

approval of the information needed to properly register an entity in FSRS to facilitate the statutorily required reporting of Transparency Act information (DUNS number, name of entity, address, parent DUNS number, Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN), CFDA number and the Federal awarding agency of the grant).

### C. Annual Reporting Burden

*Respondents:* 49,308.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Hours per Response:* .5 hr.

*Total Burden Hours:* 24,645.

*Obtaining Copies of Proposals:*

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (MVCB), 1275 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20417, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 3090-0291, FSRS Registration and Prime Awardee Entity-Related Information Reporting Requirements, in all correspondence.

Dated: January 21, 2011.

**Casey Coleman,**

*Chief Information Officer.*

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## GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 3090-0290; Docket No. 2010-0002; Sequence 20]

### Submission for OMB Review; OMB Control No. 3090-0290; Central Contractor Registration Requirements for Prime Grant Recipients

**AGENCY:** Office of Technology Strategy/ Office of Governmentwide Policy, General Services Administration (GSA).

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comments regarding a new OMB information clearance.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), the Regulatory Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an emergency new information collection requirement regarding Central Contractor Registration Requirements for Prime Grant Recipients.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the Central Contractor Registration Requirements for Prime Grant Recipients, 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 February 28, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments identified by Information Collection 3090-0290, Central Contractor Registration Requirements for Prime Grant Recipients by any of the following methods:

- *Regulations.gov:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal by inputting "Information Collection 3090-0290, Central Contractor Registration Requirements for Prime Grant Recipients" under the heading "Enter Keyword or ID" and selecting "Search". Select the link "Submit a Comment" that corresponds with "Information Collection 3090-0290, Central Contractor Registration Requirements for Prime Grant Recipients". Follow the instructions provided at the "Submit a Comment" screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and "Information Collection 3090-0290, Central Contractor Registration Requirements for Prime Grant Recipients" on your attached document.

- *Fax:* 202-501-4067.

- *Mail:* General Services

Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (MVCB), 1275 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20417. ATTN: Hada Flowers/IC 3090-0290.

*Instructions:* Please submit comments only and cite Information Collection 3090-0290, Central Contractor Registration Requirements for Prime Grant Recipients, in all correspondence related to this collection. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Janice Miller, Program Analyst, Office of Technology Strategy/Office of Governmentwide Policy, at [jan.miller@gsa.gov](mailto:jan.miller@gsa.gov).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### A. Purpose

This information collection requires information necessary for prime awardee registration into the FFATA Subaward Reporting System (FSRS) and review of its entity-related information.

This will allow for prime awardee reporting of subaward and executive compensation data pursuant to the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA, or Transparency Act). This information collection requires that all prime grant awardees, subject to reporting under the Transparency Act register and maintain their registration in CCR.

### B. Discussion of Public Comments

*Rename the Central Contractor Registration to more accurately reflect its new purpose.* Four comments were received expressing concern regarding the name of the Central Contractor Registration. Two respondents suggested that if it is necessary to have prime grantees maintain registration in a centralized database of all Federal awardees, that the registry be renamed to reinforce the statutory distinction between acquisition and assistance awards. Since nongovernmental organizations accept only assistance awards (cooperative agreements) from the U.S. Government, they are recognized as an independent, non-state actor that provides technical assistance through a people-to-people approach. As they are not agents of the U.S. Government, they feel that requiring grantees to register in a "contractor" registry would, by virtue of association, negate the distinction between assistance and acquisition, and could result in confusion about their role in implementing programs overseas. Two respondents believe that OMB should recognize that use of the term "contractor" in a requirement that is now being applied to recipients of grants and cooperative agreements is likely to have a problematic impact because of the documented tendency on the part of some Federal agencies to improperly differentiate between acquisition and assistance instruments, and that this has often been the case in Federal agencies that fund projects that are performed overseas. These respondents suggest that OMB consider changing the nomenclature, at some future date, to the *Central Contractor and Grantee Registry* to reinforce the statutory distinction derived from the Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreement Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-224).

*Response:* GSA acknowledges that the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) is now used by and supports both the contracts and grants communities. The registration services it provides are no longer limited to contractors alone. GSA also acknowledges the name CCR is not inclusive of the full range of registration services provided. Instead of renaming the system, however, GSA is

undertaking a restructuring of the supporting architecture to define consolidated, streamlined business services. CCR is the first migration group of existing, government-wide systems moving to this new architecture, known as the System for Award Management (SAM). The new system will provide the same capabilities found in the Federal procurement and award systems today—streamlined for efficiency and supported by common services to reduce costs and improve data quality. The business service for entity management with SAM will incorporate a restructured registration process better suited to the needs of both the contracts and grants communities as well as the ability to manage certifications and representations. While CCR will cease to exist as an independent application, the Web address for CCR (<https://www.bpn.gov/ccr/default.aspx>) will remain active for a period of time following the migration redirecting users to SAM where registration business services will be provided.

