

order to preserve and maintain the security of the United States through establishing standards to prevent the improper disclosure of classified information.

Conversion of DD Form 441S to Standard Form

The form is required of all contractors being processed by the Department of Defense, Department of Energy, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and the Central Intelligence Agency for security clearances. Contractors must submit the form to provide certification regarding elements of Foreign Ownership, Control, and Influence (FOCI) as stipulated in paragraph 2-302b of the NISPOM. Cleared contractors are required to update the form every five years. The proposed Standard Form, SF X322 (Draft), will replace the existing DD Form 441S and will implement the specific requirements of the January 1995 NISPOM. The proposed Standard Form is identical to the current DD Form 441S. Obligation for use is mandatory. DoD has estimated annual usage to be approximately 1,100 per year. The DoD anticipates usage of approximately 1,500 forms for the first year and about 500 in succeeding years. NRC advises that usage of the form will be less than twenty-five per year. CIA usage will be approximately 5,000 per year. The form is authorized for local reproduction and will be available electronically on the World Wide Web. The form will display OMB approval number 0704-0194 and will be effective upon GSA approval for conversion.

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Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Office, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Strategy and Requirements), DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Strategy and Requirements) announces the proposed reinstatement of a 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, 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 October 21, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to National Security Education Program, 1101 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1210, Attn: Dr. Edmond J. Collier, Arlington, VA 22209-2248.

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 above address, or call the National Security Education Program Office, at (703) 696-1991.

Title: Associated Form; and OMB Number: National Security Education Program (NSEP) Proposal Budget Estimate Worksheet; DD Form 2729; OMB Number 0704-0366. National Security Education Program (NSEP) Proposal Cover Sheet; DD Form 2730; OMB Number 0704-0366.

Needs and Uses: The Information collection is necessary to obtain and record the qualification and budget information of universities submitting proposals for NSEP funding.

Affected Public: U.S. public and private institutions of higher education.

Annual Burden Hours: 2000.

Number of Respondents: 250.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 1 hour and 25 minutes.

Frequency: On Occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

Respondents are representatives of U.S. colleges and universities who choose to submit a proposal in competition for a National Security Education Program (NSEP) Institutional Grant. The NSEP was established by the National Security Education Act of 1991. DD Form 2729, National Security Education Program Proposal Budget Estimate Worksheet, is a single-page document in which the applicant indicates the cost associated with the

proposal by four major categories. Without this form there would be no precise, standard manner for applicants to portray their budget requests. Further, there would be no consistent measure by which the merit-review panelists could judge these proposals. DD Form 2730, National Security Education Program Proposal Cover Sheet, is a concise vehicle for transmitting proposals. This form eliminates the need for lengthy nonstandard letters of transmittal. The form also facilitates processing the proposals as all data elements necessary for processing the proposal is on this one form. Additional savings of time and money are realized by the respondents who are required to use these forms instead of unnecessarily elaborate brochures, elaborate art work, expensive paper and bindings, or other such presentations.

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