

SUMMARY: In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Acquisition Technology and Logistics (Program Support) announces a proposed 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 July 25, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

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

- *Mail:* Department of Defense, Office of the Deputy Chief Management Officer, Directorate for Oversight and Compliance, 4800 Mark Center Drive, ATTN: Mailbox 24, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700.

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Any associated form(s) for this collection may be located within this same electronic docket and downloaded for review/testing. Follow the instructions at <http://www.regulations.gov> for submitting comments. Please submit comments on any given form identified by docket number, form number, and title.

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 Defense Manpower Data Center, Synchronized

Predeployment and Operational Tracker Enterprise Suite (SPOT-ES) Program Management Office, ATTN: Samuel

Gregson, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Suite 04E25, Alexandria, VA 22350, or call SPOT-ES PMO at 571-372-1139.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Synchronized Predeployment and Operational Tracker Enterprise Suite (SPOT-ES); OMB Control Number 0704-0460.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary to comply with section 861 of Public Law 110-181 and DoD Instruction 3020.41, "Operational Contract Support" and other appropriate policy, Memoranda of Understanding, and regulations. The Department of Defense, the Department of State (DoS), and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) require that Government contract companies enter their employee's data into the Synchronized Predeployment and Operational Tracker (SPOT) System before contractors are deployed outside of the United States. SPOT is also used during Homeland Defense and Defense Support of Civil Authority Operations in the United States. Any persons who choose not to have data collected will not be entitled to employment opportunities which require this data to be collected.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit.

Annual Burden Hours: 46,760.
Number of Respondents: 1670.
Responses per Respondent: 56.
Annual Responses: 93,520.
Average Burden per Response: 30 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

Data collection on contractors is a condition of DoD contracts when DFARS 252.225-7040, *Contractor Personnel Authorized to Accompany U.S. Armed Forces Deployed Outside the United States*, is incorporated. This clause applies when contractors are authorized to accompany U.S. Armed Forces deployed outside of the United States in contingency, humanitarian or peacekeeping operations or other military operations/exercises when designated by the Combatant Commander.

SPOT is the authorized system for contractor accountability and the only system that provides the Letter of Authorization (LOA) which is required for access to Authorized Government Services (AGS) which are assigned on the LOA for each individual contractor IAW their contract by the responsible Contracting Officer. If the data is not collected to generate the LOA, contractors would not be able to obtain AGS in their deployed locations, including access to dining facilities—

limiting their ability to obtain critical life support.

Dated: May 18, 2016.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Federal Need Analysis Methodology for the 2017-18 Award Year—Federal Pell Grant, Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Work-Study, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan, Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant and TEACH Grant Programs

AGENCY: Federal Student Aid, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Numbers: 84.063; 84.038; 84.033; 84.007; 84.268; 84.408; 84.379.

SUMMARY: The Secretary announces the annual updates to the tables used in the statutory Federal Need Analysis Methodology that determines a student's expected family contribution (EFC) for award year 2017-18 for these student financial aid programs. The intent of this notice is to alert the financial aid community and the broader public to these required annual updates used in the determination of student aid eligibility.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marya Dennis, U.S. Department of Education, room 63G2, Union Center Plaza, 830 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20202-5454. Telephone: (202) 377-3385.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Part F of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), specifies the criteria, data elements, calculations, and tables the Department of Education (Department) uses in the Federal Need Analysis Methodology to determine the EFC.

Section 478 of the HEA requires the Secretary to annually update the following four tables for price inflation—the Income Protection Allowance (IPA), the Adjusted Net Worth (NW) of a Business or Farm, the Education Savings and Asset Protection Allowance, and the Assessment

Schedules and Rates. The updates are based, in general, upon increases in the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

For award year 2017–18, the Secretary is charged with updating the IPA for parents of dependent students, adjusted NW of a business or farm, the education savings and asset protection allowance, and the assessment schedules and rates to account for inflation that took place between December 2015 and December 2016. However, because the Secretary must publish these tables before December 2016, the increases in the tables must be based on a percentage equal to the estimated percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for 2016. The Secretary must also account for any under- or over-estimation of inflation for the preceding year.

