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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0002]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request Entitled Solicitation Mailing List Application (SF 129)

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0002).

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 Solicitation Mailing List Application (SF 129). A request for comments was published at 62 FR 33605, on June 20, 1997. No comments were received.

DATES: *Comment Due Date* September 24, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, should be submitted to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRs), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4037, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0002 in all correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ralph DeStefano, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-1758.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

The Standard Form 129, Solicitation Mailing List Application, is used by all Federal agencies as an application form for prospective contractors to provide information needed to establish and maintain a list of firms interested in selling to the Government. The information is used to establish lists of firms to be solicited when the products or services they provide are needed by the Government.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .58 hours per response, 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 is estimated as follows: Respondents, 243,000; responses per respondent, 4; total annual responses, 972,000; preparation hours per response, .58; and total response burden hours, 563,760.

Obtaining copies of proposals: Requester may obtain copies of OMB applications or justifications from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRs), Room 4037, 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0002, Solicitation Mailing List Application (SF 129), in all correspondence.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0011]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request Entitled Preaward Survey Forms (Standard Forms 1403, 1404, 1405, 1406, 1407, and 1408)

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0011).

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 Preaward Survey forms (Standard Forms 1403, 1404, 1405, 1406, 1407, and 1408). A request for public comments was published at 62 FR 33606, June 27, 1997. No comments were received.

DATES: *Comment Due Date* September 24, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, should be submitted to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRs), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4037, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0011 in all correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ralph DeStefano, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-1758.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

To protect the Government's interest and to ensure timely delivery of items of the requisite quality, contracting officers, prior to award, must make an affirmative determination that the prospective contractor is responsible, *i.e.*, capable of performing the contract. Before making such a determination, the contracting officer must have in his possession or must obtain information sufficient to satisfy himself that the prospective contractor (i) has adequate financial resources, or the ability to obtain such resources, (ii) is able to comply with required delivery schedule, (iii) has a satisfactory record of performance, (iv) has a satisfactory record of integrity, and (v) is otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award under appropriate laws and regulations. If such information is not in the contracting officer's possession, it is obtained through a preaward survey conducted by the contract administration office responsible for the plant and/or the geographic area in which the plant is located. The necessary data is collected by contract administration personnel from available

data or through plant visits, phone calls, and correspondence and entered on Standard Forms 1403, 1404, 1405, 1406, 1407, and 1408 in detail commensurate with the dollar value and complexity of the procurement. The information is used by Federal contracting officers to determine whether a prospective contractor is responsible.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 24 hours per response, 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 is estimated as follows: Respondents, 12,000; responses per respondent, .5; total annual responses, 6,000; preparation hours per response, 24; and total response burden hours, 144,000.

Obtaining copies of proposals:

Requester may obtain copies of OMB applications or justifications from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRS), Room 4037, 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0011, Preaward Survey Forms, in all correspondence.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Record of Decision for Facilities Development Necessary to Support the Homeporting of a Nimitz-Class Aircraft Carrier at the Naval Station, Mayport, Florida

Pursuant to section 102(2)C of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and the Council on Environmental Quality regulations implementing NEPA procedures (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), the Department of the Navy announces its findings relative to the analysis of the facilities development necessary to support the homeporting of a Nimitz-class aircraft carrier at Naval Station (NAVSTA), Mayport, Florida. This analysis was required by the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1993, because under existing carrier force structure plans, all conventional carriers (CVs) will be replaced by nuclear-powered carriers (CVNs) at the end of

the CVs service life. NAVSTA Mayport, which has long been a homeport for conventional aircraft carriers, is currently homeport to the USS Kennedy. The analysis evaluates the potential environmental impacts associated with development of facilities to support possible CVN Homeporting at NAVSTA Mayport in the year 2010.

A notice of intent was published in the **Federal Register** on October 7, 1993, indicating that Navy would prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) evaluating the Facilities Development Necessary To Support Potential Aircraft Carrier Homeporting at the Naval Station, Mayport, Florida. A public scoping meeting was held October 26, 1993 in Neptune Beach, Florida to determine the scope of significant issues to be examined in the Draft PEIS (DPEIS). The DPEIS was filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on March 15, 1996 and was distributed to agencies and officials of federal, state, and local governments, citizen's groups and associations, media, public libraries, and interested parties for review and comment. The notice of filing and notice of public availability appeared in the **Federal Register** on March 22, 1996. The period of public review and comment on the DPEIS was from March 22, 1996 through May 13, 1996. A public hearing was held on April 24, 1996 in Neptune Beach, Florida. Comments on the DPEIS were received in three forms: (1) Letters, (2) written comments received at the public hearing, and (3) oral statements made at the hearing. Comments included concerns regarding wildlife impacts, dredging impacts, water quality, and housing impacts. Those comments and Navy responses were incorporated into the Final PEIS (FPEIS), which was filed with the EPA on March 7, 1997, and distributed for public review. The Notice of Filing appeared in the **Federal Register** on March 14, 1997. The period of public review on the FPEIS ended on April 14, 1997.

The PEIS evaluated the reasonable alternatives to implementing CVN homeporting at NAVSTA Mayport and the potential environmental impacts of new construction, facilities modification, dredging, and operation of a CVN at NAVSTA Mayport. In addition to the various alternatives discussed in the PEIS, a "No Action" alternative was evaluated. In the "No Action" alternative, NAVSTA Mayport would not be evaluated as a second potential East Coast CVN Homeport, thus leaving all CVNs homeported in Norfolk, Virginia. This alternative was dismissed

because it fails to meet the requirements of Pub. L. 102-484 which requires Navy to prepare a plan which could develop NAVSTA Mayport as a Nimitz-Class aircraft carrier homeport.

NAVSTA Mayport has two conventionally-powered aircraft carrier berthing wharves, Wharf C-1 and Wharf C-2, neither of which are currently able to accommodate CVN draft, electrical, and maintenance requirements. Wharf C-1 was eliminated from further evaluation because it provides no berthing or infrastructure advantage over Wharf C-2 and because Wharf C-2 has better opportunities for providing security. Three berthing alternatives were evaluated throughout the PEIS: Wharf C-2, Wharf F (an industrial maintenance wharf), and a dual capability concept where both Wharf C-2 and Wharf F are used. The dual capability configuration was chosen as the preferred alternative because it offers the most operational flexibility, allowing continued use of Wharf F as an industrial rework facility, even when the carrier is in port.

New construction necessary to support the depot-level maintenance requirements of a CVN homeported at NAVSTA Mayport would include a depot-level maintenance facility (DMF). The DMF would comprise three main components: Controlled Industrial Facility (CIF), Ship Maintenance Facility (SMF), and Maintenance Support Facility (MSF). The DMF and its surrounding areas would have to be capable of supporting a work force of approximately 1,000 workers per day. This would include shipboard workers, within the facility, and the project management team. The SMF facility would house all non-controlled propulsion plant work, material inspection and storage, and pure water production. Radiological work to be performed at the DMF would occur in the CIF, while the MSF would include the administrative functions.

Pierside improvements discussed in the PEIS would include required modification to the two wharves considered for berthing of a CVN, Wharf C-2 and Wharf F. Structural analysis of each wharf for the dredge depth of 50 feet below Mean Lower Low Water (mllw), for the additional loading introduced by a 100-ton mobile crane at the wharves, and for more rigorous mooring standards were performed to assist in the wharf improvements recommendations and the analysis results were summarized in the PEIS. Assessments of the existing infrastructure (utilities) were also performed and the study results summarized in the PEIS.