

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at and inquiries should be sent to Room B360, Building 225, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael W. Cresswell, Telephone: 301-975-2072; FAX: 301-948-4081.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The program will be within the scope and confines of the Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-502, 15 U.S.C. 3710a), which provides federal laboratories including NIST, with the authority to enter into cooperative research agreements with qualified parties. Under this law, NIST may contribute personnel, equipment, and facilities—but no funds—to the cooperative research program.

Members will be expected to make a contribution to the consortium's efforts in the form of personnel, data, and/or funds. This is not a grant program.

NIST and Sandia National Laboratories have successfully fabricated and tested prototypes of a new class of reference materials to support CD-metrology below 0.25 m. This work has the long-term goal of the commercial availability of certified physical standards traceable to NIST. As a result of the multiple requests for sample prototypes for evaluative purposes that it received, NIST formed an industry consortium to maximize the benefits of exchanging independent measurement results. That previous consortium ended in July 1997. The proposed consortium will last through July 1998.

Dated: December 4, 1997.

Elaine Buntin-Mines,
Director, Program Office.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. § 3508(c)(2)(A)).

This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirement on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Corporation for National and Community Service is soliciting comments concerning its proposed National Service Enrollment Form (NSEF), and its National Service Member Exit Form (NSMEF). Copies of the information collection requests can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the address section of this notice.

The Corporation for National and Community Service is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Corporation, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section within 60 days of the date of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Office of Evaluation, Lance Potter, Director, Corporation for National and Community Service, 1201 New York Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C., 20525.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lance Potter, (202) 606-5000, ext. 448.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Part I. (National Service Enrollment Form (NSEF))

I. Background

The Corporation for National and Community Service proposes the revision of the Participant Enrollment Form (OMB3200-0018) which has been revised to incorporate elements from the National Service Trust Enrollment Form (OMB3045-0006) in an effort to reduce

burden and facilitate data collection. The new form is called the Corporation for National Service Enrollment Form, and eliminates the need to distribute the National Service Trust Enrollment Form. This new form will be the direct source of information that the Corporation collects from its members. It will also function as a legal certification to the National Service Trust that a Member is enrolled.

II. Current Action

The Corporation for National and Community Service seeks three-year approval of the use of this new form. Emergency approval was granted in June 1997.

Type of Review: Revision.

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Title: National Service Enrollment Form (NSEF).

OMB Number: 3045-0006.

Agency Number: None.

Affected Public: Individuals and not-for-profit institutions.

Total Respondents: 31,000.

Frequency: Annually.

Average Time Per Response: 7 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 3617 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): 0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): 0.

Part II. (National Service Member Exit Form (NSMEF))

I. Background

The Corporation for National and Community Service has revised the Member Exit Form (OMB3045-0015) to incorporate elements from the National Service Trust End of Term Form (OMB3045-0009) in an effort to reduce the burden and facilitate data collection. The form is now called the Corporation for National Service End of Term/Exit Form and eliminates the need to distribute the National Service Trust End of Term Form. The End of Term/Exit Form is one of the only two direct sources of information that the Corporation collects from its Members. The purpose of the End of Term/Exit Form is to function as a legal certification that a Member has satisfied the requirements to qualify for an education award.

II. Current Action

The Corporation for National and Community Service seeks approval of the Corporation for National Service End of Term/Exit Form for which emergency approval was given in June 1997.

Type of Review: Revision.
Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Title: National Service Exit Form (NSEF).

OMB Number: 3045-0015.

Agency Number: None.

Affected Public: Individuals and not-for-profit institutions.

Total Respondents: 31,000.

Frequency: Annually.

Average Time Per Response: 12 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 6200 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): 0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): 0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 3, 1997.

