

ACTION: Notice of request for an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0031).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning Contractor Use of Government Supply Sources. A request for public comments concerning this burden estimate was published at 60 FR 54219, October 20, 1995. No public comments were received.

DATES: *Comment Due Date:* March 1, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, or obtaining a copy of the justification, should be submitted to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503 and a copy to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRs), 18th & F Streets, NW, Room 4037, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0031, Contractor Use of Government Supply Sources, in all correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Linda Klein, Office of Federal Acquisition Policy, GSA (202) 501-3775.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

When it is in the best interest of the Government and when supplies and services are required by a Government contract, contracting officers may authorize contractors to use Government supply sources in performing certain contracts. Contractors placing orders under Federal Supply Schedules or Personal Property Rehabilitation Price Schedules must follow the terms of the applicable schedule. To place orders, firms will submit the initial FEDSTRIP or MILSTRIP requisitions or the Optional Form 347, a copy of the authorization to order, and a statement regarding authorization to the firm holding the schedule contract.

The information informs the schedule contractor that the ordering contractor is authorized to use this Government supply source and fills the ordering contractor's order under the terms of the Government contract.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

The annual reporting burden is estimated as follows: Respondents, 300; responses per respondents, 7; total annual responses, 2,100; preparation hours per response, .25; and total response burden hours, 525.

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Beverly Fayson,
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Clearance Request Entitled Contractor Use of Interagency Motor Pool Vehicles

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0032).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning Contractor Use of Interagency Motor Pool Vehicles. A request for public comments concerning this burden estimate was published at 60 FR 54219, October 20, 1995. No public comments were received.

DATES: *Comment Due Date:* March 1, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, or obtaining a copy of the justification, should be submitted to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRs), 18th & F Streets, NW, Room 4037, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0032, Contractor Use of Interagency Motor Pool Vehicles, in all correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Linda Klein, Office of Federal Acquisition Policy, GSA (202) 501-3775.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

If it is in the best interest of the Government, the contracting officer may authorize cost-reimbursement contractors to obtain, for official purposes only, interagency motor pool vehicles and related services. Contractors' requests for vehicles must contain two copies of the agency authorization, the number of vehicles and related services required and period of use, a list of employees who are authorized to request the vehicles, a listing of equipment authorized to be serviced, and billing instructions and address.

A written statement that the contractor will assume, without the right of reimbursement from the Government, the cost or expense of any use of the motor pool vehicles and services not related to the performance of the contract is necessary before the contracting officer may authorize cost-reimbursement contractors to obtain interagency motor pool vehicles and related services.

The information is used by the Government to determine that it is in the Government's best interest to authorize a cost-reimbursement contractor to obtain, for official purposes only, interagency motor pool vehicles and related services, and to provide those vehicles.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

The annual reporting burden is estimated as follows: Respondents, 70; responses per respondent, 2; total annual responses, 140; preparation hours per response, .5; and total response burden hours, 70.

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[OMB Control No. 9000-0041]**Clearance Request Entitled Technical Proposal—Two-Step Sealed Bidding**

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0041).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning Technical Proposal—Two-Step Sealed Bidding. A request for public comments concerning this burden estimate was published at 60 FR 53916, October 18, 1995. No public comments were received.

DATES: *Comment Due Date:* March 1, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, or obtaining a copy of the justification, should be submitted to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRs), 18th & F Streets, NW, Room 4037, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0041, Technical Proposal—Two-Step Sealed Bidding, in all correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Ralph De Stefano, Office of Federal Acquisition Policy, GSA (202) 501-1758.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**A. Purpose**

Two-step sealed bidding is a method of contracting designed to obtain the benefits of sealed bidding when adequate specifications are not available. An objective is to permit the development of a sufficiently descriptive and not unduly restrictive statement of the Government's requirements, including an adequate technical data package, so that subsequent acquisitions may be made by conventional sealed bidding. This method is especially useful in acquisitions requiring technical proposals, particularly those for complex items. It is conducted in two steps:

(a) Step 1 consists of the request for, submission, evaluation, and (if necessary) discussion of a technical proposal. No pricing is involved. The objective is to determine the acceptability of the supplies or services offered. As used in this context, the word "technical" has a broad connotation and includes, among other things, the engineering approach, special manufacturing processes, and special testing techniques. It is the proper step for clarification of questions relating to technical requirements.

(b) Step 2 involves the submission of sealed price bids by those who submitted acceptable technical proposals in step 1.

The requested information is needed, in the absence of adequate specifications, to develop a sufficiently descriptive and not unduly restrictive statement of the Government's requirements and to determine the acceptability of proposals received. The contracting officer evaluates the acceptability of the information received, based on the criteria in the request for proposals.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 8 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

The annual reporting burden is estimated as follows: Respondents, 3,225; responses per respondent, 1; total annual responses, 3,225; preparation hours per response, 8; and total response burden hours, 25,800.

Obtaining Copies of Justifications

Requester may obtain copies of justifications from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRs), Room 4037, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0041, Technical Proposal—Two-Step Sealed Bidding, in all correspondence.

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Beverly Fayson,

FAR Secretariat.

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[OMB Control No. 9000-0044]**Clearance Request Entitled Bid/Offer Acceptance Period**

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

and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0044).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning Bid/Offer Acceptance Period. A request for public comments concerning this burden estimate was published at 60 FR 53914, October 18, 1995. No public comments were received.

DATES: *Comment Due Date:* March 1, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, or obtaining a copy of the justification, should be submitted to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503 and a copy to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRs), 18th & F Streets, NW., Room 4037, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0044, Bid/Offer Acceptance Period, in all correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Ralph De Stefano, Office of Federal Acquisition Policy, GSA (202) 501-1758.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**A. Purpose**

Bid acceptance period is the period of time from receipt of bids that is available to the Government to award the contract. This acceptance period is normally established by the Government. However, the bidder may establish a longer acceptance period than the minimum acceptance period set by the Government by filling in the blank. There are instances when the Government is unable to award a contract within the acceptance period due to unforeseen complications. Rather than incur the costly expense of readvertising, the Government requests the bidder to extend their bids for a longer period of time.

These data are placed with the respective bids and placed in the contract file to become a matter of record.