

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 April 9, 2001.

ADDRESSES: E-mailed comments are preferred. Submit comments to: dfars@acq.osd.mil. Please cite OMB Control Number 0704-0341 in the subject line.

Respondents that cannot submit comments by e-mail may submit comments to: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Attn: Ms. Susan L. Schneider, OUSD (AT&L) DP (DAR), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062; facsimile (703) 602-0350. Please cite OMB Control Number 0704-0341.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Susan L. Schneider, (703) 602-0326. The information collection requirements addressed in this notice are available electronically via the Internet at: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dp/dars/dfars.html>. Paper copies are available from Ms. Susan Schneider, 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) Part 239, Acquisition of Information Technology, and the associated clauses at DFARS 252.239-7000 and 252.239-7006; OMB Control Number 0704-0341.

Needs and Uses: This requirement provides for the collection of information from contractors regarding

security requirements for computers used to process classified information; tariffs pertaining to telecommunications services; and proposals from common carriers to perform special construction under contracts for telecommunications services. Contracting officers and other DoD personnel use the information to ensure that computer systems are adequate to protect against unauthorized release of classified information; to participate in the establishment of tariffs for telecommunications services; and to establish reasonable prices for special construction by common carriers.

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

Annual Burden Hours: 1,806.

Number of Respondents: 1,598.

Responses Per Respondent: Approximately 1.

Annual Responses: Approximately 1,630.

Average Burden Per Response: 1.13 hours.

Frequency: On occasion.

Summary of Information Collection

The clause at DFARS 252.239-7000, Protection Against Compromising Emanations, requires that the contractor provide, upon request of the contracting officer, documentation supporting the accreditation of a computer system to meet the appropriate security requirements.

The clause at DFARS 252.239-7006, Tariff Information, requires that the contractor provide to the contracting officer: (1) Upon request, a copy of the contractor's existing tariffs; (2) before filing, a copy of any application to a Federal, State, or other regulatory agency for new rates, charges, services, or regulations relating to any tariff or any of the facilities or services to be furnished solely or primarily to the Government, and, upon request, a copy of all information, material, and data developed or prepared in support of or in connection with such an application; and (3) a notification to the contracting officer of any application submitted by anyone other than the contractor that may affect the rate or conditions of services under the agreement or contract.

DFARS 239.7408 requires the contracting officer to obtain a detailed special construction proposal from a common carrier that submits a proposal or quotation that has special construction requirements related to the

performance of basic telecommunications services.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

[OMB Control Number 0704-0245]

Information Collection Requirements; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Transportation

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 April 9, 2001.

ADDRESSES: E-mailed comments are preferred. Submit comments to: dfars@acq.osd.mil. Please cite OMB Control Number 0704-0245 in the subject line.

Respondents that cannot submit comments by e-mail 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 0704-0245.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Amy Williams, (703) 602-0288. The information collection requirements addressed in this notice are available electronically via the Internet 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) Part 247, Transportation, and Related Clauses at DFARS 252.247; OMB Control Number 0704-0245.

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; and 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).

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

Annual Burden Hours: 150,114.

Number of Respondents: 60,270.

Responses Per Respondent:

Approximately 8.

Annual Responses: 465,882.

Average Burden Per Response: .32 hours.

Frequency: On occasion.

Summary of Information Collection

The clause at DFARS 252.247-7000, Hardship Conditions, is prescribed at 247.270-6(a) for use in all solicitations and contracts for 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.

The clause at DFARS 252.247-7001, Price Adjustment, is prescribed at 247.270-6(b) for use in solicitations and contracts when using sealed bidding to acquire stevedoring services. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of the clause require the contractor to notify the contracting officer of certain changes in the wage rates or benefits that apply to its direct labor employees. Paragraph (g) of the clause requires the contractor to include with its final invoice a statement that the contractor has experienced no decreases in rates of pay for labor or has

notified the contracting officer of all such decreases.

The clause at DFARS 252.247-7002, Revision of Prices, is prescribed at 247.270-6(c) for use in solicitations and contracts when using negotiation to acquire stevedoring services. Paragraph (c) of the clause provides that, at any time, either the contracting officer or the contractor may deliver to the other a written demand that the parties negotiate to revise the prices under the contract. Paragraph (d) of the clause requires that, if either party makes such a demand, the contractor must submit relevant data upon which to base negotiations.

The clause at DFARS 252.247-7007, Liability and Insurance, is prescribed at 247.270-6(g) for use in all solicitations and contracts for acquisition of stevedoring services. Paragraph (f) of the clause requires the contractor to furnish the contracting officer with satisfactory evidence of insurance.

The provision at DFARS 252.247-7022, Representation of Extent of Transportation by Sea, is prescribed at 247.573(a) for use in all solicitations except those for direct purchase of ocean transportation services or those with an anticipated value at or below the simplified acquisition threshold. Paragraph (b) of the provision requires the offeror to represent whether or not it anticipates that supplies will be transported by sea in the performance of any contract or subcontract resulting from the solicitation.

The clause at DFARS 252.247-7023, Transportation of Supplies by Sea, is prescribed at 247.573(b) for use in all solicitations and contracts except those for direct purchase of ocean transportation services or those with an anticipated value at or below the simplified acquisition threshold. Paragraph (d) of the clause requires the contractor to submit requests for use of other than U.S.-flag vessels in writing to the contracting officer. Paragraph (e) of the clause requires the contractor to submit one copy of the rated on board vessel operating carrier's ocean bill of lading. Paragraph (f) of the clause requires the contractor to represent, with its final invoice, that: (1) No ocean transportation was used in the performance of the contract; (2) only U.S.-flag vessels were used for all ocean shipments under the contract; (3) the contractor had the written consent of the contracting officer for all non-U.S.-flag ocean transportation; or (4) shipments were made on non-U.S.-flag vessels without the written consent of the contracting officer. Paragraph (h) of the clause requires the contractor to flow down these requirements to

subcontracts that exceed the simplified acquisition threshold and are either noncommercial subcontracts or certain types of commercial subcontracts.

The clause at DFARS 252.247-7024, Notification of Transportation of Supplies by Sea, is prescribed for use at 247.573(c) in all contracts for which the offeror represented, by completion of the provision at 252.247-7022, that it did not anticipate transporting any supplies by sea in performance of the contract. Paragraph (a) of the clause requires the contractor to notify the contracting officer if the contractor learns after award of the contract that supplies will be transported by sea.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

National Defense University

Eighth Annual National Security Education Program (NSEP) Institutional Grants Competition

AGENCY: National Defense University, National Security Education Program (NSEP), DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The NSEP announces the opening of its eighth Annual Competition for Grants to U.S. Institutions of Higher Education.

DATES: The 2001 NSEP Grants Competition begins on Monday, February 5, 2001. Preliminary five-page proposals are due Monday, April 9, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Grants Solicitations (applications and guidelines) will be available and may be downloaded from the NSEP home page (<http://www.ndu.edu/nsep>) beginning Monday, February 5, 2001. As alternate methods, you may obtain copies of the solicitation package by writing to: NSEP, Institutional Grants, Rosslyn PO Box 20010, 1101 Wilson Blvd, Suite 1210, Arlington, VA 22209-2248; by facsimile request (703) 696-5667; or by sending an electronic mail request to: nsepo@ndu.edu.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carol Anne Spreen, Program Officer for Institutional Grants, National Security Education Program, 1101 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1210, Arlington, Virginia 22209-2248; electronic mail address: spreenc@ndu.edu.