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Visit the Commission Web site at <http://www.ftc.gov> to read this Notice. The FTC Act and other laws that the Commission administers permit the collection of public comments to consider and use in this proceeding as appropriate. The Commission will consider all timely and responsive public comments that it receives on or before February 25, 2013. You can find more information, including routine uses permitted by the Privacy Act, in the Commission's privacy policy, at <http://www.ftc.gov/ftc/privacy.shtm>.

Comments on the information collection requirements subject to review under the PRA should also be submitted to OMB. If sent by U.S. mail, address comments to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Federal Trade Commission, New Executive Office Building, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503. Comments sent to OMB by U.S. postal mail, however, are subject to delays due to heightened security precautions. Thus, comments instead should be sent by facsimile to (202) 395-5167.

David C. Shonka,

Acting General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Docket 2012-0076; Sequence 41; OMB
Control No. 9000-0070]

Submission for OMB Review; Payments

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD),
General Services Administration (GSA),

and National Aeronautics and Space
Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for comments
regarding the extension of a previously
existing OMB clearance.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the
Paperwork Reduction Act, the
Regulatory Secretariat will be
submitting to the Office of Management
and Budget (OMB) a request to review
and approve an extension of a
previously approved information
collection requirement concerning
Payments. A notice was published in
the **Federal Register** at 77 FR 43080, on
July 23, 2012. One respondent
submitted comments.

Public comments are particularly
invited on: Whether this collection of
information is necessary for the proper
performance of functions of the Federal
Acquisition Regulations (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
February 25, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments
identified by Information Collection
9000-0070, Payments, by any of the
following methods:

- *Regulations.gov:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Submit comments via the Federal
eRulemaking portal by searching the
OMB control number. Select the link
"Submit a Comment" that corresponds
with "Information Collection 9000-
0070, Payments". Follow the
instructions provided at the "Submit a
Comment" screen. Please include your
name, company name (if any), and
"Information Collection 9000-0070,
Payments" 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 9000-0070, Payments.

Instructions: Please submit comments
only and cite Information Collection
9000-0070, Payments, 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:

Edward Chambers, Procurement
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GSA at (202) 501-3221 or Email at
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

Firms performing under Federal
contracts must provide adequate
documentation to support requests for
payment under these contracts. The
documentation may range from a simple
invoice to detailed cost data. The
information is usually submitted once,
at the end of the contract period or upon
delivery of the supplies, but could be
submitted more often depending on the
payment schedule established under the
contract (see FAR 52.232-1 through
52.232-4, and FAR 52.232-6 through
52.232-11). The information is used to
determine the proper amount of
payments to Federal contractors.

B. Analysis of Public Comments

One respondent submitted public
comments on the extension of the
previously approved information
collection. The analysis of the public
comments is summarized as follows:

Comment: The respondent
commented that the extension of the
information collection would violate the
fundamental purposes of the Paperwork
Reduction Act because of the burden it
puts on the entity submitting the
information and the agency collecting
the information.

Response: In accordance with the
Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA),
agencies can request OMB approval of
an existing information collection. The
PRA requires that agencies use the
Federal Register notice and comment
process, to extend OMB's approval, at
least every three years. This extension,
to a previously approved information
collection, pertains to documentation
necessary to support requests for
payment under Government contracts.
The documentation may range from a
simple invoice to detailed cost data. The
information is usually submitted once,
at the end of the contract period or upon
delivery of the supplies, but could be
submitted more often depending on the
payment schedule established under the
contract (see FAR 52.232-1 through
52.232-11). The information is used to
determine the proper amount of
payments to Federal contractors. Absent
this documentation, which serves as the
basis for contract payments, the
Government would be prevented from
making such payments.

Comment: The respondent commented that the agency did not accurately estimate the public burden challenging that the agency's methodology for calculating it is insufficient and inadequate and does not reflect the total burden. The respondent stated the estimate of 120 responses per respondent is understated, and proposed that the number of responses for many respondents, particularly large government contractors, exceeds 1,000 responses per year. Additionally, the respondent stated that the estimate of .025 hours of burden per response is unrealistically low given the level of documentation required to support requests for payment, especially on certain contracts, and proposed that contractors will expend an amount of effort more than 100 times the estimate of .025 hours. For this reason, the respondent provided that the agency should reassess the estimated total burden hours and revise the estimate upwards to be more accurate, as was done in FAR Case 2007–006. The same respondent also provided that the burden of compliance with the information collection requirement greatly exceeds the agency's estimate and outweighs any potential utility of the extension.

Response: Serious consideration is given, during the open comment period, to all comments received and adjustments are made to the paperwork burden estimate based on reasonable considerations provided by the public. This is evidenced, as the respondent notes, in FAR Case 2007–006 where an adjustment was made from the total preparation hours from three to 60. This change was made considering particularly the hours that would be required for review within the company, prior to release to the Government.

The burden is prepared taking into consideration the necessary criteria in OMB guidance for estimating the paperwork burden put on the entity submitting the information. For example, consideration is given to an entity reviewing instructions; using technology to collect, process, and disclose information; adjusting existing practices to comply with requirements; searching data sources; completing and reviewing the response; and transmitting or disclosing information. The estimated burden hours for a collection are based on an average between the hours that a simple disclosure by a very small business might require and the much higher numbers that might be required for a very complex disclosure by a major corporation. Also, the estimated burden

hours should only include projected hours for those actions which a company would not undertake in the normal course of business. Careful consideration went into assessing the estimated burden hours for this collection, and although, the respondent provided estimates of responses and burden hours, the estimates cannot be confirmed with any degree of certainty to totally rely on the information. However, it is determined that an upward adjustment is warranted at this time based upon consideration of the information provided in the public comment. The information collection requirement has been revised to reflect an overall increase in the total public burden hours.

C. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 80,000.

Responses per Respondent: 120.

Total Responses: 9,600,000.

Hours per Response: .25.

Total Burden Hours: 2,400,000.

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. 9000–0070, Payments, in all correspondence.

Dated: January 17, 2013.

William Clark,

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Docket 2012–0076; Sequence 48; OMB Control No. 9000–0101]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Submission for OMB Review; Drug-Free Workplace (FAR 52.223–6)

AGENCY: 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 of an existing OMB clearance.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, the

Regulatory Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a previously approved information collection requirement concerning drug-free workplace. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** at 77 FR 52696, on August 30, 2012. 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 Federal Acquisition Regulations (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 February 25, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments identified by Information Collection 9000–0101, Drug-Free Workplace, by any of the following methods:

- *Regulations.gov:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal by searching the OMB control number. Select the link “Submit a Comment” that corresponds with “Information Collection 9000–0101, Drug-Free Workplace”. Follow the instructions provided at the “Submit a Comment” screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and “Information Collection 9000–0101, Drug-Free Workplace” 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 9000–0101, Drug-Free Workplace.

Instructions: Please submit comments only and cite Information Collection 9000–0101, Drug-Free Workplace, 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. Marissa Petrussek, Procurement Analyst, Office of Acquisition Policy, GSA (202)