

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**GENERAL SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION****NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND
SPACE ADMINISTRATION****[OMB Control No. 9000-0005]****Federal Acquisition Regulation;
Information Collection; 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 public comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0005).**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 architect-engineer and related services questionnaire for specific project (SF 255). The clearance currently expires October 31, 2003. However, a request was submitted to extend this clearance until January 2004.

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 December 22, 2003.**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 Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVA), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405.**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 (MVA), 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: October 15, 2003.

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ADMINISTRATION****NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND
SPACE ADMINISTRATION****[OMB Control No. 9000-0004]****Federal Acquisition Regulation;
Information Collection; Architect-
Engineer and Related Services
Questionnaire (SF 254)****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 (9000-0004).**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 architect-engineer and related services questionnaire (SF 254). The clearance currently expires on October 31, 2003. However, a request was submitted to extend this clearance until January 2004.

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.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**A. Purpose**

Standard Form 254 is used by all Executive agencies to obtain uniform information about a firm's experience in architect-engineering (A-E) projects. The form is submitted annually as required by 40 U.S.C. 541-544 by firms wishing to be considered for Government A-E contracts. The information obtained on this form is used to determine if a firm should be solicited for A-E projects.

B. Annual Reporting Burden*Respondents:* 5,000.*Responses Per Respondent:* 7.*Total Responses:* 35,000.*Hours Per Response:* 1.*Total Burden Hours:* 35,000.*Obtaining Copies of Proposals:*

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVA), Room 4035,

1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0004, Architect-Engineer and Related Services Questionnaire (SF 254), in all correspondence.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meetings.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board will meet in closed session on February 4-5, 2004; May 12-13, 2004; and October 20-21, 2004, at the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At these meetings, the Defense Science Board will discuss interim findings and recommendations resulting from ongoing Task Force activities. The Board will also discuss plans for future consideration of scientific and technical aspects of specific strategies, tactics, and policies as they may affect the U.S. national defense posture and homeland security.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II), it has been determined that these Defense Science Board meetings concern matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and that, accordingly, these meetings will be closed to the public.

Dated: October 15, 2003.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board Task Force on Technology Investment for the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) on October 20-21, 2003, in Arlington, Virginia.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At this meeting, the Defense Science Board Task Force will conduct a one-time evaluation of DARPA's current technology portfolio to confirm that DARPA has advanced research projects based on sound, proven scientific and technological foundations, practices and methods that are of high value to the Department of Defense's operational missions.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law No. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II), it has been determined that this Defense Science Board Task Force meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and that, accordingly, the meeting will be closed to the public.

Due to critical mission requirements and the short timeframe to accomplish this review, there is insufficient time to provide timely notice required by Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and Subsection 101-6.1015(b) of the GSA Final Rule on Federal Advisory Committee Management, 41 CFR Part 101-6, which further requires publication at least 15 calendar days prior to the meeting.

Dated: October 10, 2003.

Patricia L. Toppings,

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Admissions announces the proposed reinstatement of a public information

collection and seeks public comment on 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 shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, unity, and clarity of the information to be collected; (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.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by November 20, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendation on the proposed information collection should be sent to United States Air Force Academy, Office of Admissions, 2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 236, USAFA, CO 80840.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposed and associated collection instruments, please write to above address, or call the United States Air Force Academy, Office of Admissions, (719) 333-7291.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Air Force Academy Secondary School Transcript, USAF Form 148, OMB Number 0701-0066.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary to obtain data on candidate's background and aptitude in determining eligibility and selection to the Air Force Academy.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Burden Hours: 4,000.

Number of Respondents: 7,500.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 30 Minutes.

Frequency: 1.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

The information collected on this form is required by 10 U.S.C. 9346. The respondents are students who are applying for admission to the United States Air Force Academy. Each student's background and aptitude is reviewed to determine eligibility. If the information on this form is not collected, the individual cannot be