**Foreign Assistance Awards.** One respondent urged GSA and OMB to withdraw this notice until consultations can be had on less burdensome and more appropriate accountability procedures for international development and humanitarian relief nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) implementing Federal funding that will not increase the security risks for organizations and staff in the field.

**Response:** OMB and GSA sought to reduce burden on prime awardees while providing a means to report subaward activity pursuant to the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (Transparency Act). This information collection requires that all prime grant awardees subject to reporting under the Transparency Act register and maintain their active registration in CCR. The Transparency Act does not allow for exemptions for foreign assistance awards. This registration enables significant data reuse within the FSRS and other government systems, while increasing data quality. OMB will continue to work with all prime recipients' concerns to identify the least burdensome methods for reporting, recognizing the need to ensure the safety and security of certain foreign assistance recipients. As Transparency Act reporting matures, GSA welcomes specific recommendations on how to minimize reporting burden while complying with the Act's requirements.

**Burden Imposed.** Three comments were received regarding the burden of this information collection. One respondent commented that regarding

the GSA estimate of 23,358 respondents, each respondent is expected to submit one response with a calculated entry time of one hour per response appears only to reflect a one-time estimation of the reporting burden on the prime without considering the subsequent efforts that would need to be made over the lifetime of an award by both prime and subawardees to maintain the accuracy of the information. One respondent stated that the notice does not offer estimates of the direct or indirect costs associated with collection, entry and maintenance of prime and subawardee records and that, given the time and funding required to meet the requirement in full, it would be difficult for U.S.-based international NGOs with hundreds of subawards and limited budgets to meet the reporting deadline for each subrecipient without dedicating a substantial number of new additional administrative personnel. Another respondent commented that it appears from the precision of the data used to identify the number of respondents (23,358), GSA is relying on a specific source rather than simply estimating a number. But because there is no identification about where these data on respondents comes from, it is virtually impossible to assess whether they are accurate or based on valid assumptions and methodologies. The respondent requests that GSA and OMB publish additional information about the sources of data in the request so that they can be assessed in accordance with the letter and spirit of the Paperwork Reduction Act. They also add that the simple round number of 1 hour per response identified in the estimate belies the effort that they and other similarly situated organizations would be required to undertake. One respondent requested that the burden estimate be re-evaluated.

**Response:** The figure of 23,358 grants respondents was derived from the number of grantees who are not currently registered in CCR. This number is based on the total number of unique prime grant awardees reporting into USAspending.gov over all years (80,625), minus the total number of Recovery Act-funded prime grant awardees who are currently required under FederalReporting.gov to register in CCR (55,267). The resulting remainder, 23,358, constitutes the total number of new prime grant awardees who may not be currently registered in CCR, and will, as a result of this revision, be required to register in the system. This figure may be an overestimate given that prime grant awardees may also be Federal

contractors who, under this existing collection, are required to register in CCR. This figure may also be an overestimate to the extent that any grant awardee whose award amount is reimbursed through the Department of the Treasury's Secure Payment System is also already required to register in CCR; and because not all prime grant awardees will be required to register in CCR, if no reporting under FFATA is required. Because these are new statutory requirements for reporting, GSA has provided its best estimates based on available information. Where the public is encouraged to provide specific burden estimates associated with this reporting requirement, GSA will continue to review and revise these burden estimates as more information becomes available.

**Purpose of the Information Collection Request.** One respondent asked what this ICR really does and why was it an emergency new information collection requirement.

**Response:** This information collection requires that all prime grant awardees subject to reporting under FFATA register and maintain their registration in CCR. Emergency review and clearance of this new information collection requirement is essential to the implementation of FFATA. Without expedited OMB review and approval, prime grant awardees would not have been able to report subaward and executive compensation data pursuant to FFATA's transparency requirements for new grant awards as of October 1, 2010. The CCR was developed to centralize awardee information. This collection will leverage the central clearinghouse capacity of CCR to ensure that prime grant awardees have minimal burden in providing the Federal Government with its identifying information. This will ensure that the information provided to the Federal Government once will be used multiple times to facilitate multiple reporting requirements for prime grant awardees pursuant to FFATA.

### C. Annual Reporting Burden

**Respondents:** 23,358.

**Responses Per Respondent:** 1.

**Hours Per Response:** 1.

**Total Burden Hours:** 23,358.

#### **Obtaining Copies of Proposals:**

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (MVCB), 1275 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20417, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 3090-0290, Central Contractor Registration Requirements

for Prime Grant Recipients, in all correspondence.

Dated: January 21, 2011.

