

- Regulation 5.13(a) requires RFEDs and FCMs to provide monthly account statements to their customers.

- Regulation 5.13(b) requires RFEDs and FCMs to provide confirmation statements to their customers within one business day after the execution of any retail forex or forex option transaction.

- Regulation 5.14 requires RFEDs and FCMs to maintain current ledgers of each transaction affecting its asset, liability, income, expense and capital accounts.

- Regulation 5.18(g) requires each RFED, FCM, CPO, CTA, and IB subject to part 5 to maintain a record of all communications received that give rise to possible violations of the Act, rules, regulations or orders thereunder related to their retail forex business.

- Regulation 5.18(i) requires each RFED and FCM to prepare and maintain on a quarterly basis a calculation of nondiscretionary retail forex customer accounts open for any period of time during the quarter that were profitable, and the percentage of such accounts that were not profitable.

- Regulation 5.18(j) requires the chief compliance officer of each RFED and FCM to certify annually that the firm has in place processes to establish, maintain, review, modify and test policies and procedures reasonably designed to achieve compliance with the Act, rules, regulations and orders thereunder.

- Regulation 5.19 requires each RFED, FCM, CPO, CTA, and IB subject to part 5 to submit to the Commission copies of any dispositive or partially dispositive decision for which a notice of appeal has been filed in any material legal proceeding (1) to which the firm is a party to or to which its property or assets is subject with respect to retail forex transactions, or (2) instituted against any person who is a principal of the firm arising from conduct in such person's capacity as a principal of that firm.

- Regulation 5.20 requires RFEDs, FCMs and IBs to submit documentation requested pursuant to certain types of special calls by the Commission.

- Regulation 5.23 requires RFEDs, FCMs and IBs to notify the Commission regarding bulk transfers and bulk liquidations of customer accounts.

The rules establish reporting and recordkeeping requirements that are necessary to implement the provisions of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008² regarding off-exchange transactions in foreign currency with

members of the public. The rules are intended to promote customer protection by providing safeguards against irresponsible or fraudulent business practices.³

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.⁴ On October 16, 2023, the Commission published in the **Federal Register** notice of the proposed extension of this information collection and provided 60 days for public comment on the proposed extension, 88 FR 71341 ("60-Day Notice"). The Commission did not receive any relevant comments on the 60-Day Notice.

Burden Statement: The Commission is revising its burden estimate for 81 respondents, which include RFEDs, FCMs, IBs, CPOs, and CTAs. The respondent burden for this collection is estimated to be as follows:

Estimated Number of Respondents: 81.

Estimated Average Burden Hours per Respondent: 1,757.⁵

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 142,324.

Frequency of Collection: As applicable.

There are no capital costs or operating and maintenance costs associated with this collection.

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*)

Dated: December 19, 2023.

Robert Sidman,

Deputy Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

[ARW-231206A-PL]

Notice of Intent To Grant an Exclusive Patent License

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Bayh-Dole Act and implementing regulations, the Department of the Air Force hereby gives notice of its intent to grant an exclusive patent license to ValorTrac

³ See Regulation of Off-Exchange Retail Foreign Exchange Transactions and Intermediaries, 75 FR 55410, 55416 (Sept. 10, 2010).

⁴ 44 U.S.C. 3512, 5 CFR 1320.5(b)(2)(i) and 1320.8(b)(3)(vi).

⁵ This figure has been rounded from 1,757.09 to the nearest whole number.

Inc. having a place of business at 9213 Bolero Ave., Bakersfield, CA, 93312.

DATES: Written objections must be filed no later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the date of publication of this Notice.

ADDRESSES: Submit written objections to the Air Force Materiel Command Law Office, AFMCLO/JAZ, 2240 B Street, Room 260, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433-7109; Facsimile: (937) 255-3733; or Email: afmclo.jaz.tech@us.af.mil. Include Docket No. ARW-231206A-P in the subject line of the message.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Loux, AFRL/RWSP, 101 W Eglin Blvd., Eglin AFB, FL 32542-6810; Phone: 850-882-3920; or Email: william.loux.2@us.af.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Abstract of Patent Application(s)

A touch-based tracking method comprises starting a GUI which displays an environment; observing at least one of the presence or absence of one or more targets in relation to features in the environment; when an observation is made, reporting the observation through the GUI to form an input; reporting the observation in the GUI with a hand gesture; applying an algorithm to convert the input into a probability distribution; and updating a target state estimate and alters the environment display. The environment may be an area or a map, and the map may include a plurality of features, e.g. roads, building structures, forest, and water. The observation indicates the presence or non-presence of the one or more targets. The hand gesture is made on the map, such as a swiping motion with one or more fingers on the GUI, wherein the hand gesture indicates the strength of the observation.

