

Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the 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, 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 or information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received August 18, 2009.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Federal Docket Management System Office, 1160 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1160.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, 3010 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3010, or call at (703)602-4353.

Title, Form and OMB Number:

Application for Homeowners Assistance; DD Form 1607; OMB Control Number 0704-TBD.

Needs and Uses: The Department plans to expand its Homeowners Assistance Program (HAP), with \$555 million in Recovery Act funds dedicated to helping military families and DoD civilians who recently sold their homes at a loss. The expanded program will assist families forced to relocate due to base closures or normal assignment rotations. But, the most important

aspect is that priority access to the funds will go to survivors of those killed during deployment, and those who were wounded, ill or injured during deployment.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Burden Hours: 17,000 hours.

Number of Respondents: 17,000.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 1 hour.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

The Secretary of Defense is authorized to provide financial help to eligible homeowners serving or employed at or near military installations which were ordered closed or partially closed, realigned or were ordered to reduce the scope of operations. The Department of the Army acts as executive agent for DoD in administering the program for all military departments. Before benefits can be paid, certain conditions must be met.

Eligible homeowners use the DD Form 1607, "Application for Homeowners Assistance" to apply. The application is reviewed by a department personnel office, military or civilian, for verification of service or employment and mailed to the appropriate office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers which administers the program. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will notify the applicant.

It is the objective of the Department of Defense to assure that all applications for assistance under this program are given full consideration and that benefits under the program are extended to all homeowners who are entitled to assistance in accordance with applicable policies and procedures.

This request has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency approval. Any comments received on this notice will be addressed in a subsequent information collection package to be submitted to OMB under regular processing timeframes.

Dated: June 16, 2009.

Patricia L. Toppings,

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Department of Defense.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DoD-2009-OS-0088]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the 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, 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 or information technology.

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Title and OMB Number: Synchronized Predeployment and Operational Tracker (SPOT) System; OMB Control Number 0704–TBD.

Needs and Uses: In accordance with section 861 of Public Law 110–181 and DoD Instruction 3020.41, “Contractor Personnel Authorized to Accompany the U.S. Armed Forces” and other appropriate policy, Memoranda of Understanding, and regulations, the DoD Components, the Department of State (DoS), and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) shall ensure that contractors enter data into the Synchronized Predeployment and Operational Tracker (SPOT) System before deployment outside the United States.

Data collection on contractors is a condition of their contract when DFARS 252.225–7040 is incorporated and persons who choose not to have data collected will not be entitled to employment opportunities which require this data to be collected.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Annual Burden Hours: 150,000 hours (300,000 individual records × .5 hrs).

Number of Respondents: 1,300 companies.

Responses per Respondent: 1 to 32,000 employees (average 231).

Average Burden per Response: Approximately 30 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

The Department of Defense has designated the SPOT as the joint Web-based database to assist the Combatant Commander (CCDR) in maintaining awareness of the nature, extent, and potential risks and capabilities associated with contracted support in support of contingency operations, humanitarian or peacekeeping operations, or military exercises designated by the CCDR.

The designated joint Web-based database (SPOT or its successor) shall:

(a) Serve as the central repository for up-to-date status and reporting on all DoD funded contingency contractor personnel as well as other personnel as directed by the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics (USD(AT&L)), or by the CCDR.

(b) Track contract capability information for all DoD funded contracts supporting contingency operations, humanitarian or peacekeeping operations, or military exercises designated by the CCDR. Contract capability information shall provide planners and CCDRs an

awareness of the nature, extent, and potential risks and capabilities associated with the contracted effort.

(c) Provide by-name accountability of all DoD funded contingency contractor personnel and other personnel as directed by USD(AT&L) or the CCDR.

(d) Contain, or link to, minimum contract information (e.g., contract number, company contact information, sponsoring (requiring activity) military unit contact information, and a summary of services or capability provided by the contract) necessary to establish and maintain accountability and visibility of the personnel and the contract capabilities in contingency operations, humanitarian or peacekeeping operations, or military exercises designated by the CCDR.

Section 861 of Public Law 110–181 required the identification of common databases among the DoD, DoS, and USAID to serve as repositories of information on contracts and contractor personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan. In a signed memorandum of understanding, the Agencies agreed that SPOT will serve as the interagency database for information on contractor personnel. Each Agency must require its contractors operating in contingency operations to input information into SPOT and ensure data integrity.

This request has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency approval. Any comments received on this notice will be addressed in a subsequent information collection package to be submitted to OMB under regular processing timeframes.

Dated: May 19, 2009.

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Department of Defense.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. DoD–2008–HA–0144]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by July 20, 2009.

Title and OMB Number: Survey of Experiences with the Human Subjects Review Process; OMB Control Number 0720–TBD.

Type of Request: Extension.

Number of Respondents: 1000.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 1000.

Average Burden per Response: 30 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 500.

Needs and Uses: This information collection aligns with the Military Health System objectives to foster research innovations and to transform the infrastructure to eliminate redundancies and increase desired outcomes. The proposed information collection will enable the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Human Research Protection Program to assess the effectiveness of current review processes and facilitate efforts to measure and improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of the program.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. John Kraemer.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Kraemer at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

You may also submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by the following method:

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DoD Clearance Officer: Ms. Patricia Toppings.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Ms. Toppings at WHS/ESD/Information Management Division, 1777 North Kent Street, RPN, Suite 11000, Arlington, VA 22209–2133.