In developing the table values for the 2016–17 award year, the Secretary assumed a 2.5 percent increase in the CPI-U for the period December 2014 through December 2015. Actual inflation for this time period was .7 percent. The Secretary estimates that the increase in the CPI-U for the period

December 2015 through December 2016 will be 2.1 percent.

Additionally, section 601 of the College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007 (CCRAA, Pub. L. 110–84) amended sections 475 through 478 of the HEA affecting the IPA tables for the 2009–10 through 2012–13 award years and required the Department to use a percentage of the estimated CPI to update the table in subsequent years. These changes to the IPA impact dependent students, as well as independent students with dependents other than a spouse and independent students without dependents other than a spouse. This notice includes the new 2017–18 award year values for the IPA tables, which reflect the CCRAA amendments. The updated tables are in sections 1 (Income Protection Allowance), 2 (Adjusted Net Worth of a Business or Farm), and 4 (Assessment Schedules and Rates) of this notice.

As provided for in section 478(d) of the HEA, the Secretary must also revise the education savings and asset protection allowances for each award year. The Education Savings and Asset Protection Allowance table for award

year 2017–18 has been updated in section 3 of this notice.

Section 478(h) of the HEA also requires the Secretary to increase the amount specified for the employment expense allowance, adjusted for inflation. This calculation is based on increases in the Bureau of Labor Statistics' marginal costs budget for a two-worker family compared to a one-worker family. The items covered by this calculation are: food away from home, apparel, transportation, and household furnishings and operations. The Employment Expense Allowance table for award year 2017–18 has been updated in section 5 of this notice.

The HEA requires the following annual updates:

1. *Income Protection Allowance.* This allowance is the amount of living expenses associated with the maintenance of an individual or family that may be offset against the family's income. The allowance varies by family size. The IPA for the dependent student is \$6,420. The IPAs for parents of dependent students for award year 2017–18 are as follows:

PARENTS OF DEPENDENT STUDENTS

Family size	Number in college				
	1	2	3	4	5
2	\$17,910	\$14,840	.....	.....	.....
3	22,300	19,250	\$16,190	.....	.....
4	27,540	24,480	21,430	\$18,360	.....
5	32,490	29,430	26,380	23,320	\$20,270
6	38,010	34,940	31,900	28,830	25,790

For each additional family member add \$4,290. For each additional college student subtract \$3,050.

The IPAs for independent students with dependents other than a spouse for award year 2017–18 are as follows:

INDEPENDENT STUDENTS WITH DEPENDENTS OTHER THAN A SPOUSE

Family size	Number in college				
	1	2	3	4	5
2	\$25,280	\$20,960	.....	.....	.....
3	31,480	27,180	\$22,860	.....	.....
4	38,870	34,560	30,260	\$25,930	.....
5	45,870	41,540	37,240	32,920	\$28,620
6	53,640	49,330	45,040	40,690	36,400

For each additional family member add \$6,060. For each additional college student subtract \$4,300.

The IPAs for single independent students and independent students without dependents other than a spouse for award year 2017–18 are as follows:

Marital status	Number in college	IPA
Single	1	\$9,980
Married	2	9,980
Married	1	16,010

2. *Adjusted Net Worth of a Business or Farm.* A portion of the full NW (assets less debts) of a business or farm

is excluded from the calculation of an expected contribution because (1) the income produced from these assets is already assessed in another part of the formula; and (2) the formula protects a portion of the value of the assets.

The portion of these assets included in the contribution calculation is computed according to the following

schedule. This schedule is used for parents of dependent students,

independent students without dependents other than a spouse, and

independent students with dependents other than a spouse.

If the NW of a business or farm is	Then the adjusted NW is
Less than \$1	\$0.
\$1 to \$130,000	\$0 + 40% of NW.
\$130,001 to \$385,000	\$52,000 + 50% of NW over \$130,000.
\$385,001 to \$640,000	\$179,500 + 60% of NW over \$385,000.
\$640,001 or more	\$332,500 + 100% of NW over \$640,000.

3. Education Savings and Asset Protection Allowance. This allowance protects a portion of NW (assets less debts) from being considered available for postsecondary educational expenses. There are three asset protection allowance tables: one for parents of dependent students, one for independent students without dependents other than a spouse, and one for independent students with dependents other than a spouse.

