

On behalf of the Commission.

Dated: January 15, 2014.

Lee E. Goodman,

Chairman, Federal Election Commission.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Federal Open Market Committee; Domestic Policy Directive of December 17-18, 2013

In accordance with Section 271.25 of its rules regarding availability of information (12 CFR part 271), there is set forth below the domestic policy directive issued by the Federal Open Market Committee at its meeting held on December 17-18, 2013.¹

Consistent with its statutory mandate, the Federal Open Market Committee seeks monetary and financial conditions that will foster maximum employment and price stability. In particular, the Committee seeks conditions in reserve markets consistent with federal funds trading in a range from 0 to ¼ percent. The Committee directs the Desk to undertake open market operations as necessary to maintain such conditions. Beginning in January, the Desk is directed to purchase longer-term Treasury securities at a pace of about \$40 billion per month and to purchase agency mortgage-backed securities at a pace of about \$35 billion per month. The Committee also directs the Desk to engage in dollar roll and coupon swap transactions as necessary to facilitate settlement of the Federal Reserve's agency mortgage-backed securities transactions. The Committee directs the Desk to maintain its policy of rolling over maturing Treasury securities into new issues and its policy of reinvesting principal payments on all agency debt and agency mortgage-backed securities in agency mortgage-backed securities. The System Open Market Account Manager and the Secretary will keep the Committee informed of ongoing developments regarding the System's balance sheet that could affect the attainment over time of the Committee's objectives of maximum employment and price stability.

¹ Copies of the Minutes of the Federal Open Market Committee at its meeting held on December 17-18, 2013, which includes the domestic policy directive issued at the meeting, are available upon request to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551. The minutes are published in the Federal Reserve Bulletin and in the Board's Annual Report.

By order of the Federal Open Market Committee. January 9, 2014.

William B. English,

Secretary, Federal Open Market Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0090; Docket No. 2012-0076; Sequence No. 71]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Submission for OMB Review; Rights in Data and Copyrights

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Regulatory Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a previously approved information collection requirement concerning rights in data and copyrights. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** at 78 FR 45196 on July 26, 2013. No comments were received.

DATES: Submit comments on or before February 21, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments identified by Information Collection 9000-0090, Rights in Data and Copyrights, by any of the following methods:

- *Regulations.gov:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal by searching the OMB control number. Select the link "Submit a Comment" that corresponds with "Information Collection 9000-0090, Rights in Data and Copyrights". Follow the instructions provided at the "Submit a Comment" screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and "Information Collection 9000-0090, Rights in Data and Copyrights" on your attached document.

- *Fax:* 202-501-4067.

- *Mail:* General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (MVCB), 1800 F Street NW., 2nd Floor, Washington, DC 20405-0001. ATTN:

Hada Flowers/IC 9000-0090, Rights in Data and Copyrights.

Instructions: Please submit comments only and cite Information Collection 9000-0090, Rights in Data and Copyrights, in all correspondence related to this collection. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Marissa Petrussek, Procurement Analyst, at 202-501-0136. For information pertaining to status or publication schedules, contact the Regulatory Secretariat at 202-501-4755.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

Subpart 27.4, Rights in Data and Copyrights is a regulation which concerns the rights of the Government and contractors with whom the Government contracts, regarding the use, reproduction, and disclosure of information developed under such contracts. The delineation of such rights is necessary in order to protect the contractor's rights to not disclose proprietary data and to ensure that data developed with public funds is available to the public. The specific clauses associated with this information collection are as follows:

(1) FAR 52.227-15, Representation of Limited Rights Data and Restricted Computer Software. This clause is included in solicitations if the contracting officer requires an offeror to state whether limited rights data or restricted computer software are likely to be used in meeting the requirements. FAR 52.227-15 requires the contractor to identify whether data proposed for fulfilling the requirements is limited to data rights or restricted software. If the government does not receive unlimited rights, the contractor must provide a list of the data not covered. This information is submitted with a contractor's proposal to the Government. The Government uses the information to identify when there are only limited data rights or restricted software rights.

(2) FAR 52.227-16, Additional Data Requirements. This clause is included in all contracts for experimental, developmental, research, or demonstration work (other than basic or applied research to be performed solely by a university or college where the contract amount will be \$500,000 or less). The clause requires that the contractor keep all data first produced in the performance of the contract for a period of three years from the final

acceptance of all items delivered under the contract.

