

information collection requirement concerning progress payments. A request for public comments was published in the **Federal Register** at 67 FR 34683, on May 15, 2002. No comments were received.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the FAR, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Submit on or before August 19, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVP), 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeremy F. Olson, Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-3221.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

Certain Federal contracts provide for progress payments to be made to the contractor during performance of the contract. The requirement for certification and supporting information are necessary for the administration of statutory and regulatory limitation on the amount of progress payments under a contract. The submission of supporting cost schedules is an optional procedure that, when the contractor elects to have a group of individual orders treated as a single contract for progress payments purposes, is necessary for the administration of statutory and regulatory requirements concerning progress payments.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 27,000.

Responses Per Respondent: 32.

Annual Responses: 864,000.

Hours Per Response: .55.

Total Burden Hours: 475,000.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals:

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from

the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVP), Room 4035, 1800 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0010, Progress Payments, in all correspondence.

Dated: July 16, 2002.

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Director, Acquisition Policy Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board Summer Study will meet in closed session on August 5-16, 2002, at the Beckman Center, Irvine, CA. At these meetings, the Defense Science Board will discuss interim findings and recommendations resulting from two ongoing Task Force activities: Missile Defense and Special Operations and Joint Forces in Support of Countering Terrorism.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At these meetings, the Board will develop recommendations that help guide the ballistic missile defense system (BMDS) toward a fully integrated, layered defense capable of defeating ballistic missiles in any phase of their flight by examining five areas: Counter-countermeasures; boost phase technology; battle management and command, control, and communications; international cooperation; and the evolution of ballistic missile threats.

The Board will also review all elements of the future joint force, including Special Operation Forces that can contribute to military campaigns. They will address how to: Enhance and best integrate information, maneuver and fires (kinetic and other, lethal and otherwise); deploy, sustain and protect the joint force in these missions, particularly in remote locations and in the face of counter-access measures; and, exploit and leverage the contributions of coalition partners both

traditional (e.g., NATO allies) and non-traditional (e.g., that Afghan Northern Alliance). The Board will then recommend steps to pursue and implement the new and enhanced operational capabilities it identifies.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II), it has been determined that these Defense Science Board meetings concern matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and that, accordingly, the meetings will be closed to the public.

Dated: July 12, 2002.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Inland Waterways Users Board; Request for Nominations

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Section 302 of the Public Law 99-662 established the Inland Waterways Users Board. The Board is an independent Federal advisory committee. The Secretary of the Army appoints its 11 members. This notice is to solicit nominations for seven (7) appointments or reappointments to two-year terms that will begin January 1, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), Department of the Army, Washington, DC 20310-0103. Attention: Inland Waterways Users Board Nominations Committee.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) (703) 697-8986.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The selection, service, and appointment of Board members are covered by provisions of Section 302 of Public Law 99-662. The substance of those provisions is as follows:

a. Selection. Members are to be selected from the spectrum of commercial carriers and shippers using the inland and intracoastal waterways to represent geographical regions, and to be representative of waterborne commerce as determined by commodity ton-miles statistics.

b. Service. The Board is required to meet at least semi-annually to develop and make recommendations to the

Secretary of the Army on waterways construction and rehabilitation priorities and spending levels for commercial navigation improvements, and report its recommendations annually to the Secretary and Congress.

c. Appointment. The operation of the Board and appointment of its members are subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended) and departmental implementing regulations. Members serve without compensation but their expenses due to Board activities are reimbursable. The considerations specified in Section 302 for the selection of the Board members, and certain terms used therein, have been interpreted, supplemented, or otherwise clarified as follows:

(1) *Carriers and Shippers.* The law uses the terms "primary users and shippers." Primary users have been interpreted to mean the providers of transportation services on inland waterways such as barge or towboat operators. Shippers have been interpreted to mean the purchasers of such services for the movement of commodities they own or control. Individuals are appointed to the Board, but they must be either a carrier or shipper, or represent a firm that is a carrier or shipper. For that purpose a trade or regional association is neither a shipper or primary user.