PARENTS OF DEPENDENT STUDENTS

If the age of the older parent is	And they are	
	Married	Single
	Then the education savings and asset protection allowance is	
26	1,100	600
27	2,200	1,300
28	3,400	1,900
29	4,500	2,600
30	5,600	3,200
31	6,700	3,800
32	7,800	4,500
33	9,000	5,100
34	10,100	5,800
35	11,200	6,400
36	12,300	7,000
37	13,400	7,700
38	14,600	8,300
39	15,700	9,000
40	16,800	9,600
41	17,100	9,800
42	17,500	10,000
43	17,900	10,200
44	18,400	10,500
45	18,800	10,700
46	19,300	10,900
47	19,800	11,200
48	20,200	11,400
49	20,700	11,700
50	21,200	12,000
51	21,700	12,200
52	22,400	12,500
53	22,900	12,800
54	23,600	13,200
55	24,100	13,500
56	24,800	13,800
57	25,600	14,100
58	26,200	14,500
59	26,900	14,900
60	27,700	15,200
61	28,500	15,600
62	29,300	16,000
63	30,100	16,400
64	31,100	16,900

PARENTS OF DEPENDENT STUDENTS—Continued

If the age of the older parent is	And they are	
	Married	Single
	Then the education savings and asset protection allowance is	
65 or older	31,900	17,300

INDEPENDENT STUDENTS WITH DEPENDENTS OTHER THAN A SPOUSE

If the age of the student is	And they are	
	Married	Single
	Then the education savings and asset protection allowance is	
25 or less	0	0
26	1,100	600
27	2,200	1,300
28	3,400	1,900
29	4,500	2,600
30	5,600	3,200
31	6,700	3,800
32	7,800	4,500
33	9,000	5,100
34	10,100	5,800
35	11,200	6,400
36	12,300	7,000
37	13,400	7,700
38	14,600	8,300
39	15,700	9,000
40	16,800	9,600
41	17,100	9,800
42	17,500	10,000
43	17,900	10,200
44	18,400	10,500
45	18,800	10,700
46	19,300	10,900
47	19,800	11,200
48	20,200	11,400
49	20,700	11,700
50	21,200	12,000
51	21,700	12,200
52	22,400	12,500
53	22,900	12,800
54	23,600	13,200
55	24,100	13,500
56	24,800	13,800
57	25,600	14,100
58	26,200	14,500
59	26,900	14,900
60	27,700	15,200
61	28,500	15,600
62	29,300	16,000
63	30,100	16,400

INDEPENDENT STUDENTS WITH DEPENDENTS OTHER THAN A SPOUSE—Continued

If the age of the student is	And they are	
	Married	Single
	Then the education savings and asset protection allowance is	
64	31,100	16,900
65 or older	31,900	17,300

INDEPENDENT STUDENTS WITHOUT DEPENDENTS OTHER THAN A SPOUSE

If the age of the student is	And they are	
	Married	Single
	Then the education savings and asset protection allowance is	
25 or less	0	0
26	1,100	600
27	2,200	1,300
28	3,400	1,900
29	4,500	2,600
30	5,600	3,200
31	6,700	3,800
32	7,800	4,500
33	9,000	5,100
34	10,100	5,800
35	11,200	6,400
36	12,300	7,000
37	13,400	7,700
38	14,600	8,300
39	15,700	9,000
40	16,800	9,600
41	17,100	9,800
42	17,500	10,000
43	17,900	10,200
44	18,400	10,500
45	18,800	10,700
46	19,300	10,900
47	19,800	11,200
48	20,200	11,400
49	20,700	11,700
50	21,200	12,000
51	21,700	12,200
52	22,400	12,500
53	22,900	12,800
54	23,600	13,200
55	24,100	13,500
56	24,800	13,800
57	25,600	14,100
58	26,200	14,500
59	26,900	14,900
60	27,700	15,200

INDEPENDENT STUDENTS WITHOUT DE- PENDENTS OTHER THAN A SPOUSE—Continued

If the age of the student is	And they are	
	Married	Single
	Then the education savings and asset protection allowance is	
61	28,500	15,600
62	29,300	16,000
63	30,100	16,400
64	31,100	16,900
65 or older	31,900	17,300

4. *Assessment Schedules and Rates.* Two schedules that are subject to updates—one for parents of dependent students and one for independent students with dependents other than a spouse—are used to determine the EFC from family financial resources toward educational expenses. For dependent students, the EFC is derived from an assessment of the parents' adjusted available income (AAI). For independent students with dependents other than a spouse, the EFC is derived from an assessment of the family's AAI. The AAI represents a measure of a

family's financial strength, which considers both income and assets.

