Advance Payments.

*Instructions:* Please submit comments only and cite Information Collection 9000–0073, Advance Payments, in all correspondence related to this collection. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Edward Chambers, Procurement Analyst, Office of Governmentwide Acquisition Policy, GSA, (202) 501–3221 or email [edward.chambers@gsa.gov](mailto:edward.chambers@gsa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****A. Purpose**

Advance payments may be authorized under Federal contracts and subcontracts. Advance payments are the least preferred method of contract financing and require special determinations by the agency head or designee. Specific financial information about the contractor is required before determinations by the agency head or designee. Specific financial information about the contractor is required before such payments can be authorized (see FAR 32.4 and 52.232–12). The information is used to determine if advance payments should be provided to the contractor.

**B. Annual Reporting Burden**

*Respondents:* 500.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 500.

*Hours per Response:* 1.

*Total Burden Hours:* 500.

*Obtaining Copies of Proposals:*

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (MVCB), 1275 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20417, telephone (202) 501–4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000–0073, Advance Payments, in all correspondence.

Dated: July 10, 2012.

**Laura Auletta,**

*Director, Office of Governmentwide Acquisition Policy, Office of Acquisition Policy, Office of Governmentwide Policy.*

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**GENERAL SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATION**

[Docket 2012–0001; Sequence 12: OMB Control No. 3090–0228]

**Information Collection;  
Nondiscrimination in Federal Financial  
Assistance Programs**

**AGENCY:** Office of Civil Rights, GSA.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for comments regarding a renewal to an existing OMB clearance.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, the General Services Administration will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve a previously approved information collection requirement regarding nondiscrimination in Federal financial assistance programs. This information is needed to facilitate nondiscrimination in GSA’s Federal Financial Assistance Programs, consistent with Federal civil rights laws and regulations that apply to recipients of Federal financial assistance.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary 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; and ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before: September 21, 2012.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Evelyn Britton, Director, External Programs Division, Office of Civil Rights, at telephone (202) 603–1645 or via email to [evelyn.britton@gsa.gov](mailto:evelyn.britton@gsa.gov).

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments identified by Information Collection 3090–0228, Nondiscrimination in Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by any of the following methods:

- *Regulations.gov:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal by searching the OMB control number. Select the link “Submit a Comment” that corresponds with “Information Collection 3090–0228, Nondiscrimination in Federal Financial Assistance Programs”. Follow the instructions provided at the “Submit a Comment” screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and “Information Collection 3090–0228, Nondiscrimination in Federal Financial Assistance Programs” on your attached document.

- *Fax:* 202–501–4067.

• *Mail:* General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (MVCB), 1275 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20417. Attn: Hada Flowers/IC 3090-0228, Nondiscrimination in Federal Financial Assistance Programs.

*Instructions:* Please submit comments only and cite Information Collection 3090-0228, Nondiscrimination in Federal Financial Assistance Programs, in all correspondence related to this collection. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### A. Purpose

The General Services Administration (GSA) has mission responsibilities related to monitoring and enforcing compliance with Federal civil rights laws and regulations that apply to Federal Financial Assistance programs administered by GSA. Specifically, those laws provide that no person on the ground of race, color, national origin, disability, sex or age shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program in connection with which Federal financial assistance is extended under laws administered in whole or in part by GSA. These mission responsibilities generate the requirement to request and obtain certain data from recipients of Federal surplus property for the purpose of determining compliance, such as the number of individuals, based on race and ethnic origin, of the recipient's eligible and actual serviced population; race and national origin of those denied participation in the recipient's program(s); non-English languages encountered by the recipient's program(s) and how the recipient is addressing meaningful access for individuals that are Limited English Proficient; whether there has been complaints or lawsuits filed against the recipient based on prohibited discrimination and whether there has been any findings; and whether the recipient's facilities are accessible to qualified individuals with disabilities.

##### B. Annual Reporting Burden

*Respondents:* 1,200.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Total Responses:* 1200.

*Hours per Response:* 2.

*Total Burden Hours:* 2,400.

*Obtaining Copies of Proposals:*

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from

the General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (MVPR), 1275 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20417, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 3090-0228, Nondiscrimination in Federal Financial Assistance Programs, in all correspondence.

Dated: July 9, 2012.

**Casey Coleman,**

*Chief Information Officer.*

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#### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[Notice-MG-2012-05; Docket 2012-0002; Sequence 13]

##### Office of Federal High-Performance Green Buildings; Federal Buildings Personnel Training Act; Notification of Release of Core Competencies and Recommended Curriculum

**AGENCY:** Office of Federal High-Performance Green Buildings, Office of Governmentwide Policy, GSA.

**ACTION:** Notice of release of core competencies and recommended curriculum.

**SUMMARY:** The General Services Administration, Office of Governmentwide Policy, is providing notification of the release of the core competencies and recommended curriculum for Federal personnel involved in facilities operations and management.

**DATES:** July 23, 2012.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. John Simpson, Program Manager, Federal Buildings Personnel Training Act, Office of Federal High-Performance Green Buildings, Office of Governmentwide Policy, General Services Administration, 1275 First Street NE., Room 634, Washington, DC 20417; telephone at 951-302-4463, or via email at [john.simpson@gsa.gov](mailto:john.simpson@gsa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Core Competencies and the Curriculum are available for download from the Office of Federal High-Performance Green Building Web site Library at—<http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/117699>.

The Facilities Management Institute, *FMI.innovations.gov* (available 08/01/2012), is a public facing “cloud institute” developed to implement the requirements of the Federal Buildings Personnel Training Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111-308). It has been structured to embody the principles of transparency, participation and collaboration. No membership will be required for

*FMI.innovations.gov* (available 08/01/2012), an open site where the public, Federal agencies, professional societies, industry associations, apprenticeship training providers and academic institutions will come together to collaborate on every aspect of reducing the cost of the Federal Government while increasing its productivity.

Dated: June 21, 2012.

**John C. Thomas,**

*Deputy Director, Office of Committee and Regulatory Management, Office of Governmentwide Policy, General Services Administration.*

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#### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[Notice-QDA-2012-01; Docket No. 2012-0002; Sequence 17]

##### Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) Program Continuous Open Season-Operational Change

**AGENCY:** Federal Acquisition Service, GSA.

**ACTION:** Notice with a request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The General Services Administration (GSA), Federal Acquisition Service (FAS) intends to institute a Demand Based Model (DBM) designed to assess and improve the performance of the Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) contracts operated by GSA. GSA is proposing this operational change to enhance the performance of and modernize the MAS program in three key program areas: Small business viability, operational efficiency, and cost control. The DBM will realign suppliers under the MAS program with current Federal marketplace demands. This will result in directing suppliers, including small businesses, to where government procurement needs are; thereby having a supplier base more focused on providing innovative solutions to address the procurement needs of the government, especially under these current fiscal challenges. Operational efficiencies and cost control thus realized will restore and maintain the MAS program's value to Federal agencies as a streamlined acquisition vehicle through reduction in duplicative contracts, better contract administration support by GSA as well as other increased levels of customer support from GSA. Additionally, DBM is intended to benefit participating members of industry, including small businesses, by improving processing time for awards, modifications and