

capacity and credit and risk management controls provided by the firm's AORSs.

NFA notes that the proposed Interpretive Notice applies to AORSs that are within an NFA member's control (including those provided by an application service provider or an independent software vendor). While a member would not be responsible for an AORS chosen by the customer and not under the member's control, the member would be required to adopt procedures that could reasonably be expected to address the trading, clearing and other risks arising from its customer relationship.

II. Description of the Interpretive Release

The proposed Interpretive Notice would require that NFA members adopt and enforce written procedures in three general areas: (1) Security procedures to protect the reliability and confidentiality of customer orders and account information; (2) capacity procedures to maintain adequate personnel and facilities for timely and efficient delivery of orders and reporting of executions, as well as for timely handling of customer complaints; and (3) credit and risk management controls to prevent customers from entering trades that could create undue financial risks for the NFA member or its other customers.

Without specifying the manner in which they are to be implemented, the proposed Interpretive Notice describes a set of essential functions under each general heading and gives non-exclusive examples to illustrate. The essential functions that are listed under security procedures include: (1) Authentication of the user; (2) encryption or equivalent protections; (3) firewalls or equivalent protections; (4) means for customers to give notice that a person is no longer authorized; (5) periodic testing; and (6) administrative oversight and supervision. The essential functions that are listed under capacity procedures include: (1) Regular evaluation of the system's capacity (with increases as needed); (2) monitoring of system capacity and performance; (3) follow-up on customer access complaints; (4) disaster recovery and redundancies; (5) prompt notice to customers of operational difficulties; and (6) advance disclosure of factors that could stress the system. The essential functions that are listed under credit and risk management controls are: (1) Pre-execution controls (to be imposed when appropriate); (2) post-execution controls and trade monitoring; (3) extra precautions for direct-access systems;

and (4) review of AORS controls in conjunction with the member's regular credit and risk control procedures.

NFA has also revised the required annual self-examination to include the WebTrust^{SM/™} Self-Assessment Questionnaire, which was developed by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants. WebTrust^{SM/™} states that it is "for use by electronic commerce service providers to document their business practices/transaction integrity disclosures, policies, procedures and monitoring."

As noted earlier, the proposed Interpretive Release would become effective upon approval by the Commission. Accordingly, the Commission seeks comments on the proposed Interpretive Notice to NFA Compliance Rule 2-9 regarding supervision of the use of AORSs.

Copies of the proposed Interpretive Notice will be available for inspection at the Office of the Secretariat, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581. Copies also may be obtained through the Office of the Secretariat at the above address by telephoning (202) 418-5100.

Issued in Washington, DC on March 21, 2002, by the Commission.

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. 9000-0005]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Submission for OMB Review; Standard Form 255, Architect-Engineer and Related Services Questionnaire for Specific Project

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.

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 Standard Form (SF) 255; Architect-Engineer and Related Services Questionnaire for Specific Project. A request for public comments was published in the **Federal Register** at 67 FR 6011 on February 8, 2002. No comments were received.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the FAR, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Submit comments on or before April 26, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVP), 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0005, Architect-Engineer and Related Services Questionnaire for Specific Project (SF 255), in all correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cecelia Davis, Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 219-0202.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

Standard Form 255 is used by all Executive agencies to obtain information from architect-engineer (A-E) firms interested in a particular project. The information on the form is reviewed by a selection panel composed of professional people and assists the panel in selecting the most qualified A-E firm to perform the specific project. The form is designed to provide a uniform method for A-E firms to submit information on experience, personnel, capabilities of the A-E firm to perform, along with information on the consultants they expect to collaborate with on the specific project.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 5,000.

Responses Per Respondent: 4.

Annual Responses: 20,000.

Hours Per Response: 1.2.

Total Burden Hours: 24,000.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals:

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVP), Room 4035, 1800 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0005, Architect-Engineer and Related Services Questionnaire for Specific Project (SF 255), in all correspondence.

Dated: March 13, 2002.

Al Matera,

Director, Acquisition Policy Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**GENERAL SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION****NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND
SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[OMB Control No. 9000-0031]

**Federal Acquisition Regulation;
Submission for OMB Review;
Contractor Use of Government Supply
Sources**

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.

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 was published at 67 FR 6911, February 14, 2002. No comments were received.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the FAR, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on

valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Submit comments on or before April 26, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVP), 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0031, Contractor Use of Government Supply Sources, in all correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Linda Nelson, Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-1900.

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

Respondents: 300.

Responses Per Respondent: 7.

Annual Responses: 2,100.

Hours Per Response: .25.

Total Burden Hours: 525.

Obtaining Copies of

Proposals: Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVP), Room 4035, 1800 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No.

9000-0031, Contractor Use of Government Supply Sources, in all correspondence.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**GENERAL SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION****NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND
SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[OMB Control No. 9000-0044]

**Federal Acquisition Regulation;
Submission for OMB Review; 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.

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 was published in the **Federal Register** at 67 FR 6234, on February 11, 2002. No comments were received.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the FAR, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Submit comments on or before April 26, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to the General Services