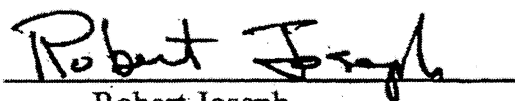


**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO § 620C(d)
OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961, AS AMENDED**

Pursuant to § 620C(d) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended (the Act), Executive Order 12163 and State Department Delegation of Authority No. 145, I hereby certify that the sale of defense articles and defense services, to include 50 AGM-84K Joint Standoff Land Attack Missiles-Expanded Response (SLAM-ER), 4 Captive Air Training Missiles/Dummy/Recoverable Air Test, 5 AWW-13 Advanced Weapon Data Link Pods, containers, 5 Joint Mission Planning Systems, software development/integration, test sets and support equipment, spare and repair parts, publications and technical data, maintenance, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government (USG) and contractor representatives, contractor engineering and technical support services, and other related elements of logistics support, to the Government of Turkey is consistent with the principles set forth in § 620C(b) of the Act.

This certification will be made part of the notification to Congress in accordance with § 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, regarding the proposed sale of the above-named articles and services and is based on the justification accompanying said notification, of which said justification constitutes a full explanation.



Robert Joseph
Under Secretary of State
for Arms Control and
International Security

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

**GENERAL SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION**

**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND
SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[OMB Control No. 9000-0145]

**Federal Acquisition Regulation;
Submission for OMB Review; Use of
Data Universal Numbering System
(DUNS) as Primary Contractor
Identification**

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 (9000-0145).

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 use of data universal
numbering system (DUNS) as primary
contractor identification. The Data
Universal Numbering System (DUNS)
number is the nine-digit identification
number assigned by Dun and Bradstreet

Information Services to an
establishment. A request for public
comments was published in the **Federal
Register** at 70 FR 75453 on December
20, 2005.

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 June 5, 2006.

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 (VIR), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Ernest Woodson, Contract Policy Division, GSA, (202) 501-3775.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

The Government uses the DUNS number to identify contractors in reporting to the Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS). Federal agencies report data on all contracts in excess of \$2,500.00 to the Federal Procurement Data System—Next Generation (FPDS-NG) which collects, processes, and disseminates official statistical data on Federal contracting. Contracting officers insert the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) provision 52.204-6, Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number in solicitations they expect will result in generation of an individual contract action report. This provision requires offerors to submit their DUNS number with their offer. If the offeror does not have a DUNS number, the provision provides instructions on obtaining one.

GSA has concluded that OMB should approve the extension of the information collection as it is currently written.

B. Summary and Disposition of Comments

Comments were received from two respondents. These comments were considered in the formation of the conclusion for the information collection to be approved as written.

1. *Comment:* One respondent was concerned with the DUNS being the primary method of contractor identification by Federal agencies.

Response: The DUNS has been required for Federal acquisition purposes for more than 25 years. In the Government Accountability Office (GAO) report B-160725 published on October 12, 1979, the GAO concluded that the Government was collecting corporate data in a decentralized manner, which was leading to a number of data quality issues, and charges by the vendor community of an excessive administrative burden to conduct business with the Government. GAO

also concluded that the Government used the DUNS number as the contractor identification number.

2. *Comment:* One respondent was concerned that the Government estimate of the public burden is grossly underestimated; indicating that applying for a DUNS Number takes significantly longer than 1.2 minutes.

Response: The original Government estimate is not based on the time it takes a vendor to obtain a DUNS number, but the time it takes an offeror to submit its DUNS with its offer. The Government has estimated the vendor burden to obtain a DUNS number. To obtain a new DUNS number a registrant may call 1-866-705-5711, or visit <https://eupdate.dnb.com/requestoptions/government/ccrreg/>. Calling the Federal Government 800 number to obtain a DUNS number will take a prepared caller approximately 25 minutes, which includes an average 5 minute wait time to connect with a D&B help desk specialist. The website process will take a prepared registrant approximately 20 minutes from start to finish to obtain a new DUNS number.

3. *Comment:* One respondent was concerned with the Government relying upon a private sector corporation to uphold a mandatory contracting requirement, indicating that if Dun and Bradstreet (D&B) ceases operation, becomes overburdened, or somehow loses the ability to perform the function, the entire program will fall apart.

Response: D&B has been in business for more than 165 years, and their worldwide database includes over 100 million DUNS numbers and tracks 53 million companies in 200 countries. The Government only uses .4% of D&B's databases.

4. *Comment:* One respondent believed that the CCR registration could be altered to achieve the same level of performance and function of contractor identification by assigning a unique number to each CCR registration instead of dealing with D&B.

Response: In the late 1980's and early 1990's, the Government maintained a proprietary database of Contractor Establishment Codes (CEC) numbers. This database attempted to recreate the D&B worldwide database on a much smaller scale. This was a Government-owned contractor-maintained database. The contractor who was awarded the responsibility to maintain the database was D&B. After review of the project in 1994, the Government chose again to use the commercially available DUNS numbers to fulfill its need. The decision was based on several factors, most notably the fact that the DUNS number is broadly used, both domestically and

worldwide. Since the E-Government Act of 2002, the Government has chosen several guiding principles. One of them is to use commercial practices wherever feasible. D&B not only produces a unique number, they also have a mature business providing contractor association. The Government uses the information about one contractor and their relationship to other contractors for reports and we have no desire to compete with that line of work. Therefore, the decision to use D&B is still strongly supported by the Administration.

5. *Comment:* One respondent was concerned that the D&B system is not reliable enough for its intended purpose, because it seems to operate a large call center abroad to manage an enormous volume of calls.

