

certifications from lower tier applicants/bidders.

(8) False Statements: A false statement on an application is grounds for denial or termination of funds and grounds for possible punishment by a fine or imprisonment as provided in 18 U.S.C. 1001.

(9) Intergovernmental Review: Applications under this program are not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

(10) This notice was determined to be not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

Dated: August 12, 1998.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

#### NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0023]

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request Entitled Balance of Payments Program Certificate

**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.

**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 Balance of Payments Program Certificate. A request for public comments was published at 63 FR 29976, June 2, 1998. No comments were received.

**DATES:** Comments may be submitted on or before September 17, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul Linfield, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-1757.

**ADDRESSES:** Send 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, FAR Secretariat (MVRS), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### A. Purpose

Under the Balance of Payments Program, unless specifically exempted by statute or regulation, the Government gives preferences to the acquisition of domestic end products or services, provided that the cost of the domestic items is reasonable. The Balance of Payments Program differs from the Buy American Act in that it applies to acquisitions for use outside the United States.

The contracting officer uses the information to identify which end products or services are domestic, and which are of foreign origin. In order to be considered domestic, the cost of its components mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States must exceed 50 percent of the cost of all its components. Services are considered domestic if 25 percent or less of their total cost are attributable to performance occurring outside the United States. The contracting officer determines reasonableness of cost by applying an evaluation factor of 50 percent. If this procedure results in a tie, the domestic offer shall be considered successful.

##### B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .167 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, 1,243; responses per respondent, 5; total annual responses, 6,215; preparation hours per response, .167; and total response burden hours, 1,038.

**Obtaining Copies of Proposals:** Requester may obtain a copy of the justification from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRS), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0023, Balance of Payments Program Certificate, in all correspondence.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

#### NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0021]

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request Entitled Clean Air and Water Certification

**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.

**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 Clean Air and Water Certification. A request for public comments was published at 63 FR 31449, June 9, 1998. No comments were received.

**DATES:** Comments may be submitted on or before September 17, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Send 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, FAR Secretariat, 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul Linfield, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-1757.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### A. Purpose

It is the Government's policy to improve environmental quality. Accordingly, Executive agencies must conduct their acquisition activities in a manner that will result in effective enforcement of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401, *et seq.*) and the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1251, *et seq.*). The information required by the Clean Air and Water Certification is used to determine a contractor's compliance with these laws. A determination of noncompliance by the contracting officer requires notifying the agency head or designee who, in turn, notifies the Environmental Protection Agency's

(EPA) Administrator, or a designee, in writing. Government contracting offices use the information to determine a firm's eligibility for award of a contract and to provide information to the EPA.

#### B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .01666 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, 83,400; responses per respondent, 20; total annual responses, 1,668,000; preparation hours per response, .01666; and total response burden hours, 27,800.

#### Obtaining Copies of Proposals

Requester may obtain a copy of the justification from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRS), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0021, Clean Air and Water Certification, in all correspondence.

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### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

#### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

#### NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0022]

#### Submission of OMB Review; Comment Request Entitled Customs and Duties

**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.

**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 Customs and Duties. A request for public comments was

published at 63 FR 29977, June 2, 1998. No comments were received.

**DATES:** Comments may be submitted on or before September 17, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Send 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, FAR Secretariat (MVRS), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul Linfield, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-1757.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### A. Purpose

United States laws impose duties on foreign supplies imported into the customs territory of the United States. Certain exemptions from these duties are available to Government agencies. These exemptions are used whenever the anticipated savings outweigh the administrative costs associated with processing required documentation. When a Government contractor purchases foreign supplies, it must notify the contracting officer to determine whether the supplies should be duty-free. In addition, all shipping documents and containers must specify certain information to assure the duty-free entry of the supplies.

The contracting officer analyzes the information submitted by the contractor to determine whether or not supplies should enter the country duty-free. The information, the contracting officer's determination, and the U.S. Customs forms are placed in the contract file.

##### B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes 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, 1,330; responses per respondent, 10; total annual responses, 13,300; preparation hours per response, .5; and total response burden hours, 6,650.

**Obtaining Copies of Proposals:** Requester may obtain a copy of the justification from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRS), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0022, Customs and Duties, in all correspondence.

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### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

#### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

#### NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0036]

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request Entitled Information Regarding Previous Contracts

**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.

**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 Information Regarding Previous Contracts. A request for public comments was published at 63 FR 31450, June 9, 1998. No comments were received.

**DATES:** Comments may be submitted on or before September 17, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Send 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, FAR Secretariat (MVRS), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405.

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

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### A. Purpose

When the same item or class of items is being acquired by more than one agency, the exchange and coordination of pertinent information, particularly cost and pricing data, is necessary to promote uniformity of treatment of major issues and the resolution of particularly difficult or controversial