

do not bear a reasonable relation to the cost of the work.

- DFARS 252.236-7010, Overseas Military Construction—Preference for United States Firms, and DFARS 252.236-7012, Military Construction on Kwajalein Atoll—Evaluation Preference, require offerors to identify their status as a U.S. firm, or, when contract performance will be on Kwajalein Atoll, status as a U.S. or Marshallse firm. This requirement implements Section 112 of the Military Construction Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1998 (Pub. L. 104-45).

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

[OMB Control Number 0704-0272]

### Information Collection Requirements; Environment, Conservation, and Occupational Safety

**AGENCY:** 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. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, 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. This information collection requirement is currently approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for use through September 30, 1998. DoD proposes that OMB extend its approval for use through September 30, 2001.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by June 8, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed

information collection requirement should be sent to: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Attn: Ms. Amy Williams, PDUSD (AT&T) DP (DAR), IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062. Telefax (703) 602-0350.

E-mail comments submitted over the Internet should be addressed to: [dfars@acq.osd.mil](mailto:dfars@acq.osd.mil).

Please cite OMB Control Number 0704-0272 in all correspondence related to this issue. E-mail comments should cite OMB Control Number 0704-0272 in the subject line.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ms. Amy Williams, at (703) 602-0131.

A copy of this information collection requirement is available electronically via the Internet at: <http://www.dtic.mil/dfars/>

Paper copies may be obtained from Ms. Amy Williams, PDUSD (A&T) DP (DAR), IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number:* Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 223, Environment, Conservation, and Occupational Safety, and Related Clauses at 252.223, OMB Control Number 0704-0272.

*Needs and Uses:* This information collection requirement pertains to information that an offeror/contractor must submit to the Department of Defense (DoD) in response to solicitation provisions and contract clauses in DFARS 252.223. This information is used by DoD contracting officers to—

a. Verify compliance with requirements for labeling of hazardous material;

b. Ensure compliance of contractors with DoD 4145.26-M, DoD Contractors' Safety Manual for Ammunition and Explosives, and minimize risk of future mishaps;

c. Monitor subcontractor compliance with DoD 4145.26-M;

d. Verify that the contractor has the financial capability to reimburse the Government for any liabilities incurred by the Government as a result of the contractor's negligence or breach of contract; and

e. Monitor subcontractor compliance with DoD 5100.76-M, Physical Security of Sensitive Conventional Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives.

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

*Annual Burden Hours:* 28,964 hours.

*Number of Respondents:* 2,856.

*Responses per Respondent:* 12.56.

*Number of Responses:* 35,873.

*Average Burden per Response:* .81 hours.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

### Summary of Information Collection

This information collection requirement, which consolidates the requirements previously covered by OMB Control Numbers 0704-0272, 0704-0343, and 0704-0385, and also transfers requirements relating to Part 223 from OMB Control Number 0704-0187, includes the following requirements:

#### a. 252.223-7001, Hazard Warning Labels

Paragraph (c) requires all offerors to list which hazardous materials will be labeled in accordance with certain statutory requirements instead of the Hazard Communication Standard. Paragraph (d) requires only the apparently successful offeror to submit, before award, a copy of the hazard warning label for all hazardous materials not listed in paragraph (c) of the clause.

#### b. 252.223-7002, Safety Precautions for Ammunition and Explosives

Paragraph (c)(2) requires the contractor, within 30 days of notification of noncompliance with DoD 4145.26-M, to notify the contracting officer with DOD 4145.26-M, to notify the contracting officer of actions taken to correct the noncompliance. Paragraph (d)(1) requires the contractor to notify the contracting officer immediately of any mishaps involving ammunition or explosives. Paragraph (d)(3) requires the contractor to submit a written report of the investigation of the mishap to the contracting officer. Paragraph (g)(4) requires the contractor to notify the contracting officer before placing a subcontract for ammunition or explosives.

#### c. 252.223-7003, Changes in Place of Performance—Ammunition and Explosives

Paragraph (a) requires the offeror to identify, in the "Place of Performance" provision of the solicitation, the place of performance of all ammunition and explosives work covered by the "Safety Precautions for Ammunition and Explosives" clause of the solicitation. Paragraphs (b) and (c) require the offeror/contractor to obtain written permission from the contracting officer before changing the place of performance after the date set for receipt of offers or after contract award.

