

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Ms. Hillary Jaffe.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Ms. Jaffe 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 this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other 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.

DoD Clearance Officer: Ms. Patricia Toppings.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Ms. Toppings at WHS/ESD/ Information Management Division, 1777 North Kent Street, RPN, Suite 11000, Arlington, VA 22209-2133.

Dated: February 14, 2006.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Acquisition Regulations System

Suspension of the Price Evaluation Adjustment for Small Disadvantaged Businesses

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

ACTION: Notice of 1-year suspension of the price evaluation adjustment for small disadvantaged businesses.

SUMMARY: The Acting Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy has suspended the use of the price evaluation adjustment for small disadvantaged businesses (SDBs) in DoD procurements, as required by 10 U.S.C. 2323(e)(3), because DoD exceeded its 5 percent goal for contract awards to SDBs in fiscal year 2005. The suspension will

be in effect for 1 year and will be reevaluated based on the level of DoD contract awards to SDBs achieved in fiscal year 2006.

DATES: *Effective Date:* March 10, 2006.

Applicability Date: This suspension applies to all solicitations issued during the period from March 10, 2006, to March 9, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Susan Pollack, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, OUSD (AT&L) DPAP (P), 3015 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3015; telephone (703) 697-8336; facsimile (703) 614-1254.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the authority granted in 10 U.S.C. 2323(e), DoD has previously granted SDBs a 10 percent price preference in certain acquisitions. This price preference is implemented in Subpart 19.11 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation. Section 801 of the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 (Pub. L. 105-261) amended 10 U.S.C. 2323(e)(3) to prohibit DoD from granting such a price preference for a 1-year period following a fiscal year in which DoD achieved the 5 percent goal for contract awards established in 10 U.S.C. 2323(a). Since, in fiscal year 2005, DoD exceeded this 5 percent goal, use of this price preference in DoD acquisitions must be suspended for a 1-year period, from March 10, 2006, to March 9, 2007.

Michele P. Peterson,

Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations System.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Acquisition Regulations System

[OMB Control Number 0704-0321]

Information Collection Requirement; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Contract Financing

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

ACTION: Notice and request for comments regarding a proposed extension of an approved information collection requirement.

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 for use through June 30, 2006. DoD proposes that OMB extend its approval for use for 3 additional years.

DATES: DoD will consider all comments received by April 24, 2006.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by OMB Control Number 0704-0321, using any of the following methods:

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

- E-mail: dfars@osd.mil. Include OMB Control Number 0704-0321 in the subject line of the message.

- Fax: (703) 602-0350.

- Mail: Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Attn: Mr. Bill Sain, OUSD (AT&L) DPAP (DARS), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062.

- Hand Delivery/Courier: Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Crystal Square 4, Suite 200A, 241 18th Street, Arlington, VA 22202-3402.

Comments received generally will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Bill Sain, at (703) 602-0293. The information collection requirements addressed in this notice are available via the Internet at: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/dars/dfars/index.htm>. Paper copies are available from Mr. Bill Sain, OUSD (AT&L) DPAP (DARS), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-2062.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number:* Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 232, Contract Financing, and the clause at 252.232-7002, Progress Payments for Foreign Military Sales Acquisitions; OMB Control Number 0704-0321.

Needs and Uses: Section 22 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C.

2762) requires the U.S. Government to use foreign funds, rather than U.S. appropriated funds, to purchase military equipment for foreign governments. To comply with this requirement, the Government needs to know how much to charge each country. The clause at 252.232-7002, Progress Payments for Foreign Military Sales Acquisitions, requires each contractor whose contract includes foreign military sales (FMS) requirements to submit a separate progress payment request for each progress payment rate, and to submit a supporting schedule that clearly distinguishes the contract's FMS requirements from U.S. requirements. The Government uses this information to determine how much of each country's funds to disburse to the contractor.

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

Annual Burden Hours: 5,508 (includes 1,836 response hours plus 3,672 recordkeeping hours).

Number of Respondents: 306.

Responses per Respondent: Approximately 12.

Annual Responses: 3,672.

Average Burden per Response: .5 hours.

Frequency: On occasion.

Summary of Information Collection

This information collection includes requirements relating to DFARS Part 232, Contract Financing, and the related clause at DFARS 252.232-7002, Progress Payments for Foreign Military Sales Acquisitions.

a. DFARS 232.502-4-70(a) prescribes use of the clause at DFARS 252.232-7002 in any contract that provides for progress payments and contains FMS requirements.

b. DFARS 252.232-7002 requires each contractor whose contract includes FMS requirements to submit a separate progress payment request for each progress payment rate, and to submit a supporting schedule that distinguishes the contract's FMS requirements from U.S. requirements.

Michele P. Peterson,

Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations System.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Meeting of the Board of Visitors of Marine Corps University

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Board of Visitors of the Marine Corps University (BOV MCU) will meet to review, develop, and provide recommendations on all aspects of the academic and administrative policies of the University; examine all aspects of professional military education operations; and provide such oversight and advice, as necessary, to facilitate high educational standards and cost effective operations. The Board will be focusing primarily on the University's Marine Corps War College. All sessions of the meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 12, 2006, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Thursday, April 13, 2006, from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Marine Corps University in the Hooper Room, 2076 South Street, Quantico, Virginia 22134.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Lanzillotta, Executive Secretary, Marine Corps University Board of Visitors, 2076 South Street, Quantico, Virginia 22134, telephone number 703-784-4037.

Dated: February 14, 2006.

Eric McDonald,

Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Invites Comments on the Proposed Information Collection Requests as Required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 24, 2006.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. 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 IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. 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. OMB 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 the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: February 14, 2006.

Angela C. Arrington,

IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Federal Student Aid

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Electronic Debit Payment Option for Student Loans.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or household; Federal Government.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 1,900.

Burden Hours: 258.

Abstract: The need for an Electronic Debit Account Program will give the borrower another option in which to repay federally funded student loans via automatic debit deductions from their checking or savings accounts.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2995. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should