

concerning Extraordinary Contractual Action Requests. 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: Linda Klein, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-3775.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

This request covers the collection of information as a first step under Public Law 85-804, as amended by Public Law 93-155 and Executive Order 10789 dated November 14, 1958, that allows contracts to be entered into, amended, or modified in order to facilitate national defense. In order for a firm to be granted relief under the Act, specific evidence must be submitted which supports the firm's assertion that relief is appropriate and that the matter cannot be disposed of under the terms of the contract.

The information is used by the Government to determine if relief can be granted under the Act and to determine the appropriate type and amount of relief.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 16 hours per completion, 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, 100; responses per respondent, 1; total annual responses, 100; preparation hours per response, 16; and total response burden hours, 1,600.

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. 9000-0029, Extraordinary Contractual Action Requests, in all correspondence.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0078]

Submission of OMB Review; Comment Request Entitled Make-or-Buy Program

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 will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning Make-or-Buy Program. A request for public comments was published at 63 FR 31451, June 9, 1998. No comments were received.

DATES: Comments may be submitted 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: Jerry Olson, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-3221.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

Price, performance, and/or implementation of socio-economic policies may be affected by make-or-buy decisions under certain Government prime contracts. Accordingly, Section 15.407-2, Make-or-Buy Programs, of the FAR—

(i) Sets forth circumstances under which a Government contractor must submit for approval by the contracting officer a make-or-buy program, *i.e.*, a

written plan identifying major items to be produced or work efforts to be performed in the prime contractor's facilities and those to be subcontracted; (ii) Provides guidance to contracting officers concerning the review and approval of the make-or-buy programs; and

(iii) Prescribes the contract clause at FAR 52.215-9, Changes or Additions to Make-or-Buy Programs, which specifies the circumstances under which the contractor is required to submit for the contracting officer's advance approval a notification and justification of any proposed change in the approved make-or-buy program.

The information is used to assure the lowest overall cost to the Government for required supplies and services.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 8 hours per termination, 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, 150; responses per respondent, 3; total annual responses, 450; preparation hours per response, 8; and total response burden hours, 3,600.

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. 9000-0078, Make-or-Buy Program, in all correspondence.

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[OMB Control No. 9000-0020]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request Entitled Qualification Requirements

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 Qualification Requirements. A request for public comments was published at 63 FR 29187, May 28, 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: Ralph DeStefano, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-1758.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

10 U.S.C. 2319 and 41 U.S.C. 253c prescribe policies and procedures which are to be followed by Federal agencies before they may establish any prequalification requirement with which a prospective contractor must comply before his offer will even be considered by the agency for a contract award. Three basic requirements are prescribed.

First, the agency must examine the need for establishing the prequalification requirement, given its adverse impact on free and open competition. Having established that a need for a prequalification requirement exists, the agency must prepare a written justification which explains that need.

Second, the agency must specify the standards which a prospective contractor, or its product or service, must satisfy in order to be qualified. The agency is directed to limit such standards to those essential to "meet the purposes necessitating the establishment of the prequalification requirement."

Third, the executive agency imposing the prequalification requirement must promptly provide a prospective contractor with the opportunity to

demonstrate its ability to meet the standards the agency has specified for qualification.

The contracting officer uses the information to determine eligibility for award when the clause at 52.209-1, Qualification Requirements, is included in the solicitation. The offeror must identify the offeror, manufacturer, source, product or service, as appropriate, that has been prequalified and test number as evidence that the qualification requirement has been met. Alternatively, an offeror not meeting the qualification requirement may be considered for award upon the submission of evidence that the qualification requirement has been satisfied.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .17 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, 2,700; responses per respondent, 10; total annual responses, 27,000; preparation hours per response, .17; and total response burden hours, 4,590.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals

Requester may obtain a copy of the justification from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRS), 1800 F Street, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0020, Qualification Requirements, in all correspondence.

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[OMB Control No. 9000-0097]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request Entitled Information Reporting to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), (Taxpayer Identification Number)

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 Reporting to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) (Taxpayer Identification Number). A request for public comments was published at 63 FR 31759, June 10, 1998. No comments were received.

DATES: Comments may be submitted 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: Linda Nelson, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-1900.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

Subpart 4.9, Information Reporting to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and the provision at 52.204-3, Taxpayer Identification, implement statutory and regulatory requirements pertaining to taxpayer identification and reporting.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 6 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, 250,000; responses per respondent, 12; total annual responses, 3,000,000; preparation hours per response, .10; and total response burden hours, 300,000.

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.