

Abstract of Patent

A load carriage connector and system for rapid mounting and demounting of a user-carried load. The connector utilizes two mating halves comprising a male connector half and a female connector half. The connector is configured to allow mating under various angles of approach, allowing the user to reliably couple the system even under conditions in which the user is unable to view the orientation of the connectors. Additionally, the configuration of the connector system allows the user to quickly and efficiently decouple the connector halves, even while under tensile or shear load.

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.

Tommy W. Lee,

Acting Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Defense Acquisition Regulations System**

[Docket DARS-2023-0020; OMB Control Number 0750-0002]

Information Collection; Covered Defense Telecommunications Equipment or Services

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 proposal for extension of a collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by September 29, 2023.

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-dod-information-collections@mail.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title and OMB Number: Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS); DFARS Part 204, Covered Defense Telecommunications Equipment or Services; OMB Control Number 0750-0002.

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

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

Frequency: On occasion.

Number of Respondents: 3,446.

Annual Responses: 172,320.

Annual Response Burden Hours: 62,085.

Needs and Uses: The collection of information is necessary to protect against foreign interference with DoD telecommunications, which could jeopardize our military communications, the lives of our warfighters, and our national security. The collection of information is essential to the mission of the agencies to ensure DoD does not purchase prohibited equipment, systems, and services, and can respond appropriately if any such purchases are not identified until after delivery or use.

This requirement supports implementation of section 1656(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2018. Section 1656 prohibits DoD from procuring or obtaining, or extending or renewing a contract to procure or obtain, any equipment, system, or service to carry out the nuclear deterrence mission and homeland defense mission that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as a part of any system.

This requirement is implemented in the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) through the provision at 252.204-7017, Prohibition on the Acquisition of Covered Defense Telecommunications Equipment or Services—Representation, and the clause at 252.204-7018,

Prohibition on Acquisition of Covered Defense Telecommunications Equipment or Services.

This clearance covers the following requirements:

- DFARS 252.204-7017 requires that if an offeror provides an affirmative representation under the provision at 252.204-7016, Covered Defense Telecommunications Equipment or Services—Representation, that offeror is required to represent whether it will or will not provide under the contract covered defense telecommunications equipment or services.

- DFARS 252.204-7018 requires contractors to report covered telecommunications equipment, systems, and services identified during performance of a contract.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****Renewal of Department of Defense Federal Advisory Committees—Defense Policy Board**

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Renewal of Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The DoD is publishing this notice to announce that it is renewing the Defense Policy Board (DPB).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Freeman, DoD Advisory Committee Management Officer, 703-692-5952.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The DoD is renewing the DPB in accordance with chapter 10 of title 5, United States Code (U.S.C.) (commonly known as the "Federal Advisory Committee Act" or "FACA") and 41 CFR 102-3.50(d). The charter and contact information for the DPB's Designated Federal Officer (DFO) are found at <https://www.facadatabase.gov/FACA/apex/FACAPublicAgencyNavigation>.

The DPB provides the Secretary of Defense and the Deputy Secretary of Defense ("the DoD Appointing Authority") independent advice and recommendations on matters concerning defense policy and national security issues. Specifically, the DPB