

20503, and a copy to the General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (VIR), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0138, Contract Financing, in all correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Edward Loeb, Contract Policy Division, GSA, (202) 501-0650.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

The Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act (FASA) of 1994, Pub. L. 103-355, provided authorities that streamlined the acquisition process and minimize burdensome Government-unique requirements. Sections 2001 and 2051 of FASA substantially changed the statutory authorities for Government financing of contracts. Sections 2001(f) and 2051(e) provide specific authority for Government financing of purchases of commercial items, and sections 2001(b) and 2051(b) substantially revised the authority for Government financing of purchases of non-commercial items.

Sections 2001(f) and 2051(e) provide specific authority for Government financing of purchases of commercial items. These paragraphs authorize the Government to provide contract financing with certain limitations.

Sections 2001(b) and 2051(b) also amended the authority for Government financing of non-commercial purchases by authorizing financing on the basis of certain classes of measures of performance.

To implement these changes, DOD, NASA, and GSA amended the FAR by revising Subparts 32.0, 32.1, and 32.5; by adding new Subparts 32.2 and 32.10; and by adding new clauses to 52.232.

The coverage enables the Government to provide financing to assist in the performance of contracts for commercial items and provide financing for non-commercial items based on contractor performance.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2 hours per request for commercial financing and 2 hours per request for performance-based financing, 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 for commercial financing is estimated as follows:

Respondents: 1,000.

Responses Per Respondent: 5.

Total Responses: 5,000.

Hours Per Response: 2.

Total Burden Hours: 10,000.

The annual reporting burden for performance-based financing is estimated as follows:

Respondents: 500.

Responses Per Respondent: 12.

Total Responses: 6,000.

Hours Per Response: 2.

Total Burden Hours: 12,000.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals:

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (VIR), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0138, Contract Financing, in all correspondence.

Dated: September 28, 2007.

Al Matera,

Director, Office of Acquisition Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

**GENERAL SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION**

**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND
SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[OMB Control No. 9000-0134]

**Federal Acquisition Regulation;
Information Collection;
Environmentally Sound Products**

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 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 environmentally sound products. The clearance currently expires on January 31, 2008.

DATES: Submit comments on or before December 4, 2007.

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, Regulatory Secretariat (VIR), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0134, Environmentally Sound Products, in all correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT Mr. William Clark, Contract Policy Division, GSA, (202) 219-1813.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

This information collection complies with Section 6002 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) (42 U.S.C. 6962). RCRA requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to designate items which are or can be produced with recovered materials. RCRA further requires agencies to develop affirmative procurement programs to ensure that items composed of recovered materials will be purchased to the maximum extent practicable. Affirmative procurement programs required under RCRA must contain, as a minimum (1) a recovered materials preference program and an agency promotion program for the preference program; (2) a program for requiring estimates of the total percentage of recovered materials used in the performance of a contract, certification of minimum recovered material content actually used, where appropriate, and reasonable verification procedures for estimates and certifications; and (3) annual review and monitoring of the effectiveness of an agency's affirmative procurement program.

The items for which EPA has designated minimum recovered material content standards are grouped into eight categories: (1) construction products, (2) landscaping products, (3) nonpaper office products, (4) paper and paper products, (5) park and recreation products, (6) transportation products, (7) vehicular products, and (8) miscellaneous products. The FAR rule also permits agencies to obtain pre-award information from offerors regarding the content of items which the agency has designated as requiring minimum percentages of recovered materials. There are presently no known agency designated items.

In accordance with RCRA, the information collection applies to acquisitions requiring minimum percentages of recovered materials, when the price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or when the aggregate amount paid for the item or functionally

equivalent items in the preceding fiscal year was \$10,000 or more.

Contracting officers use the information to verify offeror/contractor compliance with solicitation and contract requirements regarding the use of recovered materials. Additionally, agencies use the information in the annual review and monitoring of the effectiveness of the affirmative procurement programs required by RCRA.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 64,350.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 64,350.

Hours Per Response: .325.

Total Burden Hours: 20,914.

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PROPOSALS: Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (VIR), Room 4035, 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB control No. 9000-0134, Environmentally Sound Products, in all correspondence.

