

wide distribution of final reports to those who would benefit from this information. Therefore, you are required to submit final reports in electronic format, in accordance with the award terms and conditions, for publication on the NMFS S-K Home Page. You may charge the costs associated with preparing and transmitting your final reports in electronic format to the grant award. We will consider requests for exemption from the electronic submission requirement on a case-by-case basis.

We will provide you with OMB-approved formats for the semiannual and final reports.

5. In addition to the final report in section V.B.4. of this document, we request that you submit any publications printed with grant funds (such as manuals, surveys, etc.) to the NMFS Program Officer for dissemination to the public. Submit either three hard copies or an electronic version of any such publications.

You are encouraged to the extent feasible to purchase American-made equipment and products with the funding provided under this program.

Note, if you incur any costs prior to receiving an award agreement signed by an authorized NOAA official, you do so solely at your own risk of not being reimbursed by the Government. Notwithstanding any verbal or written assurance that you may have received, Commerce has no obligation to cover preaward costs.

### C. Other Requirements

#### 1. Federal Policies and Procedures

If you receive Federal funding, you are subject to all Federal laws and Federal and Commerce policies, regulations, and procedures applicable to financial assistance awards. You must comply with general provisions that apply to all recipients under Commerce grant and cooperative agreement programs.

#### 2. Name Check Review

You may be subject to a name check review process. We use name checks to determine if you or any key individuals named in your application have been convicted of, or are presently facing, criminal charges such as fraud, theft, perjury, or other matters that significantly reflect on your management, honesty, or financial integrity.

#### 3. Financial Management Certification/ Preaward Accounting Survey

You may, at the discretion of the NOAA Grants Officer, be required to

have your financial management systems certified by an independent public accountant as being in compliance with Federal standards specified in the applicable OMB Circulars prior to execution of the award. If you are a first-time applicant for Federal grant funds, you may be subject to a preaward accounting survey by Commerce prior to execution of the award.

#### 4. False Statements

A false statement on the application is grounds for denial or termination of funds and grounds for possible punishment by a fine or imprisonment (18 U.S.C. 1001).

#### Classification

Prior notice and an opportunity for public comments are not required by the Administrative Procedure Act or any other law for this notice concerning grants, benefits, and contracts.

Furthermore, a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required for purposes of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

This action has been determined to be not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

Applications under this program are subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

This document contains collection-of-information requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). The use of Standard Forms 424, 424B, and SF-LLL have been approved by OMB under the respective control numbers 0348-0043, 0348-0040, and 0348-0046. NOAA-specific requirements have been approved under OMB control number 0648-0135. These requirements and their estimated response times are 1 hour for a project summary, 1 hour for a budget form, 2.5 hours for a semiannual report, and 13 hours for a final report. These estimates include the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding these burden estimates or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to Alicia Jarboe, F/SF2, Room 13112, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the PRA unless that

collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number.

A solicitation for applications will also appear in the "Commerce Business Daily."

Dated: February 28, 2001.

**William T. Hogarth,**

*Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

[OMB Control Number 0704-0231]

### Information Collection Requirements; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Mortuary Services Contracts

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments regarding a proposed extension of an approved information collection requirement.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), DoD announces the proposed extension of a public information collection requirement and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. DoD invites comments on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of DoD, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved this information collection requirement for use through July 31, 2001. DoD proposes that OMB extend its approval for use through July 31, 2004.

**DATES:** DoD will consider all comments received by May 7, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Respondents may submit comments directly on the World Wide Web at <http://emissary.acq.osd.mil/dar/dfars.nsf/pubcomm>. As an alternative, respondents may e-mail comments to: [dfars@acq.osd.mil](mailto:dfars@acq.osd.mil). Please cite OMB Control Number 0704-0231 in the subject line of e-mailed comments.

Respondents that cannot submit comments using either of the above methods may submit comments to:

Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Attn: Ms. Sandra Haberlin, OUSD (AT&L) DP (DAR), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062; facsimile (703) 602-0350. Please cite OMB Control Number 0704-0231.