The parents' contribution for a dependent student is computed according to the following schedule:

If AAI is	Then the Contribution is
Less than — \$3,409	— \$750.
— \$3,409 to \$16,000	22% of AAI.
\$16,001 to \$20,100	\$3,520 + 25% of AAI over \$16,000.
\$20,101 to \$24,200	\$4,545 + 29% of AAI over \$20,100.
\$24,201 to \$28,300	\$5,734 + 34% of AAI over \$24,200.
\$28,301 to \$32,300	\$7,128 + 40% of AAI over \$28,300.
\$32,301 or more	\$8,728 + 47% of AAI over \$32,300.

The contribution for an independent student with dependents other than a

spouse is computed according to the following schedule:

If AAI is	Then the Contribution is
Less than — \$3,409	— \$750.
— \$3,409 to \$16,000	22% of AAI.
\$16,001 to \$20,100	\$3,520 + 25% of AAI over \$16,000.
\$20,101 to \$24,200	\$4,545 + 29% of AAI over \$20,100.
\$24,201 to \$28,300	\$5,734 + 34% of AAI over \$24,200.
\$28,301 to \$32,300	\$7,128 + 40% of AAI over \$28,300.
\$32,301 or more	\$8,728 + 47% of AAI over \$32,300.

5. *Employment Expense Allowance.* This allowance for employment-related expenses—which is used for the parents of dependent students and for married independent students—recognizes additional expenses incurred by working spouses and single-parent households. The allowance is based on the marginal differences in costs for a two-worker family compared to a one-worker family. The items covered by these additional expenses are: Food away from home, apparel,

transportation, and household furnishings and operations.

The employment expense allowance for parents of dependent students, married independent students without dependents other than a spouse, and independent students with dependents other than a spouse is the lesser of \$4,000 or 35 percent of earned income.

6. *Allowance for State and Other Taxes.* The allowance for State and other taxes protects a portion of parents' and students' incomes from being considered available for postsecondary

educational expenses. There are four categories for State and other taxes, one each for parents of dependent students, independent students with dependents other than a spouse, dependent students, and independent students without dependents other than a spouse. Section 478(g) of the HEA directs the Secretary to update the tables for State and other taxes after reviewing the Statistics of Income file data maintained by the Internal Revenue Service.

State	Parents of dependents and independents with dependents other than a spouse		Dependents and independents without dependents other than a spouse
	Percent of total income		
	Under \$15,000	\$15,000 & up	
	All		
Alabama	3	2	2
Alaska	2	1	0
Arizona	4	3	2
Arkansas	4	3	3
California	8	7	6

State	Parents of dependents and independents with dependents other than a spouse		Dependents and independents without dependents other than a spouse
	Percent of total income		
	Under \$15,000	\$15,000 & up	All
Colorado	4	3	3
Connecticut	9	8	5
Delaware	5	4	3
District of Columbia	8	7	6
Florida	3	2	1
Georgia	5	4	3
Hawaii	5	4	4
Idaho	5	4	3
Illinois	6	5	3
Indiana	4	3	3
Iowa	5	4	3
Kansas	4	3	3
Kentucky	5	4	4
Louisiana	3	2	2
Maine	6	5	4
Maryland	8	7	6
Massachusetts	7	6	4
Michigan	5	4	3
Minnesota	6	5	5
Mississippi	3	2	2
Missouri	5	4	3
Montana	5	4	3
Nebraska	5	4	3
Nevada	2	1	1
New Hampshire	5	4	1
New Jersey	9	8	5
New Mexico	3	2	2
New York	10	9	7
North Carolina	5	4	4
North Dakota	2	1	1
Ohio	5	4	3
Oklahoma	3	2	2
Oregon	7	6	5
Pennsylvania	5	4	3
Rhode Island	7	6	4
South Carolina	5	4	3
South Dakota	2	1	1
Tennessee	2	1	1
Texas	3	2	1
Utah	5	4	3
Vermont	6	5	3
Virginia	6	5	4
Washington	3	2	1
West Virginia	3	2	2
Wisconsin	7	6	4
Wyoming	2	1	1
Other	2	1	1

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Dated: May 19, 2016.

