

Atlantic Council report, and act on any new and/or old business.

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Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Joanna Davis at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: February 25, 2004.

Peter H. Fricke,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Science Advisory Board; Meeting

AGENCY: Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, NOAA, DOC.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Science Advisory Board (SAB) was established by a Decision Memorandum dated September 25, 1997, and is the only Federal Advisory Committee with responsibility to advise the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere on long- and short-range strategies for research, education, and application of science to resource management. SAB activities and advice provide necessary input to ensure that National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) science programs are of the highest quality and provide optimal support to resource management.

Time and Date: The meeting will be held Tuesday, March 16, 2004, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesday, March 17, 2004, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. These times and the agenda topics described below may be subject to change. Refer to the Web page listed below for the most up-to-date meeting agenda.

Place: The meeting will be held both days at the Key Bridge Marriott Hotel, 1401 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA.

Status: The meeting will be open to public participation with a 30-minute time period set aside on Tuesday, March 16, for direct verbal comments or questions from the public. The SAB expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted verbal or written statements. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to a total time of five (5) minutes. Written comments (at least 35 copies) should be received in the SAB Executive Director's Office by March 8, 2004, to provide sufficient time for SAB review. Written comments received by the SAB Executive Director after March 8, 2004, will be distributed to the SAB, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date. Approximately thirty (30) seats will be available for the public including five (5) seats reserved for the media. Seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Matters To Be Considered: The meeting will include the following topics: (1) NOAA Research Review, (2) NOAA Social Science Research Activities, (3) Reports of Cooperative Institute reviews, (4) Ocean Modeling review, (5) FY 2005 budget requests, and (6) public statements.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Michael Uhart, Executive Director, Science Advisory Board, NOAA, Rm. 11142, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. (Phone: 301-713-9121, Fax: 301-713-0163, E-mail: Michael.Uhart@noaa.gov); or visit the NOAA SAB Web site at <http://www.sab.noaa.gov>.

Dated: February 25, 2004.

Louisa Koch,

Deputy Assistant Administrator, OAR.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Defense Security Service.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Defense Security Service (DSS) announces the proposed continuation of a public information collection affecting cleared

DoD contractors and seeks public comments on the provision thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the information to be collected; (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 through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by April 29, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Defense Security Service, Chief Program Integration Branch, ATTN: Mr. Richard L. Lawhorn, 1340 Braddock Place, Alexandria, VA 22314-1650.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed data collection or obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instrument, please write to the above address, or call Defense Security Service, (703) 325-5327.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: "Department of Defense Security Agreement", "Appendage to Department of Defense Security Agreement" "Certificate Pertaining to Foreign Interests"; DD Forms, 441, 441-1 and SF 328; 0704-0194.

Needs and Uses: Executive Order (EO) 12829, "National Industrial Security Program (NISIP)" stipulates that the Secretary of Defense shall serve as the Executive Agent for inspecting and monitoring the contractors, licensees, and grantees who require or will require access, to or who store or will store classified information; and for determining the eligibility for access to classified information of contractors, licensees, and grantees and their respective employees. The specific requirements necessary to protect classified information released to private industry are set forth in DoD 5200.22M, "National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual (NISIPOM)"; Respondents must execute DD Form 441, "Department of Defense Security Agreement", which is the initial contract between industry and the government. This legally binding document details the responsibility of both parties and obligates the contractor to fulfill requirements outlined in DoD 5220.22M. The DD Form 441-1, "Appendage to Department of Defense Security Agreement," is used to extend the agreement to branch offices of the contractor. SF Form 328, "Certificate

Pertaining to Foreign Interests” must be submitted to provide certification regarding elements of Foreign Ownership, Control or Influence (FOCI) as stipulated in paragraph 2–302b of the NISPOM.

Affected Public: Business, or profit and non-profit organizations.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 9,107.75.

Number of Respondents: 3,070.

Responses Per Respondent: 2.

Average Burden Per Respondent: 1.5.

Frequency: One time and/or on occasion (e.g. initial facility clearance processing, when the respondent changes: name, organizational structure, moves; or upon request, etc.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Summary of Information Collection: The execution of the DD Form 441, 441–1 and SF 328 is a factor in making a determination as to whether a contractor is eligible to have a facility security clearance. It is also a legal basis for imposing NISP security requirements on eligible contractors. These requirements are necessary in order to preserve and maintain the security of the United States through establishing standards to prevent the improper disclosure of classified information.

Dated: February 24, 2004.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000–0012]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Information Collection; Termination Settlement Proposal Forms (Standard Forms 1435 through 1440)

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 (9000–0012).

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 termination settlement proposal forms (Standard Forms 1435 through 1440). The clearance currently expires on June 30, 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 May 3, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jeritta Parnell, Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501–4082.

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, 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control Number 9000–0012, Termination Settlement Proposal (SF’s 1435 through 1440), in all correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

The termination settlement proposal forms (Standard Forms 1435 through 1440) provide a standardized format for listing essential cost and inventory information needed to support the terminated contractor’s negotiation position. Submission of the information assures that a contractor will be fairly reimbursed upon settlement of the terminated contract.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 864.

Responses Per Respondent: 2.4.

Total Responses: 2,074.

Hours Per Response: 2.5.

Total Burden Hours: 5,185.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals:

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVA), 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501–4755. Please cite OMB Control Number 9000–0012, Termination Settlement Proposal Forms

(SF’s 1435 through 1440), in all correspondence.

Dated: February 19, 2004.

Laura Auletta,

Director, Acquisition Policy Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Indian Education; Overview Information; Professional Development; Notice Inviting Applications for New Discretionary Program Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2004

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.299B.

DATES:

Applications Available: March 3, 2004.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: April 5, 2004.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: June 1, 2004.

Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants for this program are an institution of higher education, including an Indian institution of higher education; a State or local educational agency, in consortium with an institution of higher education; an Indian tribe or organization, in consortium with an institution of higher education; and a Bureau-funded school.

An application from a consortium of eligible entities must meet the requirements of 34 CFR 75.127 through 75.129. The consortium agreement, signed by all parties, must be submitted with the application in order to be considered as a consortium application. Letters of support do not meet the consortium requirements.

In order to be considered an eligible entity, applicants, including institutions of higher education, must be eligible to provide the level and type of degree proposed in the application or must apply in consortium with an institution of higher education that is eligible to grant the target degree.

Applicants that apply as an “Indian organization” must demonstrate in the application how they meet all criteria of this term as defined in 34 CFR 263.3 in order to be considered an eligible Indian organization.

We will reject any application that does not meet these requirements.

Estimated Available Funds:

\$6,791,630.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$300,000 to \$500,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$424,476.