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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](mailto: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](mailto:whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil).

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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.

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#### 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.