(2) *Geographical Representation.* The law specifies "various" regions. For the purpose of selecting Board members, the waterways subjected to fuel taxes and described in Public Law 95-502, as amended, have been aggregated into six regions. They are (1) the Upper Mississippi River and its tributaries above the mouth of the Ohio; (2) the Lower Mississippi River and its tributaries below the mouth of the Ohio and above Baton Rouge; (3) the Ohio River and its tributaries; (4) the Gulf intracoastal Waterway in Louisiana and Texas; (5) the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway east of New Orleans and associated fuel-taxed waterways including the Tennessee-Tombigbee, plus the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway below Norfolk; and (6) the Columbia-Snake Rivers System and Upper Willamette. The intent is that each region shall be represented by at least one Board member, with that representation determined by the regional concentration of the individual's traffic on the waterways.

(3) *Commodity Representation.* Waterway commerce has been aggregated into six commodity categories based on "inland" ten-miles shown in Waterborne Commerce of the United States. These categories are (1)

Farm and Food Products; (2) Coal and Coke; (3) Petroleum, Crude and Products; (4) Minerals, Ores, and Primary Metals and Mineral Products; (5) Chemicals and Allied Products; and (6) All other. A consideration in the selection of Board members will be that the commodities carried or shipped by those individuals or their firms will be reasonably representative of the above commodity categories.

d. Nomination. Reflecting preceding selection criteria, the current representation by the seven (7) Board members whose terms expire December 31, 2002 is one member representing region 1, one member representing region 2, two members representing region 3, one member representing region 4, one member representing region 5, and one member representing region 6. Also, these Board members represent five carriers, one shipper, and one shipper/carrier. Two of the seven members whose terms expire December 31, 2002, are eligible for reappointment. Nominations to replace Board members whose terms expire December 31, 2002, may be made by individuals, firms or associations. Nominations will:

- (1) State the region to be represented.
- (2) State whether the nominee is representing carriers, shippers or both.
- (3) Provide information on the nominee's personal qualifications.
- (4) Include the commercial operations of the carrier and/or shipper with whom the nominee is affiliated. This commercial operations information will show the actual or estimated ton-miles of each commodity carried or shipped on the inland waterways system in a recent year (or years) using the waterway regions and commodity categories previously listed.

Nominations received in response to last year's **Federal Register** notice (66 FR 36757) published on July 13, 2001 have been retained for consideration. Renomination is not required but may be desirable.

e. Deadline for Nominations. All nominations must be received at the address shown above no later than August 31, 2002.

Luz D. Ortiz,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Armament Retooling and Manufacturing Support Executive Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of the next meeting of the Armament Retooling and Manufacturing Support (ARMS) Executive Advisory Committee (EAC). The EAC encourages the development of new and innovative methods to optimize the asset value of the Government-Owned, Contractor-Operated ammunition industrial base for peacetime and national emergency requirements, while promoting economical and efficient processes at minimal operating costs, retention of critical skills, community economic benefits, and a potential model for defense conversion. The U.S. Army, Operations Support Command, will host this meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to update the EAC and public on the status of ongoing actions, new items of interest, and suggested future direction/actions. Topics for this meeting will include: ARMS Loan Program; Effects of TIM on Consideration; Security Issues; and Arsenal Support Program Initiative Update. This meeting is open to the public.

Date of Meeting: August 28-29, 2002.

Place of Meeting: Isle of Capri Hotel, 1777 Isle Parkway, Bettendorf, IA 52722.

Time of Meeting: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. on August 28 and 7:30 a.m.-12 p.m. on August 29.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mike Perez, U.S. Army Operations Support Command, and Attn: AMSOS-CCM-I, Rock Island Arsenal, IL 61299, phone (309) 782-3360.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A block of rooms has been reserved at the Isle of Capri Hotel for the nights of August 27-28, 2002. The Isle of Capri Hotel is located at 1777 Isle Parkway, Bettendorf, Iowa 52722, local phone (563) 359-7280. Please make your reservations by calling 800-724-5825. Be sure to mention the guest code acronym ARMS Meeting. Reserve your room prior to August 8th to get the Government Rate of \$55.00 a night. Also notify this office of your attendance by notifying Mike Perez, perezmi@osc.army.mil, and (309) 782-3360 (DSN 793-3360). *To insure adequate arrangements (transportation,*