

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****GENERAL SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATION****NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND  
SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[OMB Control No. 9000-0138]

**Federal Acquisition Regulation;  
Submission for OMB Review; Contract  
Financing**

**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 (9000-0138).

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension to a currently approved information collection requirement concerning contract financing. A request for public comments was published at 69 FR 39911 on July 1, 2004. 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 comments on or before October 7, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat, 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0138, Contract Financing, in all correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard C. Loeb, Office of Acquisition Policy, GSA (202) 208-3810.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****A. Purpose**

The Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act (FASA) of 1994, Pub. L. 103-355, provided authorities that streamlined the acquisition process and minimize burdensome Government-unique requirements. Sections 2001 and 2051 of FASA substantially changed the statutory authorities for Government financing of contracts. Sections 2001(f) and 2051(e) provide specific authority for Government financing of purchases of commercial items, and sections 2001(b) and 2051(b) substantially revised the authority for Government financing of purchases of non-commercial items.

Sections 2001(f) and 2051(e) provide specific authority for Government financing of purchases of commercial items. These paragraphs authorize the Government to provide contract financing with certain limitations.

Sections 2001(b) and 2051(b) also amended the authority for Government financing of non-commercial purchases by authorizing financing on the basis of certain classes of measures of performance.

To implement these changes, DOD, NASA, and GSA amended the FAR by revising Subparts 32.0, 32.1, and 32.5; by adding new Subparts 32.2 and 32.10; and by adding new clauses to 52.232.

The coverage enables the Government to provide financing to assist in the performance of contracts for commercial items and provide financing for non-commercial items based on contractor performance.

**B. Annual Reporting Burden**

*Respondents:* 1,000.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 5.

*Total Responses:* 5,000.

*Hours Per Response:* 2.

*Total Burden Hours:* 10,000.

The annual reporting burden for performance-based financing is estimated as follows:

*Respondents:* 500.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 12.

*Total Responses:* 6,000.

*Hours Per Response:* 2.

*Total Burden Hours:* 12,000.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals: Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (VR), 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0138, Contract Financing, in all correspondence.

Dated: August 31, 2004.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Office of the Secretary of Defense,  
Meeting of the DOD Advisory Group on  
Electron Devices**

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense, Advisory Group on Electron Devices.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The DoD Advisory Group on Electron Devices (AGED) announces a closed session meeting and Special Technical Area Review (STAR) on High Operating Temperature Near BLIP Infrared Detectors.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held at 0830, Tuesday, September 28, 2004. The Special Technology Area Review will be held at 0830 on September 29 and 30.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at Palisades Institute for Research Services, 241 18th Street, Crystal Square 4, Suite 500, Arlington, VA 22202.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Point of Contact for the meeting is Mr. Eric Carr, AGED Secretariat, 241 18th Street, Crystal Square Four, Suite 500, Arlington, Virginia 22202. The Point of Contact for the STAR is Ms. Elise Rabin, AGED Secretariat, 241 18th Street, Crystal Square Four, Suite 500, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The mission of the Advisory Group is to provide advice to the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics to the Director of Defense Research and Engineering (DDR&E), and through the DDR&E to the Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency and the Military Departments in planning and managing an effective and economical research and development program in the area of electron devices.

The AGED meeting will be limited to review of research and development programs which the Military Departments propose to initiate with industry, universities or in their laboratories. The agenda for this meeting will include programs on microwave technology, microelectronics, electro-optics, and electronics materials.

In accordance with section 10(d) of Pub. L. No. 92-463, as amended, (5 U.S.C. App. 10(d)), it has been determined that this Advisory Group meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(1), and that accordingly,