

clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by March 26, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Mail: Federal Docket Management System Office, 4800 Mark Center Drive, 2nd Floor, East Tower, Suite 02G09, Alexandria, VA 22350-3100.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to Director of Administration and Management, Directorate for Organizational and Management Planning, 1950 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1950; or telephone (703) 697-1142.

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Secretary of Defense Biennial Review of Defense Agencies and DoD Field Activities; OMB Control Number 0704-0422.

Needs and Uses: Section 192(c) of Title 10, U.S.C., requires that the Secretary of Defense review the services and supplies provided by each Defense Agency and DoD Field Activity. The purposes of the Biennial Review are to ensure the continuing need for each Agency and Field Activity and to ensure that the services and supplies provided by each entity is accomplished in a more effective, economical, or efficient manner than by the Military Departments. A standard organizational customer survey process serves as the principal data-gathering methodology in the Biennial Review. As such, it provides valuable information to senior officials in the Department regarding the levels of satisfaction held by the organizational customers of the approximately 30 Defense Agencies and

DoD Field Activities covered by the Biennial Review.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

Annual Burden Hours: 625.

Number of Respondents: 2,500.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 15 minutes.

Frequency: Biennially.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

The Biennial Review employs a survey to assess organizational-customer satisfaction with the associated business line and addresses overall responsiveness to customer requirements, satisfaction with specific products and services, and quality of coordination with organizational customers. The survey identifies distinct areas of business (business lines) for all Defense Agencies and DoD Field Activities participating in the Review, creates lists of organizational customers specific to each business line, and uses a set of standard evaluation questions across all business lines. Respondents covered by this announcement are private-sector customers of these business lines, such as for the Federal Voting Assistance Program and Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. DoD-2007-OS-0144]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Defense Security Service, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Defense Security Service (DSS) announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comments on the provision thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden hours of the information to be collected; and (c)

ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by March 26, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

Federal Rule Making Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Mail: Federal Docket Management System Office, 4800 Mark Center Drive, 2nd Floor, East Tower, Suite 02G09, Alexandria, VA 22350-3100.

Instructions: All submissions received must include agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy of comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contract information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to Defense Security Service, Personnel Security Clearance Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Alexandria, VA 22314, or telephone at 703-325-6050. *Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number:* Personnel Security Investigation Projection for Industry Survey; DSS Form 232; OMB Number 0704-0417.

Needs and Uses: The execution of the DSS Form 232 is an essential factor in projecting the needs of cleared contractor entities for personnel security investigations (PSIs). This collection of information requests the assistance of the Facility Security Officer to provide projections of the numbers and types of PSIs. The data will be incorporated into DSS' budget submissions and used to track against actual PSI submissions. The form will be distributed electronically via a web-based commercial survey tool.

Affected Public: Business, or other profit and non-profit organizations under Department of Defense Security Cognizance.

Annual Burden Hours: 15,188.

Number of Respondents: 12,150.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 75 minutes.

Frequency: Annually.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

Executive Order (EO) 12829, "National Industrial Security Program (NISP)," stipulates that the Secretary of Defense shall serve as the Executive Agent for inspecting and monitoring the contractors, licensees, and grantees who require or will require access to classified information; and for determining the eligibility for access to classified information of contractors, licensees, and grantees and their respective employees. E.O. 12829 also authorizes the Executive Agent to issue, after consultation with affected agencies, standard forms that will promote the implementation of the NISP.

The Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence assigned DSS to exercise authority and responsibility for central operational management of DoD PSI workload projections, and monitoring of PSI funding and investigation quality issues for DoD components to include cleared contractors under the National Industrial Security Program. In the past, DSS has relied on historical data for agency budget projections regarding the numbers of PSIs required by cleared contractor entities; however, historical data did not provide a particularly accurate or credible estimate of such workload. In this annual collection of information, DSS asks the Facility Security Officers of cleared contractor entities to provide projections of the numbers and types of personnel security investigations required as well as providing a description of the methodology used for the projections, and the percentage of the cleared contractor's projections representing DoD and non-DoD (NISP) agencies PSI requirements for cleared contractors. The data will be incorporated into DSS' budget submissions and to track against actual cleared contractor's actual PSI submissions.

The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has responsibility to conduct PSIs and the subsequent periodic reinvestigations (PRs) in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 5, Part 736.

Representative of various industry associations, the National Industrial Security Program Policy Advisory Committee (NISPPAC), the Military Services, various elements of the Department of Defense and other Federal Government Agencies are familiar with the annual survey.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. DoD-2007-OS-0145]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Defense Finance and Accounting Service, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by March 26, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this

proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to Military Pay, Standards and Compliance, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, DFAS-JJFMB/CL, 1240 East 9th Street, Room 1781, Cleveland, Ohio 44199, or call at (216) 204-3631.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Claim Certification and Voucher for Death Gratuity Payment; DD Form 397; OMB Control Number 0704-TBD.

Needs and Uses: This information collection allows the government to collect the signatures and information needed to pay a death gratuity. Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1475-1480, a designated beneficiary(ies) or next-of-kin can receive a death gratuity payment for a deceased Service member. This form serves as a record of the disbursement of the death gratuity. The DoD Financial Management Regulation (FMR), Volume 7A, Chapter 36, defines the eligible beneficiaries and procedures for payment of the death gratuity. To provide internal controls for this benefit, and to comply with the above-cited statutes, the information requested is needed to substantiate the receipt of the benefit.

Affected Public: Individuals who are beneficiaries of the Service member's death gratuity.

Annual Burden Hours: 1208.

Number of Respondents: 2416.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: .5 hours.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

The Service Casualty Office completes the upper portion of the DD Form 397 and then provides the form to the beneficiaries. The beneficiaries complete their portion of the DD Form 397 and then sign the form and have it witnessed. Once the documents are completed they are forwarded to DFAS for payment.

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