FAR 52.227–16 allows the Government to require delivery of data not initially asked for at anytime during the contract and up to three years after completion. All data covered by this clause is paid for by the Government. FAR 52.227–16 also requires a record-keeping burden from the contractor to maintain data first produced or specifically used in performance of the contract within three years after acceptance of all items delivered under the contract. Much of this data will be in the form of the deliverables provided to the Government under the contract (final report, drawings, specifications, etc.). Some data, however, will be in the form of computations, preliminary data, records of experiments, etc., and these will be the data that will be required to be kept over and above the deliverables. The purpose of such recordkeeping requirements is to ensure that the Government can fully evaluate the research in order to ascertain future activities and to ensure that the research was completed and fully reported, as well as to give the public an opportunity to assess the research results and secure any additional information.

When FAR 52.227–16 was first proposed, comments were received from educational institutions, which stated that requiring their investigators to keep records of unlimited rights data for three years after acceptance of deliverables was unreasonable because investigators do not segregate their research by contract, but rather combine it with other data to continue their research. In light of this, a \$500,000 threshold was adopted after surveying the major civilian R&D agencies, whose data suggested that the average value of an R&D contract ranged between \$250,000 to \$300,000; commensurate with other clause thresholds (e.g., small business subcontracting). Thus, for most R&D contracts with universities, no recordkeeping is required.

(3) FAR 52.227–17, Rights in Data—Special Works. This clause is included in solicitations and contracts primarily for production or compilation of data. FAR 52.227–17 is used in rare and exceptional circumstances to permit the Government to limit the Contractor's rights in data by preventing the release, distribution and publication of any data first produced in the performance of the contract. This clause may also be limited to particular items and not the entire contract.

(4) FAR 52.227–18, Rights in Data—Existing Works. This clause is included in contracts for audiovisual or similar works. FAR 52.227–18 is used when the

Government is acquiring existing audiovisual or similar works, such as books, without modification. This clause requires contractors to grant license for the Government to reproduce, prepare derivative works, and perform or display the materials publically.

(5) FAR 52.227–19, Commercial Computer Software License. This clause is used in contracts and purchase orders for the acquisition of commercial software. FAR 52.227–19 requires the Government to set forth the minimum data rights it requires above and beyond what is set forth in the contractor's standard commercial license. The contractor is responsible for affixing a notice on any commercial software delivered under the contract that provides notice that the Government's rights regarding the data are set forth in the contract.

(6) FAR 52.227–20, Rights in Data—SBIR Program. This clause is only required for small business innovation research (SBIR) contracts and it limits the Government's rights to disclose data first produced under the contract.

(7) FAR 52.227–21, Technical Data Declaration, Revisions and Withholding of Payment—Major Systems. This clause requires the contractor to certify that the data delivered under the contract is complete, accurate and compliant with the requirements of the contract.

(8) FAR 52.227–22 Major Systems—Minimum Rights. This clause is used in Civilian Agency Contracts, except for NASA and Coast Guard, providing the Government unlimited rights in any technical data, other than computer software, developed in the performance of the contract and related to a major system or supplies for a major system. As this provision is for major systems only, and few civilian agencies have such major systems, only about 30 contracts will require this certification.

(9) FAR 52.227–23, Rights to Proposal Data (technical). This clause allows the Government to identify pages of a proposal that, as a condition of contract award, would be subject to unlimited rights in the technical data.

(10) FAR 52.227–14, Rights in Data—General. Paragraph (d) outlines a procedure whereby a contracting officer can challenge restrictive markings on data delivered. Under civilian agency contracts, limited rights data or restricted computer software is rarely, if ever, delivered to the Government. Therefore, there will rarely be any challenges. Thus, there is no burden on the public and no information collection associated with this clause.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

A reassessment of the rights in data and copyright provisions was performed. Based on the comprehensive reassessment performed, this information collection requirement represents a decrease from what was published in the **Federal Register** at 75 FR 27782 on May 18, 2010. The decrease is most likely a result of increased use of Governmentwide contracts including the GSA Federal Supply Schedule contracts, an increased use of commercial products since the inception of the clauses, and budget constraints over the last several years that have reduced research and development budgets and the ability to purchase costly data rights.