James W. Runcie,

Chief Operating Officer, Federal Student Aid.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Orders Granting Authority To Import and Export Natural Gas, To Import and Export Liquefied Natural Gas, Denying Request for Rehearing, and Granting Motion for Extension of Time To File During April 2016

	FE Docket Nos.
DOMINION COVE POINT LNG, LP	11-128-LNG
FLINT HILLS RESOURCES, LP	15-168-LNG
MORGAN STANLEY CAPITAL GROUP, INC	16-42-LNG
POWER CITY PARTNERS, L.P	16-41-NG
IGI RESOURCES, INC	16-46-NG
EMPIRE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION	16-48-NG
SOCCO, INC	16-44-NG
JM & RAL ENERGY, INC	16-51-NG
SEMPRA LNG MARKETING, LLC	16-52-LNG
TOURMALINE OIL MARKETING CORP	16-43-NG
SEQUENT ENERGY MANAGEMENT, L.P	16-40-NG
JORDAN COVE ENERGY PROJECT L.P	12-32-LNG

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy,
Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of orders.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy gives notice that during April 2016, it issued orders granting authority to import and export natural gas, to import and export liquefied natural gas (LNG), denying request for rehearing, and granting motion for extension of time to file.

These orders are summarized in the attached appendix and may be found on the FE Web site at <http://energy.gov/fe/listing-doe-fe-authorizations-orders-issued-2016>. They are also available for inspection and copying in the U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34), Division of Natural Gas Regulation, Office of Regulation and International Engagement, Office of Fossil Energy, Docket Room 3E-033, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue

SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-9478. The Docket Room is open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, DC, on May 16, 2016.

John A. Anderson,

Director, Office of Regulation and International Engagement, Office of Oil and Natural Gas.

APPENDIX—DOE/FE ORDERS GRANTING IMPORT/EXPORT AUTHORIZATIONS

3331-B	04/18/16	11-128-LNG	Dominion Cove Point LNG, LP.	Opinion and Order denying request for rehearing of Order granting Long-term Multi-contract authority to export LNG by vessel from the Cove Point LNG Terminal in Calvert County, Maryland, to Non-free Trade Agreement Nations.
3809	04/13/16	15-168-LNG	Flint Hills Resources, LP	Order granting Long-term, Multi-contract authority to export LNG in ISO containers or in Bulk Loaded at the Stabilis LNG Eagle Ford, LLC Facility in George West, Texas, and exported by vessel to Free Trade Agreement Nations.
3810	04/13/16	16-42-LNG	Morgan Stanley Capital Group, Inc.	Order granting blanket authority to import LNG from various international sources by vessel.
3811	04/13/16	16-41-NG	Power City Partners, L.P	Order granting blanket authority to import natural gas from Canada.
3812	04/14/16	16-46-NG	IGI Resources, Inc.	Order granting blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada.
3813	04/14/16	16-48-NG	Empire Natural Gas Corporation.	Order granting blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada.
3814	04/14/16	16-44-NG	Socco, Inc	Order granting blanket authority to import natural gas from Canada.
3815	04/28/16	16-51-NG	JM & RAL Energy, Inc	Order granting blanket authority to export natural gas to Mexico.
3816	04/28/16	16-52-LNG	Sempra LNG Marketing, LLC	Order granting blanket authority to import LNG from various international sources by vessel.
3817	04/28/16	16-43-NG	Tourmaline Oil Marketing Corp.	Order granting blanket authority to import natural gas from Canada.
3818	04/29/16	16-40-NG	Sequent Energy Management, L.P.	Order granting blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada.
Procedural Order.	04/01/16	12-32-LNG	Jordan Cove Energy Project L.P.	Order granting Motion for Extension of Time to File Answers to Motions to Intervene and Protests.

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