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## GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 3090-0292; Docket No. 2010-0002; Sequence 18]

### Submission for OMB Review; OMB Control No. 3090-0292; FFATA Subaward and Executive Compensation Reporting Requirements

**AGENCY:** Office of Technology Strategy/  
Office of Governmentwide Policy,  
General Services Administration (GSA).

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public  
comments regarding a new OMB  
information clearance.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the  
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44  
U.S.C. chapter 35), the Regulatory  
Secretariat will be submitting to the  
Office of Management and Budget  
(OMB) a request to review and approve  
an emergency new information  
collection requirement regarding  
FFATA Subaward and Executive  
Compensation Reporting Requirements.

Public comments are particularly  
invited on: Whether this collection of  
information is necessary for the proper  
performance of functions of the FFATA  
Subaward and Executive Compensation  
Reporting Requirements, 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  
February 28, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments  
identified by Information Collection  
3090-0292, FFATA Subaward and  
Executive Compensation Reporting  
Requirements by any of the following  
methods:

- *Regulations.gov:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal by inputting "Information Collection 3090-

0292, FFATA Subaward and Executive  
Compensation Reporting Requirements"  
under the heading "Enter Keyword or  
ID" and selecting "Search". Select the  
link "Submit a Comment" that  
corresponds with "Information  
Collection 3090-0292, FFATA  
Subaward and Executive Compensation  
Reporting Requirements". Follow the  
instructions provided at the "Submit a  
Comment" screen. Please include your  
name, company name (if any), and  
"Information Collection 3090-0292,  
FFATA Subaward and Executive  
Compensation Reporting Requirements"  
on your attached document.

- *Fax:* 202-501-4067.
- *Mail:* General Services

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(MVCB), 1275 First Street, NE.,  
Washington, DC 20417. ATTN: Hada  
Flowers/IC 3090-0292.

*Instructions:* Please submit comments  
only and cite Information Collection  
3090-0292, FFATA Subaward and  
Executive Compensation Reporting  
Requirements, in all correspondence  
related to this collection. All comments  
received will be posted without change  
to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including  
any personal and/or business  
confidential information provided.

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Janice Miller, Program Analyst, Office of  
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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### A. Purpose

The Federal Funding Accountability  
and Transparency Act of 2006, Public  
Law 109-282 (Transparency Act)  
requires information disclosure of  
entities receiving Federal financial  
assistance through Federal awards such  
as Federal contracts, sub-contracts,  
grants and sub-grants, FFATA § 2(a), (2),  
(i), (ii). Beginning October 1, 2010, this  
Paperwork Reduction Act submission  
directs compliance with the  
Transparency Act to report prime and  
first-tier subaward data. Specifically,  
Federal agencies and prime awardees of  
grants will ensure disclosure of  
executive compensation of both prime  
and subawardees and subaward data.  
This information collection requires  
reporting of only the information  
enumerated under the Transparency  
Act.

##### B. Discussion of Public Comments

*Reporting of Executive Compensation  
for All State Employees.* One State  
agency commented that the request for  
comments implies that FFATA requires  
the reporting of executive compensation

for all State employees and sub-  
contractors and awardees, but the notice  
did not define what "executive  
compensation" means. The respondent  
asked if this is the salary and benefits  
that the chief executives of these entities  
make, or does this apply to all  
employees of these entities. The  
respondent also stated that this would  
be a very time-consuming and difficult  
task and that they could encounter  
privacy concerns with some of the  
private firms.

*Response:* Entity has the meaning  
given in 2 CFR part 25. *Executive* means  
officers, managing partners, or any other  
employees in management positions.  
*Total Compensation* means the cash and  
noncash dollar value earned by the  
executive during the recipient's or  
subrecipient's preceding fiscal year and  
includes the following (for more  
information see Part 170 Appendix A):

- Salary and bonus.
- Awards of stock, stock options, and  
stock appreciation rights. Use the dollar  
amount recognized for financial  
statement reporting purposes with  
respect to the fiscal year in accordance  
with the Statement of Financial  
Accounting Standards No. 123 (Revised  
2004) (FAS 123R), Shared Based  
Payments.
- Earnings for services under non-  
equity incentive plans. This does not  
include group life, health,  
hospitalization or medical  
reimbursement plans that do not  
discriminate in favor of executives, and  
are available generally to all salaried  
employees.
- Change in pension value. This is  
the change in present value of defined  
benefit and actuarial pension plans.
- Above-market earnings on deferred  
compensation which is not tax-  
qualified.

vi. Other compensation, if the  
aggregate value of all such other  
compensation (*e.g.*, severance,  
termination payments, value of life  
insurance paid on behalf of the  
employee, perquisites or property) for  
the executive exceeds \$10,000.

Under the Act, a prime entity will be  
required to report executive  
compensation about its own or its  
subawardee's top five highly  
compensated officials if: The entity in  
the preceding fiscal year received 80  
percent or more of its annual gross  
revenues in Federal awards; and  
\$25,000,000 or more in annual gross  
revenues from Federal awards; and the  
public does not have access to the  
information about the compensation of  
the senior executives of the entity  
through periodic reports filed under