Dated: October 1, 2007.

Al Matera,

Director, Office of Acquisition Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation Board of Visitors; Meeting

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and summary agenda for the fall meeting of the Board of Visitors (BoV) for the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC). Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463). The Board's charter was renewed on February 1, 2006 in compliance with the requirements set forth in Title 10 U.S.C. 2166.

Date: Friday, November 2, 2007.

Time: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Location: WHINSEC, 35 Ridgeway Loop, Room 219, Fort Benning, GA

Proposed Agenda: The WHINSEC BoV will be briefed on activities at the Institute since the last Board meeting on June 14, 2007 as well as receive other information appropriate to its interests. The BoV will be visiting classes from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: WHINSEC Board of Visitors Secretariat at (703) 692-7852 or (703) 692-8221.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: At the time specified, the meeting is open to the public. Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 and 41 CFR 102-3.140(c), members of the public or interested groups may submit written statements to the advisory committee for consideration by the committee members. Written statements should be no longer than two type-written pages and sent via fax to (703) 614-8920 by 5 p.m. EST on Tuesday, October 30, 2007 for consideration at this meeting. In addition, public comments by individuals and organizations may be made from 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. during the meeting. Public comments will be limited to three minutes each. Anyone desiring to make an oral statement must register by sending a fax to (703) 614-8920 with their name, phone number, e-mail address, and the full text of their comments (no longer than two type-written pages) by 5 p.m. EST on Tuesday, October 30, 2007. The first ten requestors will be notified by 5 p.m. EST on Wednesday, October 31, 2007 of their time to address the Board during the public comment forum. All other comments will be retained for the record. Public seating is limited and will be available on a first come, first serve basis.

Brenda S. Bowen,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. 2007-OE-01, Mid-Atlantic Area National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor; Docket No. 2007-OE-02, Southwest Area National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor]

National Electric Transmission Congestion Report

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Order.

SUMMARY: The following is a report by the Department of Energy (Department or DOE) on its August 2006 National Electric Transmission Congestion Study under section 216 of the Federal Power Act (FPA). This report and order designates two national interest electric transmission corridors: The Mid-Atlantic Area National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor (Docket No. 2007-OE-01); and the Southwest Area National Interest Electric Transmission

Corridor (Docket No. 2007-OE-02). A list of the acronyms used in this report and order, and maps of the two national interest electric transmission corridors are provided at the end of this order.

DATES: The designations are effective October 5, 2007 and will remain in effect until October 7, 2019 unless the Department rescinds or renews the designation after notice and opportunity for comment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical information, David Meyer, DOE Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, (202) 586-1411, david.meyer@hq.doe.gov. For legal information, Warren Belmar, DOE Office of Legal Counsel, (202) 586-6758, warren.belmar@hq.doe.gov, or Lot Cooke, DOE Office of the General Counsel, (202) 586-0503, lot.cooke@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

A. Statutory Framework

Section 1221(a) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109-58) (EPAct) added a new section 216 to the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 824p) (FPA). New FPA section 216(a) requires the Secretary of Energy (Secretary)¹ to conduct a nationwide study of electric transmission congestion² within one year from the date of enactment of EPAct and every three years thereafter. FPA section 216(a)(2) provides "interested parties" with an opportunity to offer "alternatives and recommendations." 16 U.S.C. 824p(a)(2). Following consideration of such alternatives and recommendations, the Secretary is required to issue a report on the study "which may designate any geographic area experiencing electric energy transmission capacity constraints or congestion that adversely affects consumers as a national interest electric transmission corridor." FPA section 216(a)(2), 16 U.S.C. 824p(a)(2). FPA section 216(a)(4) states that in determining whether to designate a national interest electric transmission corridor (National Corridor), the Secretary may consider whether:

(A) the economic vitality and development of the corridor, or the end markets served by the corridor, may be constrained by lack of adequate or reasonably priced electricity;

¹ This report uses the terms "Secretary," "Department," and "DOE" interchangeably.

² Electric transmission congestion (congestion) is the condition that occurs when transmission capacity is not sufficient to enable safe delivery of all scheduled or desired wholesale electricity transfers simultaneously. Congestion results from a transmission capacity constraint (constraint).