

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Acquisition Regulations System has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by May 9, 2016.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title and OMB Number:* Information Collection in Support of the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 242; Contract Administration and Audit Services, and related clauses in DFARS part 252; OMB Control Number 0704-0250.

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

*Type of Request:* Extension.

*Number of Respondents:* 7,418.

*Responses per Respondent:* 12.8.

*Annual Responses:* 94,963.

*Average Burden per Response:* Approximately 2.02 hours.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 192,372.

*Reporting Frequency:* On occasion.

*Needs and Uses:* The Government requires this information in order to perform its contract administration functions. DoD uses the information as follows:

a. The information required by DFARS subpart 242.11 is used by contract administration offices to monitor contract progress, identify factors that may delay contract performance, and to ascertain potential contract delinquencies.

b. The information required by DFARS 252.242-7004 is used by contracting officers to determine if contractor material management and accounting systems conform to established DoD standards.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Ms. Jasmeet Seehra.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Ms. Seehra at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

You may also submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by the following method:

*Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number, and title for the **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other public submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are

received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact 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).

*DoD Clearance Officer:* Mr. Frederick C. Licari.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Licari at: Publication Collections Program, WHS/ESD Information Management Division, 4800 Mark Center Drive, 2nd Floor, East Tower, Suite 02G09, Alexandria, VA 22350-3100.

**Amy G. Williams,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Higher Initial Maximum Uniform Allowance Rate

**AGENCY:** Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense (DoD or “the Department”), is proposing to establish a higher initial maximum uniform allowance to procure and issue uniform items for uniformed security guard personnel. This proposal is pursuant to the authority granted to DoD by section 591.104 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), which states that an agency may establish one or more initial maximum uniform allowance rates greater than the Governmentwide maximum uniform allowance rate established under 5 CFR 591.103.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before May 9, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Address all comments concerning this notice to Cheryl A. Opere, Pay Team, Defense Civilian Personnel Advisory Service, Department of Defense, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Suite 05J25, Alexandria, VA 22350-1100.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cheryl Opere, 571-372-1682.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department is proposing to implement a higher initial maximum uniform allowance to procure and issue uniform

items for uniformed security guard personnel. This is being established in accordance with 5 CFR 591.104, which states that an agency may establish one or more initial maximum uniform allowance rates greater than the Governmentwide maximum uniform allowance rate established under 5 CFR 591.103.

The current \$800.00 limit has become inadequate to maintain the uniform standards and professional image expected of Federal uniformed security guards. The uniform items for uniformed security guard personnel include the following items or similar items such as: Winter gloves; battle dress uniform pants and blouses; cold weather and light weight duty jackets; duty sweaters; dress duty trousers; short sleeve summer and long sleeve winter duty dress shirts; jacket and pants rain gear; felt hats; duty caps; high gloss duty shoes; leather duty boots; duty ties; heavy duty battle dress uniform duty coats; cloth uniform insignia patches and cloth uniform badges. The average total uniform cost for the listed items is \$1,800.00. Based on these current costs, the Department is proposing to increase the initial maximum uniform allowance for uniformed police personnel to \$1,800.00. The number of uniformed security guard personnel affected by this change in the Department would be approximately 3,400 employees. The proposed effective date of this higher initial maximum uniform allowance rate is April 1, 2016.

Dated: April 4, 2016.

**Aaron Siegel,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

### Sunshine Act Notice

**AGENCY:** Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

**ACTION:** Notice of closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b), and the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's (Board) regulations implementing the Government in the Sunshine Act, notice is hereby given of the Board's closed meeting described below.

**DATES:** 2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m., April 8, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mark Welch, General Manager, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue NW., Suite 700, Washington, DC 20004–2901, (800) 788–4016. This is a toll-free number.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting will be closed to the public. No participation from the public will be considered during the meeting.

#### Status

Closed. During the closed meeting, the Board Members will discuss issues dealing with potential Recommendations to the Secretary of Energy. The Board is invoking the exemption to close a meeting described in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(3) and (9)(B) and 10 CFR 1704.4(c) and (h). The Board has determined that it is necessary to close the meeting since conducting an open meeting is likely to disclose matters that are specifically exempted from disclosure by statute, and/or be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. In this case, the deliberations will pertain to potential Board Recommendations which, under 42 U.S.C. 2286d(b) and (h)(3), may not be made publicly available until after they have been received by the Secretary of Energy or the President, respectively.