**d. 252.223-7005, Hazardous Waste Liability**

Paragraph (c) requires the contractor to demonstrate the ability to reimburse the Government for damages, by providing evidence that the facility has liability insurance meeting the requirements of 40 CFR 264.147; or the facility meets the financial assurance requirements of 40 CFR 264.147 for sudden and nonsudden accidental occurrences.

**e. 252.223-7007, Safeguarding Sensitive Conventional Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives**

Paragraph (e) requires the contractor to notify the cognizant Defense Security Service (formerly the Defense Investigative Service) field office within 10 days after award of any subcontract involving sensitive conventional arms, ammunition, and explosives within the scope of DoD 5100.76-M.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Army****Army Science Board; Closed Meeting**

In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following Committee Meeting:

*Name of Committee:* Army Science Board (ASB).

*Date of Meeting:* 6-8 April 1998.

*Time of Meeting:* 0800-1700, 6-7 Apr 98; 0800-1300, 8 Apr 98.

*Place:* Space & Missile Defense Command, Army Space Command—Colorado Springs, CO.

*Agenda:* The Army Science Board's (ASB) 1998 Summer Study Panel on "Prioritizing Army Space Needs" will meet for briefings and discussions concerning DoD space capabilities and limitations as well as current operational Reconnaissance, Intelligence, Surveillance and Target Acquisition programs and procedure. These meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b(c) of Title 5, U.S.C., specifically subparagraph (1) thereof, and Title 5, U.S.C., Appendix 2, subsection 10(d). The classified and unclassified matters to be discussed are so inextricably intertwined so as to preclude opening any portion of these meetings. For

further information, please contact our office at (703) 604-7490.

**Wayne Joyner,**

*Program Support Specialist, Army Science Board.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences****Sunshine Act Meeting****AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:**

Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

**TIME AND DATE:** 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., May 15, 1998.

**PLACE:** Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Board of Regents Conference Room (D3001), 4301 Jones Bridge Road, Bethesda, MD 20814-4799.

**STATUS:** Open—under "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552B(e)(3)).

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

8:30 a.m. MEETING—BOARD OF REGENTS

- (1) Approval of Minutes—February 9, 1998
- (2) Faculty Matters
- (3) Departmental Reports
- (4) Financial Report
- (5) Report—President, USUHS
- (6) Report—Dean, School of Medicine
- (7) Reprot—Dean, Graduate School of Nursing
- (8) Comments—Chairman, Board of Regents
- (9) New Business

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Mr. Bobby D. Anderson, Executive Secretary of the Board of Regents, (301) 295-3116.

Dated: April 3, 1998.

**Linda Bynum,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Golden Field Office; Solicitation for Financial Assistance Applications**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Solicitation for financial assistance applications, development of Niche markets for solar water heating systems.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the DOE Financial Assistance Rules, 10 CFR 600.8, is announcing its intention to

solicit responses for Federally cost-shared collaborative projects that implement innovative approaches to the development of sustainable niche markets for solar water heating systems in the building industry.

**ADDRESSES:** To obtain a copy of the solicitation, once issued, write to the U.S. Department of Energy, Golden Field Office, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Golden, Colorado 80401-3393, Attention: Beth H. Peterman, Contract Specialist and Contracting Officer. Facsimiles and electronic mail are acceptable and can be transmitted to (303) 275-4788 or beth\_peterman@nrel.gov. Applicants are encouraged to obtain the solicitation electronically through the Golden Field Office Home Page at <http://www.eren.doe.gov/golden/solicit.htm>. Only written requests for the solicitation or notifications of receipt will be honored.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Through cooperative agreements, DOE is proposing to support business development projects that integrate solar water heating systems into the building sector under provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (EPAct): Public Law 102-486. It is the goal of DOE to accelerate the establishment of markets for solar water heating systems (SWH) by assisting industry in developing sustainable niche markets within the building sector through Federally cost-shared projects. The projects are intended to focus on market development combined with strategic partnering leading to the integration of solar water heating in both new construction and existing buildings. The ultimate goal of the program is a sustainable market for the SWH products within the conventional residential and commercial building industry without Federal assistance.

Successful applications shall demonstrate an innovative approach for integrating SWH into new construction or existing buildings (e.g., residential or commercial). Respondents are encouraged to form appropriate consortia or other business arrangements with utilities and/or Energy Service Company's (ESCO's), new home construction industry, and solar water heating suppliers or demonstrate a plan for establishing a business arrangement for implementing the solar business venture. Viability of the consortia to develop a sustainable niche market for solar water heating will be a major factor in selecting projects for Federal assistance. Respondents should demonstrate an innovative and cost