

avoidance and minimization within the nearshore environment.

**Deepwater Cable Route Alternatives—**Three deepwater route alternatives with a common divergence point outside the U.S. were evaluated as part of the route planning process. These alternatives were not analyzed with respect to impacts on the human or natural environment because the DISA determined that the action of a one time, direct-laid SFOC system on the seabed has been demonstrated in past project actions at SFOMF and worldwide to ordinarily have only a minor, localized, and transient effect on the environment. Therefore, the action lacks the potential to cause significant harm to the environment outside the U.S. and meets the exemption requirement (E2.3.3.1.1) to prepare environmental documentation under Executive Order (E.O.) 12114, Environmental Effects Abroad of Major Federal Actions.

**No Action Alternative—**The No Action Alternative would be not to proceed with the GTMO SFOC system project linking NAVSTAGTMO at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba with the SFOMF facility at Dania Beach, Florida. NAVSTAGTMO would continue to operate with existing satellite communication capabilities which would not meet the operational need for reliability and additional bandwidth.

**Conclusion:** The GTMO SFOC EA was prepared and evaluated pursuant to NEPA, CEQ regulations at 40 CFR parts 1500–1508, and 32 CFR part 188. It has been concluded that, based on the analyses presented in the GTMO SFOC EA, the DISA has determined that no significant direct, indirect, or cumulative impacts would occur as a result of the Proposed Action. Therefore, no further study under NEPA is required, and a FONSI is thus warranted. In addition, the Proposed Action lacks the potential to cause significant harm to the environment outside the U.S. and thus is exempt from further environmental analyses under Executive Order 12114. Accordingly, the DISA approved the installation and operation of the GTMO SFOC.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Defense Acquisition Regulations System

[Docket Number 2015–0013]

#### Information Collection Requirement; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Requests for Equitable Adjustment

**AGENCY:** Defense Acquisition Regulations System, 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 for use through August 31, 2015. DoD proposes that OMB extend its approval for use for three additional years.

**DATES:** DoD will consider all comments received by May 11, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by OMB Control Number 0704–0397, using any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- Email: [osd.dfars@mail.mil](mailto:osd.dfars@mail.mil). Include OMB Control Number 0704–0397 in the subject line of the message.
- Fax: 571–372–6094.
- Mail: Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Attn: Ms. Jennifer Hawes, OUSD(AT&L)DPAP(DARS), 3060 Defense Pentagon, Room 3B941, Washington, DC 20301–3060.

Comments received generally will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any

personal information provided. To confirm receipt of your comment, please check [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) approximately two to three days after submission to verify posting, except allow 30 days for posting of comments submitted by mail.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Jennifer Hawes, at (571) 372–6115.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title and OMB Number:** Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) part 243, Contract Modifications, and the related clause at DFARS 252.243–7002; OMB Control Number 0704–0397.

**Needs and Uses:** The information collection required by the clause at DFARS 252.243–7002, Requests for Equitable Adjustment, implements 10 U.S.C. 2410(a). DoD contracting officers and auditors use this information to evaluate contractor requests for equitable adjustments to contracts.

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

**Annual Burden Hours:** 2,483.

**Number of Respondents:** 328.

**Responses Per Respondent:** 1.6, approximately.

**Annual Responses:** 520.

**Average Burden Per Response:** 4.8 hours, approximately.

**Frequency:** On occasion.

#### Summary of Information Collection

The clause at DFARS 252.243–7002, Requests for Equitable Adjustment, is prescribed at DFARS 243.205–71 for use in solicitations and contracts, including solicitations and contracts using FAR part 12 procedures for the acquisition of commercial items that are estimated to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold. The clause requires contractors to certify that requests for equitable adjustment that exceed the simplified acquisition threshold are made in good faith and that the supporting data are accurate and complete. The clause also requires contractors to fully disclose all facts relevant to the requests for adjustment.

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