Lance Potter,

Director, Office of Evaluation.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Information Systems Agency

Notice of Availability of the Consolidation and Regionalization Plan, Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), and Associated Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) Defense Megacenters (DMCs) and Related Facilities

AGENCY: Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) is announcing that it has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) and issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) relating to the consolidation and regionalization of its 16 Defense Megacenters (DMCs) and related facilities in response to recommended action from the Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR). This action will result in reduced costs to the Department of Defense (DOD) and improved operational efficiencies without compromising service quality. This notice announces the availability of the final EA and FONSI to concerned agencies and the public.

ADDRESSES: Requests to receive a copy of the EA or FONSI should be mailed to

Defense Information Systems Agency, Public Affairs Officer, 701 S. Courthouse Rd., Arlington, VA 22204-2199. The documents may also be picked up at the same address between the hours of 9 AM and 4 PM EST, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays, by contacting Ms. Betsy Flood at (703) 607-6048/6900. Arrangements must be made in advance to pick up the documents, due to facility security requirements.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Betsy Flood, Public Affairs Officer, at (703) 607-6048/6900.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) is a Department of Defense (DOD) combat support agency under the direction, authority and control of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence (ASD[C31]). One of DISA's mission functions is to provide information processing support to the DOD, services, and agencies. In response to the QDR and continuing pressure to reduce federal spending, DISA has developed a proposal to consolidate and restructure operations and reduce operating costs. As input in the decision process of whether or not to implement this proposal, an EA has been prepared, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The following provides a summary of the proposal, the results of the EA and conclusions.

Proposed Action

The Proposed Action consists of the following:

a. Consolidate mainframe processing from 16 existing Defense Megacenters (DMCs) into six facilities, five plus one Unisys legacy processing site,

b. Establish self-sustaining, regional support centers at each of the existing DMC sites with the exception of Sacramento, which is being closed as part of a Base Closure & Realignment (BRAC) 1995 action,

c. Establish self-sustaining, regional support centers at four of the remaining CONUS Storefront locations, closing others that are not transferred back to the Services through other initiatives, and

d. Reduce overhead staffing and allow for consolidation of overhead support functions.

These initiatives will hereafter be synonymous with the term Proposed Action.

Purpose and Need

With implementation of the Proposed action, DISA intends to:

a. Implement the Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR) recommendation,

b. Reduce costs to DOD by improving operational efficiency, while still providing equivalent or better service,

c. Consolidate mainframe processing into six standardized processing sites, located at existing DISA occupied facilities, through a transparent workload migration process,

d. Reorganize and reduce the management infrastructure needed to manage computer operations under the Defense Working Capital Fund, and

e. Realize savings from more efficient operations already reflected in FY98 and outyear budgets and most recent Program Objective Memorandum (POM) submission.

Result of Action

Under the proposed action, mainframe processing will be performed at the following six sites: DMC Columbus, OH; DMC Mechanicsburg, PA; DMC Ogden, UT; Oklahoma City, OK; DMC St. Louis, MO and DMC San Antonio, TX (Unisys legacy processing site).

The above sites and 13 additional sites would serve as regional sites, with the requirements that workload fully supports the costs to operate each site. The 13 additional sites are the following: Bremerton, WA; Chambersburg, PA; Charleston, SC; Dayton, OH; Denver, CO; Huntsville, AL; Indianapolis, IN; Jacksonville, FL; Montgomery, AL; Norfolk, VA; Rock Island, IL; San Diego, CA and Warner Robins, GA

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

Two alternatives to the proposed action were assessed in this study: The Outsourcing Alternative and the No-Action Alternative.

The outsourcing Alternative is based upon the Coopers & Lybrand study titled 'Strategy Options for Defense Information Services' (February 1996) which represents a potential industry response to outsourcing the mainframe processing workload of the 16 DMCs. This alternative assumes that all DMC technical support and computer operations functions would be contracted to a single commercial firm. Each of the 16 DMCs would be contracted out in order to allow the contractor to consolidate to six sites and achieve efficiencies. The ten remaining sites would be closed.

The No-Action Alternative is considered to be continuation of current