

under Section 7 of the ESA to address these changes in the proposed action. A new Biological Opinion was issued on February 14, 2012. The Biological Opinion determined that the issuance of IHA is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of the Cook Inlet beluga whales or the western DPS of Steller sea lions, or destroy or adversely modify Cook Inlet beluga whale critical habitat. Finally, the Biological Opinion includes an Incidental Take Statement (ITS) for Cook Inlet beluga whales and Steller sea lions. The ITS contains reasonable and prudent measures implemented by terms and conditions to minimize the effects of this take.

#### National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

NMFS prepared an Environmental Assessment to determine whether this proposed activity will have a significant effect on the human environment. This analysis was completed prior to the issuance the IHA with NMFS' issuance of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

#### Authorization

NMFS has issued an incidental harassment authorization for the take of marine mammals incidental to Apache's seismic survey in Cook Inlet, Alaska, provided the previously mentioned mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are incorporated.

Dated: February 20, 2013.

**Helen M. Golde,**

*Acting Director, Office of Protected Resources,  
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### United States Patent and Trademark Office

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

*Agency:* United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

*Title:* Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures.

*Form Number(s):* PTO/SB/93.

*Agency Approval Number:* 0651-0024.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Burden:* 138,225 hours annually.

*Number of Respondents:* 25,250 responses per year.

*Avg. Hours per Response:* The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately six minutes (0.10 hours) to six hours to gather the necessary information, prepare the form or sequence listing, and submit it to the USPTO.

*Needs and Uses:* Patent applications that contain nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosures must include a copy of the sequence listing in accordance with the requirements in 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. Applicants may submit sequence listings for both U.S. and international patent applications. The USPTO uses the sequence listings during the examination process to determine the patentability of the associated patent application. Sequence listings are also disclosed as part of the published patent application or issued patent. Applicants use sequence data when preparing biotechnology patent applications and may also search sequence listings after publication.

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

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Nicholas A. Fraser, email:

*Nicholas\_A\_Fraser@omb.eop.gov.*

Once submitted, the request will be publicly available in electronic format through the Information Collection Review page at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov).

Paper copies can be obtained by:

- *Email:*

*InformationCollection@uspto.gov.*

Include "0651-0024 copy request" in the subject line of the message.

- *Mail:* Susan K. Fawcett, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before March 27, 2013 to Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB Desk Officer, via email to *Nicholas\_A\_Fraser@omb.eop.gov*, or by fax to 202-395-5167, marked to the attention of Nicholas A. Fraser.

Dated: February 20, 2013.

**Susan K. Fawcett,**

*Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

### Information Collection; Submission for OMB Review, Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Corporation for National and Community Service.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) has submitted a public information collection request (ICR) entitled National Service Trust Enrollment Form and National Service Trust Exit Form for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13, (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Corporation for National and Community Service, Bruce Kellogg, at (202) 606-6954 or email to *bkellogg@cns.gov*. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY-TDD) may call 1-800-833-3722 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted, identified by the title of the information collection activity, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: Ms. Sharon Mar, OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service, by any of the following two methods within 30 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**:

- (1) *By fax to:* (202) 395-6974, Attention: Ms. Sharon Mar, OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service; or
- (2) *By email to:* *smar@omb.eop.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of CNCS, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- Propose ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- Propose ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection

techniques or other forms of information technology.

#### Comments

A 60-day public comment Notice was published in the **Federal Register** on Wednesday, October 31, 2012. This comment period ended December 30, 2012. No public comments were received from this Notice.

*Description:* CNCS is seeking approval of the Enrollment Form, which is used by AmeriCorps members and program staff to enroll in the National Service Trust. The Exit Form is used by AmeriCorps members and program staff to document the completion of their term of service. This information is also collected electronically.

*Type of Review:* Renewal.

*Agency:* Corporation for National and Community Service.

*Title:* National Service Trust Enrollment Form and National Service Trust Exit Form.

*OMB Number:* 3045-0006 (Enrollment) and 3045-0015 (Exit).

*Agency Number:* None.

*Affected Public:* AmeriCorps members and program staff.

*Total Respondents:* 81,000

(Enrollments) and 79,000 (Exits).

*Frequency:* Once per form per term of service.

*Average Time per Response:* 10 minutes per form.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 13,500 hours (Enrollment) and 13,166.67 (Exit).

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* None.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* None.

Dated: February 19, 2013.

**Maggie Taylor-Coates,**  
Chief, Trust Operations.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID DoD-2013-OS-0029]

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense (DoD), DoD Chief Information Officer (DoD CIO).

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by March 27, 2013.

*Title, Associated Form and OMB Number:* Information Assurance Scholarship Program; OMB Control Number 0704-0486.

*Type of Request:* Extension.

*Number of Respondents:* 337.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 337.

*Average Burden per Response:* 5.852 hours.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 1,972 hours.

*Needs and Uses:* The National Security Agency (NSA) is the Executive Administrator of the DoD Information Assurance Scholarship Program (IASP), serving on behalf of DoD Chief Information Officer. Those who wish to participate in the DoD IASP Recruitment program must complete and submit an application package through their college or university to NSA. Centers of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education and Research (CAEs) interested in applying for capacity-building grants must complete and submit a written proposal, and all colleges and universities subsequently receiving grants must provide documentation on how the grant funding was utilized and the resulting accomplishments. Without this written documentation detailing scholarship applicants' credentials, grant proposals, and grant execution accomplishments, the DoD has no means of judging the quality of applicants to the program or collecting information regarding program performance.

*Affected Public:* "Individuals or households," specifically college students at institutions designated as CAEs who are interested in, and qualify to apply for a scholarship; CAEs interested in submitting proposals for capacity-building grants, and faculty advisors (Principal Investigators).

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Mr. John Kraemer.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Kraemer at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

You may also submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by the following method:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy

for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

*DoD Clearance Officer:* Ms. Patricia Toppings.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Ms. Toppings at WHS/ESD Information Management Division, 4800 Mark Center Drive, East Tower, Suite 02G09, Alexandria, VA 22350-3100.

Dated: February 20, 2013.

**Aaron Siegel,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Defense Acquisition Regulations System

### Accelerated Payments to Small Business Subcontractors

**AGENCY:** Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** DoD has discontinued its temporary practice of providing accelerated payments to all contractors.

**DATES:** *Effective date:* February 25, 2013.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Lee Renna, telephone 571-372-6095.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### A. Background

DoD provided notice in the **Federal Register** at 77 FR 63298, on October 16, 2012, that it had taken steps to accelerate payments to all DoD prime contractors, in order to implement the temporary policy established in OMB Memorandum M-12-16, *Providing Prompt Payment to Small Business Subcontractors* (July 11, 2012).

DoD has now discontinued the temporary practice of accelerating payments to all prime contractors. This action does not affect DoD's policy to assist small business prime contractors by paying them as quickly as possible after receipt of an invoice and all proper documentation, while also maintaining necessary DoD internal controls. The Department plans to continue phased implementation of the policy at Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement 232.903 and 232.906.