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Signed at Washington, D.C. this 27th Day of March 1998.

Carl Poleskey,

Chief, Branch of Construction Wage Determinations.

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MEDICARE PAYMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

Computer Programming Support Services: Contractor Solicitation

AGENCY: Medicare Payment Advisory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation RFP 02-98-MedPAC, computer programming, data analysis, and related support services.

SUMMARY: The Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) is seeking a contractor to provide computer programming support services including data base development/management and empirical analysis. These services will support MedPAC's

evaluation and monitoring of Medicare's payment policies. A single contractor is being sought to provide these services under time-and-materials contract for a period of one year with options to extend the contract for up to two additional years. Potential offerors must have extensive demonstrated experience in programming for analyses involving Medicare files.

DATES: RFP 02-98-MedPAC will be issued on or about April 1, 1998. Offerors must submit their proposals not later than 5:00 pm local time on May 11, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Interested sources must submit a written request for a copy of this RFP to Delores Curtis, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, 1730 K Street, N.W., Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Delores Curtis (202) 653-7220.

Dated: March 30, 1998.

Helaine I. Fingold,

Contracting Officer.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION AGENCY

[Notice 98-046]

Information Collection: Submission for OMB Review, Comment Request

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of agency report forms under OMB review.

SUMMARY: The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received on or before May 4, 1998.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to Mr. Richard Kall, Office of Aeronautics & Space Transportation Technology, Code HK, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC 20546-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Carmela Simonson, Office of the Chief Information Officer, (202) 358-1223.

Reports: None.

Title: NASA FAR Supplement, Part 1827, Patents, Data and Copyrights.

OMB Number: 2700-0052.

Type of review: Extension.

Need and Uses: The information is used by NASA legal and contracting offices to ensure disposition of inventions in accordance with statutes and to determine the Government's rights in data.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, Federal Government, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 2,845.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 3,557.

Hours Per Request: 8 hrs, 1/2 hr for negative response.

Annual Burden Hours: 10,884.

Frequency of Report: As discovered.

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Deputy Chief Information Officer

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (98-045)]

National Environmental Policy Act; Mars Surveyor Program

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a Tier I environmental impact statement (EIS) and a Tier II EIS and conduct scoping for the Mars Surveyor Program.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and NASA's policy and procedures (14 CFR Part 1216 Subpart 1216.3), NASA intends to prepare a Tier I EIS and a Tier II EIS for the Mars Surveyor Program. This program has been authorized by Congress to launch missions to Mars periodically as part of a long-term program of Mars exploration. The purposes of the Mars Surveyor Program are to (1) conduct additional scientific exploration of Mars, and (2) use the first Mars Sample Return (MSR) mission to return Martian samples collected earlier by either the Mars 2001 or Mars 2003 mission to Earth.

The Tier I EIS will serve as a programmatic EIS for the Mars Surveyor Program and as a mission-specific EIS for the proposed Mars 2001 and Mars 2003 missions. It will address the environmental impacts of the proposed Mars 2001 and Mars 2003 missions and give a preliminary overview of the proposed first MSR mission which is

planned for 2004. The Tier II EIS will provide further details of the MSR mission, including the potential environmental impacts of returning a sample of Martian surface materials and atmosphere to Earth.

The Mars 2001 and 2003 missions are currently proposed to launch from Cape Canaveral Air Station (CCAS), Florida. The Mars 2001 orbiter is scheduled for launch in February 2001. The lander and rover are scheduled for launch in April 2001. The Mars 2003 orbiter, lander, and rover are proposed for launch in May 2003. The first proposed MSR mission, including orbiter, lander and Earth reentry capsule, is scheduled for a single launch in November 2004. Environmental impacts to be considered are those impacts associated with a normal launch from CCAS, and the potential radiological and non-radiological risks of launch accidents. The Mars 2001 and 2003 missions may require the use of up to eight Radioisotope Heater Units (RHU's) for each mission, and minor quantities of Curium-242, Curium-244, and Cobalt-57 for scientific instrumentation. The MSR mission may require the use of up to thirty RHU's.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit comments or environmental concerns on or before May 18, 1998 to assure full consideration during the scoping process.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Mr. Mark R. Dahl, NASA Headquarters, Code SD, Washington, DC 20546-0001. While hard copy comments are preferred, comments by electronic mail may be sent to marsscop@hq.nasa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark R. Dahl, 202-358-1544; electronic mail (marsscop@hq.nasa.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The goal of the Mars Surveyor Program is to understand Mars in terms of life, climate and resources. The specific goals of the 2001, 2003, and MSR missions are to: Do a detailed exploration and characterization of selected areas of the Martian surface; characterize, collect, cache (store) and return samples of the Martian surface materials and atmosphere; map the global geochemical and mineralogical composition of Mars; acquire data on the radiation environment of Mars; demonstrate the viability of in-situ propellant production; and demonstrate aerocapture and precision landing capabilities.

In accordance with the Mars Robotic Exploration Plan, one or two spacecraft to Mars are proposed to be launched during the time period around each

orbital opportunity (approximately every twenty-six months). The missions could include the participation of scientists from the broad research community. The science community and industry would supply science instruments. These missions would be conducted in partnership with industry, and are to be executed within a specific funding profile. The Mars Surveyor Program would include the implementation of an education and outreach program. The 2001 and 2003 proposed mission plans, as defined at this time, include global observations from orbit and, from the surface, collections, storage and analysis of Martian soil and rock samples. The proposed MSR mission plan, as presently defined, includes returning to Earth for more extensive study that cache of samples from either the 2001 or 2003 caches, which is determined to be of most scientific interest. In order to ensure the maximum scientific payoff for the missions, the 2001 and 2003 landers would collect data for 100 days, and the rovers each would collect science data for about one Earth year. In order for the rovers and surface instruments to survive at the low Mars temperatures, RHU's are proposed for use on the rover and on the Mars In-situ Propellant Production instrument in 2001 and on the rover and possibly on instruments not yet selected on the 2003 lander. The landed elements of each of these missions may use up to eight RHU's. RHU's are also likely to be required for the larger MSR spacecraft, but the number and location of any RHU's are still to be determined. However, present planning suggests that the MSR mission may need to use up to thirty RHU's. Each RHU would contain approximately 2.7 grams (about 0.1 ounce) of plutonium dioxide.

NASA plans to address the environmental impacts of the Mars Surveyor Program through a two-tiered EIS process. The Tier I EIS will discuss the overall purpose and need for the Mars Surveyor Program. This EIS also will focus on the specific purpose and need for and the environmental impacts associated with the proposed Mars 2001 and 2003 missions, as well as alternatives to the proposals. Because of unavailable information, it is likely that the MSR mission will only be addressed in terms of a broad conceptual framework in the Tier I EIS. The Mars 2001 and 2003 missions would serve purposes and needs independent of whether or not the MSR is ultimately approved. The Record of Decision (ROD) issued pursuant to the Tier I EIS and other relevant information will