

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.

Dated: August 11, 1998.

Edward C. Loeb,

Director, Federal Acquisition Policy Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[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.

9000-0097, Information Reporting to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) (Taxpayer Identification Number), in all correspondence.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0024]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request Entitled Buy American 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 Buy American Certificate. A request for public comments was published at 63 FR 29978, 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) 501-4755.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

The Buy American Act requires that only domestic end products be acquired for public use unless specifically authorized by statute or regulation,

provided that the cost of the domestic products is reasonable.

The Buy American Certificate provides the contracting office with the information necessary to identify which products offered are domestic end products and which are of foreign origin. Components of unknown origin are considered to have been supplied from outside the United States.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 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, 2,663; responses per respondent, 20; total annual responses, 53,260; preparation hours per response, .167; and total response burden hours, 8,894.

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. 9000-0024, Buy American Certificate, in all correspondence.

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Director, Federal Acquisition Policy Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Record of Decision for the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) for Final Site Selection and Authorization for Implementation of the Proposed G. V. (Sonny) Montgomery Range, Camp Shelby Training Site, Camp Shelby, Mississippi

AGENCIES: National Guard Bureau, Department of the Army, DoD; Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Record of Decision (ROD) was signed on July 29, 1998. The decision made in the ROD was to implement the proposed action and a series of mitigation measures to minimize the environmental impacts of this action. The proposed action

consists of three components: (1) Range operation and control area; (2) the downrange area; and (3) the vehicle holding and maintenance area.

ADDRESSES: For a copy of the ROD, write to Colonel Tim Powell, Public Affairs Office, Mississippi Army National Guard, PO Box 5027, Jackson, Mississippi 39296-5027.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Colonel Tim Powell at (601) 973-6271, facsimile extension 6176.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The range operation and control area is the center of responsibility for overall control and coordination of movement and training exercises within the complex and is also the administrative center for the range complex. Range support facilities in this area may include the control tower, general instruction buildings, personnel and storage buildings, target maintenance building, latrines, covered mess, covered bleachers, and lysterbag holder. Also, an ammunition loading/unloading dock for armor munitions and an ammunition breakdown shelter for infantry (Huntsville Multiple Purpose Range Complex-Heavy Design Information Guide).

The range area consists of three 4,500-meter by 300-meter lanes, each separated by a 50-meter buffer zone and a 1- to 2-acre vehicle holding and maintenance area that contains a 100-square-meter hardstand.

The proposed G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery Range supports collective training at the platoon and lower levels. Units using the proposed range complex will include tanks, infantry/cavalry fighting vehicles and attack helicopters. This advanced training develops collective skills at the small unit level. It requires sections and platoons to employ moving and stationary target published.

Copies of the ROD will be mailed to individuals who participated in the public scoping process. Copies will also be sent to Federal, state, regional, and local agencies, interested organizations and agencies; and public libraries. Individuals not currently on the mailing list may obtain a copy by request.

Dated: August 12, 1998.

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