There is no centralized database in the Federal Government that maintains information regarding the use of rights in data and copyright clauses. Subject matter experts in the intellectual property law field were consulted to obtain additional information that helped in estimating the revised public burden. FedBizOpps was searched to determine the use of these clauses in competitive contract solicitations throughout the Government. The Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS) was used to determine the likely contracts that would contain rights in data and copyright provisions. An assumption was made that sole source contracts citing the existence of limited rights in data, patent rights, copyrights or secret processes would contain the rights in data and copyright clauses, and were used as the basis for this information collection. Consequently, the FPDS data formed the basis for the estimated number of respondents per year based on the likely contracts awarded that would include the applicable clauses associated with this collection (52.227–15 through 52.227–23). The estimated number of contracts was then totaled to determine the overall number of respondents associated with this collection. Estimates were based on the total number of unique contractors awarded a sole source contract based on the existence of limited rights in data, patent rights, copyrights or secret processes. Similarly, FPDS data was used to estimate the number of responses per respondent for this collection. The estimate was based on the average number of actions per contractor and rounded to the nearest whole number. The estimates were then averaged to determine the overall number of responses per respondent associated with this collection. One burden hour was estimated per response

to read and prepare the information. No public comments were received in prior years that have challenged the validity of the Government's estimate.

Respondents: 419.

Responses per Respondent: 2.76.

Annual Responses: 1,156.

Hours per Response: 1.

Total Burden Hours: 1,156.

B. Annual Recordkeeping Burden

The annual recordkeeping burden is estimated as follows:

Recordkeepers: 446.

Responses: 5.

Annual Response: 2,230.

Hours per Recordkeeper: 2.

Total Recordkeeping Burden Hours: 4,460.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals:

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (MVCB), 9000-0090, Rights in Data and Copyrights, telephone 202-501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0090, Rights in Data and Copyrights, in all correspondence.

Dated: January 15, 2014.

Karlos Morgan,

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines

AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice provides an update of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) poverty guidelines to account for last calendar year's increase in prices as measured by the Consumer Price Index.

DATES: *Effective Date:* Date of publication, unless an office administering a program using the guidelines specifies a different effective date for that particular program.

ADDRESSES: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Room 404E, Humphrey Building, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC 20201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about how the guidelines

are used or how income is defined in a particular program, contact the Federal, state, or local office that is responsible for that program. For information about poverty figures for immigration forms, the Hill-Burton Uncompensated Services Program, and the number of people in poverty, use the specific telephone numbers and addresses given below.

For general questions about the poverty guidelines themselves, contact Kendall Swenson, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Room 404E, Humphrey Building, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC 20201—telephone: (202) 690-7507—or visit <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/>.

For information about the percentage multiple of the poverty guidelines to be used on immigration forms such as USCIS Form I-864, Affidavit of Support, contact U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services at 1-800-375-5283.

For information about the Hill-Burton Uncompensated Services Program (free or reduced-fee health care services at certain hospitals and other facilities for persons meeting eligibility criteria involving the poverty guidelines), contact the Office of the Director, Division of Health Facilities, Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS, Room 10-105, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857. To speak to a staff member, please call (301) 443-5656. To receive a Hill-Burton information package, call 1-800-638-0742 (for callers outside Maryland) or 1-800-492-0359 (for callers in Maryland). You also may visit <http://www.hrsa.gov/gethealthcare/affordable/hillburton/>.

For information about the number of people in poverty, visit the Poverty section of the Census Bureau's Web site at <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/poverty/poverty.html> or contact the Census Bureau's Customer Service Center at 1-800-923-8282 (toll-free) or visit <https://ask.census.gov> for further information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 673(2) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)) requires the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to update the poverty guidelines at least annually, adjusting them on the basis of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U). The poverty guidelines are used as an eligibility criterion by the Community Services Block Grant program and a

number of other Federal programs. The *poverty guidelines* issued here are a simplified version of the *poverty thresholds* that the Census Bureau uses to prepare its estimates of the number of individuals and families in poverty.

As required by law, this update is accomplished by increasing the latest published Census Bureau poverty thresholds by the relevant percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U). The guidelines in this 2014 notice reflect the 1.5 percent price increase between calendar years 2012 and 2013. After this inflation adjustment, the guidelines are rounded and adjusted to standardize the differences between family sizes. The same calculation procedure was used this year as in previous years. (Note that these 2014 guidelines are roughly equal to the poverty thresholds for calendar year 2013 which the Census Bureau expects to publish in final form in September 2014.)

The poverty guidelines continue to be derived from the Census Bureau's current official poverty thresholds; they are not derived from the Census Bureau's new Supplemental Poverty Measure (SPM).

The following guideline figures represent annual income.

2014 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Persons in family/household	Poverty guideline
1	\$11,670
2	15,730
3	19,790
4	23,850
5	27,910
6	31,970
7	36,030
8	40,090

For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$4,060 for each additional person.

2014 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR ALASKA

Persons in family/household	Poverty guideline
1	\$14,580
2	19,660
3	24,740
4	29,820
5	34,900
6	39,980
7	45,060
8	50,140