

offset. The Commission has determined that an additional period for public comment on the proposals will assist the Commission in considering the views of interested persons, and is consistent with the purposes of the Commodity Exchange Act.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before June 14, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Center, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to facsimile number (202) 418-5521, or by electronic mail to secretary@cftc.gov. Reference should be made to the CME three-month Eurodollar FRA futures and option contracts.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Please contact David Van Wagner of the Division of Trading and Markets, telephone (202) 418-5481. Facsimile number (202) 418-5547. Electronic Mail: dvanwagner@afc.gov. With respect to the individual contract terms and conditions, please contact Michael Penick of the Division of Economic Analysis, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Center, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581, telephone (202) 418-5279. Facsimile number: (202) 418-5527. Electronic mail: mpenick@cftc.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the original application, the terms and conditions of the proposed futures contract provided that the contract would be cash settled using procedures substantially identical to those of the existing CME Eurodollar futures contract. Other features of the proposed contract were also comparable to those approved for existing markets.

In a supplemental filing, the CME has clarified which exchange procedures specifically would apply to the trading, clearing and settlement of the proposed three-month Eurodollar FRA futures contract. As proposed, CME Rule \_\_\_\_\_.00, Scope of Chapter, would be modified to state that the procedures for trading, clearing and settlement of the three-month Eurodollar FRA futures are governed by the rules of the Exchange except for Rule 806.<sup>1</sup> Procedures requiring the posting of collateral to cover daily pays and collects would remain the same.

Under the proposed revision, positions in the proposed three-month

Eurodollar FRA futures contract would not be liquidated by offset. Rather, positions must be held to contract expiration once opened. As the CME explained in its supplemental filing:

... the value of a price change in the Eurodollar FRA futures contract is not known until the final settlement date when the value of a tick is determined. Therefore, the Clearinghouse cannot determine accurately the pays and collects on Eurodollar FRA futures positions until the final settlement. . . . Hence, as the Eurodollar FRA futures rules already reflect, the Eurodollar FRA futures contract is not subject to Rule 814 regarding daily pays and collects between the contract holder and the Clearinghouse. Similarly, because the Eurodollar FRA futures contract is not settled daily and because pays and collects do not occur daily as the Eurodollar futures contracts, the Clearinghouse cannot offset Eurodollar FRA futures contracts. Rather, pays and collects will be netted out across the settling Eurodollar FRA contracts on the settlement date.<sup>2</sup>

The Commission is requesting comment on the proposed contract provisions with respect to exchange financial integrity, futures industry practices, and the application of any provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act or of any specific Commission policy or interpretation.

Copies of the amended terms and conditions will be available for inspection at the Office of the Secretariat, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Center, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581. Copies of the terms and conditions can be obtained through the Office of the Secretariat by mail at the above address or by phone at (202) 418-5100.

Other materials submitted by the CME in support of the applications for contract market designation may be available upon request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and the Commission's regulations thereunder (17 CFR Part 145 (1997)), except to the extent they are entitled to confidential treatment as set forth in 17 CFR 145.5 ad 145.9. Requests for copies of such materials should be made to the FOI, Privacy and Sunshine Act Compliance Staff of the Office of Secretariat at the Commission's headquarters in accordance with 17 CFR 145.7 and 145.8.

Any person interested in submitting written data, views, or arguments on the proposed terms and conditions, or with respect to other materials submitted by the CME should send such comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity

Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Center, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581 by the specified date.

Issued in Washington, DC, on May 5, 1999.

**Jean A. Webb,**

*Secretary of the Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

### NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0080]

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request Entitled Integrity of Unit Prices

**AGENCIES:** 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 to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0080).

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning Integrity of Unit Prices. This OMB clearance currently expires on August 31, 1999.

**DATES:** Comments may be submitted on or before July 13, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, 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), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeremy F. Olson, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-3221.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### A. Purpose

FAR 15.408(f) and the clause at FAR 52.215-14, Integrity of Unit Prices, require offerors and contractors under Federal contracts that are to be awarded

<sup>1</sup> CME Rule 806 states that "a clearing member long or short any commodity to the Clearing House as a result of substitution may liquidate the position by acquiring an opposite position for its principal."

<sup>2</sup> As mentioned, the Clearinghouse would require the posting of collateral to cover pays and collects on the final settlement date.

without adequate price competition to identify in their proposals those supplies which they will not manufacture or to which they will not contribute significant value. The policies included in the FAR are required by section 501 of Public Law 98-577 (for the civilian agencies) and section 927 of Public Law 99-500 (for DOD and NASA). The rule contains no reporting requirements on contracts with commercial items.

#### **B. Annual Reporting Burden**

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour 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, 1,000; responses per respondent, 10; total annual responses, 10,000; preparation hours per response, 1 hour; and total response burden hours, 10,000.

#### **Obtaining Copies of Proposals**

Requester may obtain a copy of the justification from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRs), Room 4035, 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 208-7312. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0080, Integrity of Unit Prices, in all correspondence.

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**Edward C. Loeb,**

*Director, Federal Acquisition Policy Division.*  
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### **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

#### **GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**

#### **NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[OMB Control No. 9000-0082]

#### **Proposed Collection; Comment Request Entitled Economic Purchase Quantities—Supplies**

**AGENCIES:** 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 to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0082).

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44

U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning Economic Purchase Quantities—Supplies. This OMB clearance currently expires on August 31, 1999.

**DATES:** Comments may be submitted on or before July 13, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, 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), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Jeremy F. Olson, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-3221.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **A. Purpose**

The provision at 52.207-4, Economic Purchase Quantities—Supplies, invites offerors to state an opinion on whether the quantity of supplies on which bids, proposals, or quotes are requested in solicitations is economically advantageous to the Government. Each offeror who believes that acquisitions in different quantities would be more advantageous is invited to (1) recommend an economic purchase quantity, showing a recommended unit and total price, and (2) identify the different quantity points where significant price breaks occur. This information is required by Pub. L. 98-577 and Pub. L. 98-525.

##### **B. Annual Reporting Burden**

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 50 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, 1,524; responses per respondent, 25; total annual responses, 38,100; preparation hours per response, .83; and total response burden hours, 31,623.

##### **Obtaining Copies of Proposals**

Requester may obtain a copy of the justification from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat

(MVRs), Room 4035, 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 208-7312. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0082, Economic Purchase Quantities—Supplies, in all correspondence.

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**Edward C. Loeb,**

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### **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

#### **GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**

#### **NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[OMB Control No. 9000-0144]

#### **Proposed Collection; Comment Request Entitled Payment by Electronic Fund Transfer**

**AGENCIES:** 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 to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0144).

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning Payment by Electronic Fund Transfer. This OMB clearance currently expires on August 31, 1999.

**DATES:** Comments may be submitted on or before July 13, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden should be submitted to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat, 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Jeremy F. Olson, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-3221.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **A. Purpose**

The FAR requires certain information to be provided by contractors which would enable the Government to make payments under the contract by