At the end of the comment period, interested parties may view public comments on the World Wide Web at <http://emissary.acq.osd.mil/dar/dfars.nsf>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Sandra Haberlin, (703) 602-0289. The information collection requirements addressed in this notice are available electronically on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dp/dars/dfars.html>. Paper copies are available from Ms. Sandra Haberlin, OUSD (AT&L)DP(DAR), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number:* Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Subpart 237.70, Mortuary Services, and the associated clause at DFARS 252.237-7011; DD Form 2063, Record of Preparation and Disposition of Remains; OMB Control Number 0704-0231.

*Needs and Uses:* This requirement provides for the collection of necessary information from contractors regarding the results of the embalming process under contracts for mortuary services. The information is used to ensure proper preparation of the body for shipment and burial.

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

*Annual Burden Hours:* 400.

*Number of Respondents:* 114.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 7.

*Annual Responses:* 800.

*Average Burden Per Response:* .5 hours.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

**Summary of Information Collection**

The clause at DFARS 252.237-7011, Preparation History, requires that the contractor submit information describing the results of the embalming process on each body prepared for burial under a DoD contract. The contractor uses DD Form 2063 to provide this information.

**Michele P. Peterson,**

*Executive Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**[OMB Control Number 0704-0232]**

**Information Collection Requirements; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Contract Pricing**

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments regarding a proposed extension of an approved information collection requirement.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), DoD announces the proposed extension of a public information collection requirement and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. DoD invites comments on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of DoD, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved this information collection requirement for use through September 30, 2001. DoD proposes that OMB extend its approval for use through September 30, 2004.

**DATES:** DoD will consider all comments received by May 7, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Respondents may submit comments directly on the World Wide Web at <http://emissary.acq.osd.mil/dar/dfars.nsf/pubcomm>. As an alternative, respondents may e-mail comments to: [dfars@acq.osd.mil](mailto:dfars@acq.osd.mil). Please cite OMB Control Number 0704-0232 in the subject line of e-mailed comments.

Respondents that cannot submit comments using either of the above methods may submit comments to: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Attn: Ms. Amy Williams, OUSD(AT&L)DP(DAR), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062; facsimile (703) 602-0350. Please cite OMB Control Number 0704-0232.

At the end of the comment period, interested parties may view public comments on the World Wide Web at <http://emissary.acq.osd.mil/dar/dfars.nsf>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Amy Williams, (703) 602-0288. The information collection requirements addressed in this notice are available electronically on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dp/dars/dfars.html>. Paper copies are available from Ms. Amy Williams, OUSD(AT&L)DP(DAR), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title and OMB Number:* Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Subpart 215.4, Contract Pricing, and related clause in DFARS 252.215; OMB Control Number 0704-0232.

*Needs and Uses:* DoD contracting officers need this information to negotiate an equitable adjustment in the total amount paid or to be paid under a fixed-price redeterminable or fixed-price incentive contract, to reflect final subcontract prices; and to determine if a contractor has an adequate system for generating cost estimates, and monitor correction of any deficiencies.

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

*Annual Burden Hours:* 5,350.

*Number of Respondents:* 310.

*Responses Per Respondent:* .45.

*Annual Responses:* 141.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 37.94 hours.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

**Summary of Information Collection**

DFARS 215.404-3(a)(iv)(B) requires that, upon establishment of firm prices for each subcontract listed in a repricing modification, the contractor must submit the subcontractor's costs incurred in performing the subcontract and the final subcontract price. This requirement applies to the pricing of a fixed-price redeterminable or fixed-price incentive contract that includes subcontracts placed on the same basis, if the contractor has not yet established final prices for the subcontracts and circumstances require prompt negotiation.

DFARS 215.407-5 and the clause at 252.215-7002, Cost Estimating System Requirements, require that certain large business contractors—

- Establish an adequate cost estimating system and disclose the estimating system to the administrative contracting officer (ACO) in writing;
- Maintain the estimating system and disclose significant changes in the system to the ACO on a timely basis; and