**Matters To Be Considered:** The meeting will proceed in accordance with the closed meeting agenda which is posted on the Board's public Web site at [www.dnfsb.gov](http://www.dnfsb.gov). Technical staff may present information to the Board. The Board Members are expected to conduct deliberations regarding potential Recommendations to the Secretary of Energy.

Dated: April 4, 2016.

**Joyce L. Connery,**  
Chairman.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Applications for New Awards; Innovative Approaches to Literacy Program

**AGENCY:** Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice.

*Overview Information:* Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL) Program.

Notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2016.

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number:* 84.215G.

**DATES:** *Applications Available:* April 7, 2016.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* May 9, 2016.

*Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:* July 6, 2016.

#### Full Text of Announcement

##### I. Funding Opportunity Description

**Purpose of Program:** The IAL program supports high-quality programs designed to develop and improve literacy skills for children and students from birth through 12th grade in high-need local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools. The U.S. Department of Education (Department) intends to support innovative programs that promote early literacy for young children, motivate older children to read, and increase student achievement by using school libraries as partners to improve literacy, distributing free books to children and their families, and offering high-quality literacy activities.

The IAL program supports the implementation of high-quality plans for childhood literacy activities and book distribution efforts that are supported by evidence of strong theory.

**Priorities:** This notice contains one absolute priority and three competitive preference priorities. The absolute priority is from the notice of final priorities, requirement, and definitions for this program (IAL NFP) published in the **Federal Register** on June 17, 2014 (79 FR 34428). Competitive Preference Priorities 1 and 2 are from the Department's notice of final supplemental priorities and definitions for discretionary grant programs (Supplemental Priorities), published in the **Federal Register** on December 10, 2014 (79 FR 73425). Competitive Preference Priority 3 is from the IAL NFP.

**Absolute Priority:** For FY 2016 and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applications from this competition, this priority is an absolute priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) we consider only applications that meet this priority.

This priority is:

*High-Quality Plan for Innovative Approaches to Literacy That Include Book Distribution, Childhood Literacy Activities, or Both, and That Is Supported, at a Minimum, by Evidence of Strong Theory.*

To meet this priority, applicants must submit a plan that is supported by evidence of strong theory, including a

rationale for the proposed process, product, strategy, or practice and a corresponding logic model.

The applicant must submit a plan with the following information:

(a) A description of the proposed book distribution, childhood literacy activities, or both, that are designed to improve the literacy skills of children and students by one or more of the following—

- (1) Promoting early literacy and preparing young children to read;
- (2) Developing and improving students' reading ability;
- (3) Motivating older children to read; and
- (4) Teaching children and students to read.

(b) The age or grade spans of children and students from birth through 12th grade to be served.

(c) A detailed description of the key goals, the activities to be undertaken, the rationale for those activities, the timeline, the parties responsible for implementing the activities, and the credibility of the plan (as judged, in part, by the information submitted as evidence of strong theory); and

(d)(i) A description of how the proposed project is supported by strong theory; and

(ii) The corresponding logic model.

**Competitive Preference Priorities:** For FY 2016 and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applications from this competition, these priorities are competitive preference priorities. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i), we award an additional five points per priority to an application that meets Competitive Preference Priorities 1–3, for a total of 15 possible points.

These priorities are:

**Competitive Preference Priority 1—Leveraging Technology To Support Instructional Practice and Professional Development.** (5 points)

Projects that are designed to leverage technology through using high-speed Internet access and devices to increase students' and educators' access to high-quality accessible digital tools, assessments, and materials, particularly open educational resources.

**Competitive Preference Priority 2—Improving Early Learning and Development Outcomes.** (5 points)

Projects that are designed to improve early learning and development outcomes across one or more of the essential domains of school readiness for children from birth through third grade (or for any age group within this range) through a focus on one or more of the following:

- (a) Increasing access to high-quality early learning and development