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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[Docket No. DHS-2014-0050]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Regulation on Agency Protests

**AGENCY:** Office of Chief Procurement Officer, Acquisition Policy and Legislation Office, DHS.

**ACTION:** 60-day notice and request for comments; extension without change, 1600-0004.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security, Office of Chief Procurement Officer, Acquisition Policy and Legislation Office, will submit the following Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until December 5, 2014. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.1.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number DHS-2014-0050, by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Please follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Email:* [dhs.pra@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:dhs.pra@hq.dhs.gov). Please include docket number DHS-2014-0050 in the subject line of the message.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR); 48 CFR Chapter 1 provides general procedures on handling protests submitted by contractors to federal agencies. This regulation provides detailed guidance for contractors doing business with acquisition offices within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to implement the FAR. FAR Part 33.103, Protests, Disputes, and Appeals prescribe policies and procedures for filing protests and for processing contract disputes and appeals.

DHS will not be asking for anything outside of what is already required in the FAR. Should anything outside the FAR arise, DHS will submit a request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. The prior information

collection request for OMB No. 1600-004 was approved through May 31, 2014 by OMB in a Notice of OMB Action.

The information being collected will be obtained from contractors as part of their submissions whenever they file a bid protest with the Department's Components. The information will be used by DHS officials in deciding how the protest should be resolved. Failure to collect this information would result in delayed resolution of agency protests.

According to Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS), the number of protest has increased each year over the past two years in annual respondent and burden hours. This increase in current protest activity is not the result of a deliberate program change, but from a new estimate of actions that are not controllable by the Federal government. Although, the number of protests has increased, there has not been any change in the information being collected.

The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments which:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

### Analysis

*Agency:* Office of Chief Procurement Officer, Acquisition Policy and Legislation Office, DHS.

*Title:* Regulation on Agency Protests.

*OMB Number:* 1600-0004.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Private Sector.

*Number of Respondents:* 95.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 2 hours.

*Total Burden Hours:* 190.

Dated: September 24, 2014.

**Margaret H. Graves,**

*Deputy Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[Docket No. DHS-2014-0049]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Various Contract Related Forms That Will Be Included in the Homeland Security Acquisition Regulation, DHS Form 0700-01, DHS Form 0700-02, DHS Form 0700-03, DHS FORM 0700-04

**AGENCY:** Office of Chief Procurement Officer, Acquisition Policy and Legislation Office, DHS.

**ACTION:** 60-Day Notice and request for comments; Extension without Change, 1600-0002.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security, Office of Chief Procurement Officer, Acquisition Policy and Legislation Office, will submit the following Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until December 5, 2014. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.1.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number DHS-2014-0049, by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Please follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Email:* [dhs.pra@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:dhs.pra@hq.dhs.gov). Please include docket number DHS-2014-0049 in the subject line of the message.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This information collection under the HSAR is necessary in order to implement applicable parts of the FAR (48 CFR). The four forms under this collection of information request are used by offerors, contractors, and the general public to comply with requirements in contracts awarded by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The four forms are DHS Form 0700-01, Cumulative Claim and Reconciliation Statement; DHS Form 0700-02, Contractor's Assignment of Refund, Rebates, Credits and Other Amounts; DHS Form 0700-03, Contractor's Release; and DHS Form 0700-04, Employee Claim for Wage Restitution. These four forms will be used by contractors and/or contract employees during contract administration.

The information will be used by DHS contracting officers to ensure compliance with terms and conditions

of DHS contracts and to complete reports required by other Federal agencies such as the General Services Administration and the Department of Labor. If this information is not collected, the DHS could inadvertently violate statutory or regulatory requirements and the DHS's interest concerning inventions and contractor's claims would not be protected.

There has been an increase in the estimated annual burden hours previously reported for this collection. An adjustment in annual burden is necessary at this time in the amount of 902 actions and hours. The initial annual burden was based on a lower number of contract actions which related to the fact that DHS was a new agency with consolidated acquisition procedures, processes, and policies. Although, there is an increase in the estimated burdened hours, there is no change in the information being collected.

The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments which:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

#### Analysis

*Agency:* Office of Chief Procurement Officer, Acquisition Policy and Legislation Office, DHS.

*Title:* Various Contract Related Forms That Will Be Included in the Homeland Security Acquisition Regulation.

*OMB Number:* 1600-0002.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

*Affected Public:* Private Sector.

*Number of Respondents:* 9537.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 1 hours.

*Total Burden Hours:* 9537.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Homeland Security Academic Advisory Council

[Docket No. DHS-2014-0043]

#### Committee Management; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** Department of Homeland Security.

**SUMMARY:** The Homeland Security Academic Advisory Council will meet on October 22, 2014 in Washington, DC. The meeting will be open to the public.

**DATES:** The Homeland Security Academic Advisory Council will meet Wednesday, October 22, 2014, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please note that the meeting may close early if the Council has completed its business.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Ronald Reagan International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Floor B, Room B1.5-10, Washington, DC 20004. All visitors to the Ronald Reagan International Trade Center must bring a Government-issued photo ID. Please use the main entrance on 14th Street NW.

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, send an email to [AcademicEngagement@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:AcademicEngagement@hq.dhs.gov) or contact Lindsay Burton at 202-447-4686 as soon as possible.

To facilitate public participation, we are inviting public comment on the issues to be considered by the Council prior to the adoption of the recommendations as listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below. Comments must be submitted in writing no later than Tuesday, October 14, 2014, must include DHS-2014-0043 as the identification number, and may be submitted using *one* of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Email:* [AcademicEngagement@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:AcademicEngagement@hq.dhs.gov). Include the docket number in the subject line of the message.

- *Fax:* 202-447-3713

- *Mail:* Academic Engagement; MGMT/Office of Academic Engagement/Mailstop 0440, Department of Homeland Security, 245 Murray Lane SW., Washington, DC 20528-0440

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the words "Department of Homeland Security" and the docket number for this action. Comments received will be posted without alteration at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

*Docket:* For access to the docket, to read background documents or comments received by the Homeland Security Academic Advisory Council, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for "Homeland Security Academic Advisory Council" then select the notice dated October 3, 2014.

One thirty-minute public comment period will be held during the meeting on October 22, 2014 after the conclusion of the presentation of draft recommendations, but before the Council deliberates. Speakers will be requested to limit their comments to three minutes. Contact the Office of Academic Engagement as indicated below to register as a speaker.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lindsay Burton, Office of Academic Engagement/Mailstop 0440, Department of Homeland Security; 245 Murray Lane SW., Washington, DC 20528-0440, email: [AcademicEngagement@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:AcademicEngagement@hq.dhs.gov), tel: 202-447-4686 and fax: 202-447-3713.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of this meeting is given under the *Federal Advisory Committee Act*, 5 U.S.C. Appendix. The Homeland Security Academic Advisory Council provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary and senior leadership on matters relating to student and recent graduate recruitment; international students; academic research; campus and community resiliency, security and preparedness; faculty exchanges; and cybersecurity.

*Agenda:* The six Council subcommittees (Student and Recent Graduate Recruitment, Homeland Security Academic Programs, Academic Research and Faculty Exchange, International Students, Campus Resilience, and Cybersecurity) will give progress reports and may present draft recommendations for action in response to the taskings issued by the Department. DHS senior leadership will provide an update on the Department's efforts in implementing the Council's approved recommendations as well as its recent initiatives with the academic community.

The meeting materials will be posted to the Council Web site at: <http://www.dhs.gov/homeland-security-academic-advisory-council-hsaac> on or before October 17, 2014.