Response: We agree that early on communication issues were experienced when following up with the Federal community through D&B. However, D&B has a dedicated call center supported by 22 full-time employees located in Austin, Texas that handles effectively 200,000 calls annually. Today, when D&B contacts the Federal Community, domestic support is used to ensure clarity of discussion.

6. *Comment:* One respondent was concerned that the DUNS system creates problems when a contractor owns several smaller partnerships or corporations, in which case more than one DUNS number is required. The respondent believes that such circumstances cause an increased burden on corporations that own other businesses.

Response: It is reasonable for each separate legal entity to have its own separate identity number.

7. *Comment:* One respondent was concerned that D&B's decision to discontinue the issuance of DUNS numbers to third parties *e.g.*, Federal agencies) has resulted in many prospective foreign contractors experiencing difficulties in obtaining a DUNS number; and the dilemma Federal agencies face in overseas sole-source situations when the contractor refuses to obtain a DUNS number for personal safety reasons.

Response: We agree with the respondent's assessment of conditions abroad in remote locations in obtaining the DUNS numbers. As a result, a series of generic DUNS numbers has been developed that may be used under defined conditions to alleviate challenges in obtaining DUNS numbers. The development of the numbers was in preparation of FAR case 2004-038, Federal Procurement Data System, that is expected to be published in the

Federal Register late May or June, 2006. The pending FAR case defines how these numbers will be used by the Federal community. Given this solution, we strongly feel that the respondent's challenges should be significantly reduced.

C. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 35,694.

Responses Per Respondent: 4.00.

Annual Responses: 142,776.

Hours Per Response: .0200.

(Averaged)

Total Burden Hours: 2,852.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals:

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (VIR), Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control Number 9000-0145, Use of Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) as Primary Contractor Identification, in all correspondence.

Dated: April 28, 2006.

Gerald Zaffos,

Director, Contract Policy Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Intent To Grant an Exclusive License; Intellectual Ventures, LLC.

AGENCY: Department of Defense, National Security Agency, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Security Agency hereby gives notice of its intent to grant Intellectual Ventures, LLC, a revocable, nonassignable, sublicenseable, exclusive license to practice the following Government-Owned inventions as described in U.S. Patent Numbers listed below.

U.S. Patent Number 5,533,033 entitled "Device for and Method of Correcting Errors in Formatted Modem Transmissions";

U.S. Patent Number 5,835,912 entitled "Method of Efficiency and Flexibility Storing, Retrieving, and Modifying Data in any Language Representation";

U.S. Patent Number 5,937,422 entitled "Method of Automatically Generating a Topic Description for Text Searching"

U.S. Patent Number 6,005,986 entitled "Method of Identifying the Script of a Document Irrespective of Orientation" and U.S. Patent Number 6,519,362 entitled "Method of Extracting Text Present in a Color Image".

The above-mentioned inventions are assigned to the United States Government as represented by the National Security Agency.

DATES: Anyone wishing to object to the grant of this license has fifteen (15) days from the date of this notice to file written objections along with any supporting evidence, if any.

ADDRESSES: Written objections are to be filed with the Domestic Technology Transfer Program, 9800 Savage Rd., Suite 6541, Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755-6541.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Pamela L. Porter, Director, Domestic Technology Transfer Program, 9800 Savage Rd., Suite 6541, Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755-6541, telephone (443) 479-0310.

Dated: April 28, 2006.

L.M. Bynum,

OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, DOD.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Business Board; Notice of Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of Advisory Committee Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Defense Business Board (DBB) will meet in open session on Wednesday, May 31, 2006, at the Pentagon, Washington, DC from 8:30 a.m. until 12 p.m. (Noon). The mission of the DBB is to advise the Secretary of Defense on effective strategies for implementation of best business practices of interest to the Department of Defense. At this meeting, the Board will deliberate on their findings and recommendations related to: Shaping and Utilizing the SES Corps, Innovation and Cultural Change, Governance—Alignment and Configuration of Business Activities, and the Establishment of a Chief Management Officer.

DATES: Wednesday, May 31, 2006, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Noon).

ADDRESSES: 1155 Defense Pentagon, 3C288, Washington, DC 20301-1155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Members of the public who wish to attend the meeting must contact the Defense Business Board no later than Wednesday, May 24th for further information about escort arrangements in the Pentagon. Additionally, those who wish to make oral comments or

deliver written comments should also request to be scheduled, and submit a written text of the comments by Wednesday, May 24th to allow time for distribution to the Board members prior to the meeting. Individual oral comments will be limited, to five minutes, with the total oral comment period not exceeding 30 minutes.

The DBB may be contacted at: Defense Business Board, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Room 3C288, Washington, DC 20301-1155, via e-mail at defensebusinessboard2osd.mil or via phone at (703) 697-2168.

Dated: May 1, 2006.

L.M. Bynum,

OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision To Determine the Level of Training on the Overhills Tract, Fort Bragg, Cumberland and Harnett Counties, NC

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army (DA) announces the availability of the Record of Decision to Determine the Level of Training on the Overhills Tract, Fort Bragg, Cumberland and Harnett Counties, NC. A decision is hereby made to implement Alternative IV (Preferred Alternative-Maximum training, existing recreation, and no preservation of the District) to allow the full integration of the Overhills tract into Fort Bragg's training program. The proposed action to fully integrate the Overhills into Fort Bragg's training program was evaluated in the "Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) To Determine The Level Of Training On The Overhills Tract Fort Bragg, Cumberland And Harnett Counties, NC," January 2006 (71 FR 920)). This Decision Notice summarizes the environmental, social and economic impacts of the four alternatives identified in the FEIS that were considered in making this decision, and explains why DA selected Alternative IV (Preferred Alternative-Maximum training, existing recreation, and no preservation of the District).

ADDRESSES: Copies of the ROD are available upon request from Mr. David A. Heins, Chief, Environmental Sustainment Division, Public Works