Intellectual Property

CURTIS et al., U.S. Patent no. 11,429,273 B1 issued 30 August 2022 and entitled "*Touch-Based Tracking system and Method.*"

The Department of the Air Force may grant the prospective license unless a timely objection is received that sufficiently shows the grant of the license would be inconsistent with the Bayh-Dole Act or implementing regulations. A competing application for a patent license agreement, completed in compliance with 37 CFR 404.8 and received by the Air Force within the period for timely objections, will be treated as an objection and may be considered as an alternative to the proposed license.

² Public Law 110-246, 122 Stat. 1651, 2189-220 (2008).

(Authority: 35 U.S.C. 209; 37 CFR 404)

Tommy W. Lee,

Acting Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Acquisition Regulations System

[Docket DARS–2023–0036; OMB Control Number 0704–0497]

Information Collection Requirement; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Part 215 Negotiation

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Defense Acquisition Regulations System has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposed extension of a collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by January 22, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. You may also submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by the following method: Federal eRulemaking Portal: <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Angela Duncan, 571–372–7574, or whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dodinformation-collections@mail.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title and OMB Number: Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 215 Negotiation; OMB Control Number 0704–0497.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

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

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

Number of Respondents: 157.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 157.

Average Burden per Response: 4 hours.

Annual Burden Hours: 628.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Needs and Uses: The purpose of this information collection is to improve the efficiency of the negotiations process by ensuring the submission of thorough, accurate, and complete forward pricing rate proposals. If the contracting officer determines that a forward pricing rate proposal should be obtained pursuant to Federal Acquisition Regulation 42.1701, then contractors following the contract cost principles for commercial organizations in FAR subpart 31.2 will be required to submit a forward pricing rate proposal that complies with Federal Acquisition Regulation 15.408, Table 15–2, and DFARS 215.403–5 and 215.407–5–70. DFARS 215.403–5 provides contractors with guidance for the submittal of forward pricing rate proposals, including a checklist for contractors to use in preparing their proposals. The checklist is submitted to DoD with the forward pricing rate proposal. The forward pricing rate proposal adequacy checklist at Table 215.403–1 is used by the contracting officer and the contractor to ensure the proposal is complete.

DoD Clearance Officer: Ms. Angela Duncan. Requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Ms. Duncan at whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil.

Jennifer D. Johnson,

Editor/Publisher, Defense Acquisition Regulations System.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Acquisition Regulations System

[Docket DARS–2023–0031; OMB Control Number 0704–0245]

Information Collection Requirement; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Transportation

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Defense Acquisition Regulations System has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposed extension of a collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by January 22, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. You may also submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by the following method: Federal eRulemaking Portal: <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Angela Duncan, 571–372–7574, or whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dodinformation-collections@mail.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title and OMB Number:

Transportation, and related clauses—DoD FAR Supplement Part 247, OMB Control Number 0704–0245.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

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

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

Respondents: 16,950.

Responses per Respondent: 6.76, approximately.

Annual Responses: 114,655.

Hours per Response: 0.55, approximately.

Estimated Hours: 63,354.

Reporting Frequency: On occasion.

Needs and Uses: DoD contracting officers use this information to verify that prospective contractors have adequate insurance prior to award of stevedoring contracts; to provide appropriate price adjustments to stevedoring contracts; to assist the Maritime Administration in monitoring compliance with requirements for use of U.S.-flag vessels in accordance with the Cargo Preference Act of 1904 (10 U.S.C. 2631); and to provide appropriate and timely shipping documentation and instructions to contractors.

The clause at DFARS 252.247–7000, Hardship Conditions, is prescribed at DFARS 247.270–4(a) for use in all solicitations and contracts for the acquisition of stevedoring services. Paragraph (a) of the clause requires the contractor to notify the contracting officer of unusual conditions associated with loading or unloading a particular cargo, for potential adjustment of contract labor rates; and to submit any associated request for price adjustment to the contracting officer within 10 working days of the vessel sailing time.