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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 5178]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Department of State Acquisition Regulation (DOSAR), OMB Control Number 1405-0050.

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment in the **Federal Register** preceding submission to OMB. We are conducting this process in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

- Title of Information Collection: Department of State Acquisition Regulation (DOSAR).
- OMB Control Number: 1405-0050.
- Type of Request: Extension of Currently Approved Collection.
- Originating Office: Bureau of Administration, Office of the Procurement Executive (A/OPE).
- Form Number: N/A.
- Respondents: Any business, other for-profit, individual, not-for-profit, or household organizations wishing to receive Department of State contracts.
- Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,166.
- Estimated Number of Responses: 3,166.
- Average Hours Per Response: Varies.
- Total Estimated Burden: 274,320.
- Frequency: On occasion.
- Obligation to Respond: Voluntary.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to October 31, 2005.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- E-mail: ginesgg@state.gov You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and OMB control number in the subject line of your message.
- Mail (paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions): Gladys Gines, Procurement Analyst, Department of

State, Office of the Procurement Executive, 2201 C Street, NW., Suite 603, State Annex Number 6, Washington, DC 20522-0602.

- Fax: 703-875-6155.
- Hand Delivery or Courier: Gladys Gines, Procurement Analyst, Department of State, Office of the Procurement Executive, 1701 North Ft. Myer Drive, Suite 603, Arlington, VA 22209.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents, to Gladys Gines, Procurement Analyst, Office of the Procurement Executive, Department of State, Washington, DC 20522, who may be reached on 703-516-1691.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of our functions.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

Abstract of proposed collection:

This information collection covers pre-award and post-award requirements of the DOSAR. During the pre-award phase, information is collected to determine which bids or proposals offer the best value to the U.S. Government. Post-award actions include monitoring the contractor's performance; issuing modifications to the contract; dealing with unsatisfactory performance; issuing payments to the contractor; and closing out the contract upon its completion.

Methodology:

Information is collected from prospective offerors to evaluate their proposals. The responses provided by the public are part of the offeror's proposals in response to Department solicitations. This information may be submitted electronically (through fax or e-mail), or may require a paper submission, depending upon complexity. After contract award, contractors are required to submit information, on an as-needed basis, and relate to the occurrence of specific circumstances.

Dated: August 4, 2005.

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Procurement Executive, Bureau of Administration, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Department of Transportation's (DOT) intention to request the approval of a new information collection.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by September 29, 2005: attention DOT/OST Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah Perkins, Departmental Office of Human Resources, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington DC 20590, (202) 366-9447

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Applicant Background Questionnaire.

OMB Control Number: Pending.

Affected Public: Employees upon initial hire and applicants for positions.

Annual Estimated Burden: 100 hours.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility as described; (b) the accuracy of the Department's estimate of burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate, automated, electronic, mechanical or other technology. Comments should be addressed to the address in the preamble. All responses to this notice will be summarized and