

Protege Program (the “Program”). Congress requires DoD to collect certain information from program participants in section 861, paragraph (b)(2), of Public Law 114–92. Thus, the need for this information collection is to comply with existing laws. DoD has incorporated these information collection requirements into the DFARS in section I–112 of Appendix I. Program participants agree to comply with these information collection requirements when they execute their mentor-protege agreements, receiving the program’s benefits in consideration.

This information is necessary to ensure that participants are fulfilling their obligations under the mentor-protege agreements and furthering the purpose of the Mentor-Protege Program as required by section 18(d)(7) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(7)). In accordance with 10 U.S.C. 4902, DoD uses the information to decide whether to approve continuation of the agreement. In addition, the information is necessary for program managers to direct developmental assistance to the most appropriate small business concerns and to ensure the program meets the Congressionally-mandated goal of enhancing the defense industrial base.

DoD Clearance Officer: Ms. Angela Duncan. Requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Ms. Duncan at whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Acquisition Regulations System

[Docket Number DARS–2023–0035; OMB Control Number 0704–0386]

Information Collection Requirement; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Small Business Programs

AGENCY: Defense Acquisition Regulations System; Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments regarding a proposed extension of an approved information collection requirement.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, DoD announces the proposed extension of a

public information collection requirement and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. DoD invites comments on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of DoD, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of DoD’s estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved this information collection requirement under Control Number 0704–0386 through January 31, 2024. DoD proposes that OMB approve an extension of the information collection requirement, to expire three years after the approval date.

DATES: DoD will consider all comments received by November 27, 2023.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by OMB Control Number 0704–0386, using any of the following methods:

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

○ *Email:* osd.dfars@mail.mil. Include OMB Control Number 0704–0386 in the subject line of the message.

Comments received generally will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Jeanette Snyder, at 703–508–7524.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title and OMB Number: Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS), Small Business Programs and associated clauses in Part 252; OMB Control Number 0704–0386.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

Respondent’s Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

Respondents: 41.

Responses per respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 41.

Hours per response: 1.

Estimated Hours: 41.

Frequency: On occasion.

Needs and Uses: DoD uses this information to improve administration under the small business subcontracting program and to evaluate a contractor’s past performance in complying with its subcontracting plan. The clause at DFARS 252.219–7003, Small Business Subcontracting Plan (DoD Contracts), is prescribed for use in solicitations and

contracts that include the clause at FAR 52.219–9, Small Business Subcontracting Plan. Paragraph (e) of the clause requires the contractor to notify the contracting officer, in writing, of any substitutions of firms that are not small business firms, for the small business firms specifically identified in the subcontracting plan. The notification is necessary when (1) a prime contractor has identified specific small business concerns in its subcontracting plan, and (2) after contract award, substitutes one of the small businesses identified in its subcontracting plan with a firm that is not a small business. The intent of this information collection is to alert the contracting officer of this situation.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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[Docket DARS–2023–0036; OMB Control Number 0704–0497]

Information Collection Requirement; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Part 215 Negotiation

AGENCY: Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments regarding a proposed extension of an approved information collection requirement.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, DoD announces the proposed extension of a public information collection requirement and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. *DoD invites comments on:* whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of DoD, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of DoD’s estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved this information collection for use under Control Number