

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*Frequency:* On Occasion

*Number of Respondents:* 79.

*Responses per Respondent:* Approximately 66.82.

*Annual Responses:* 5,279.

*Average Burden per Response:* 0.5 hour.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 2,640.

*Needs and Uses:* DFARS 231.205–18 requires contractors to report independent research and development (IR&D) projects to the Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC) using DTIC's online IR&D database. The inputs must be updated at least annually and when the project is completed. The data provide in-process information on IR&D projects for which DoD reimburses the contractor as an allowable indirect expense. In addition to improving DoD's ability to determine whether contractor IR&D costs are allowable, the data provide visibility into the technical content of industry IR&D activities to meet DoD needs.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Defense Acquisition Regulations System

[Docket Number DARS–2024–0004; OMB Control Number 0704–0214]

#### Information Collection Requirement; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement Part 217, Special Contracting Methods

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Acquisition Regulations System has submitted to OMB for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by May 29, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent

within 30 days of publication of this notice to <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

You may also submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by the following method: Federal eRulemaking Portal: <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title and OMB Number:* Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 217, Special Contracting Methods, and related clauses at 252.217; OMB Control Number 0704–0214.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

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

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*Frequency:* On Occasion

*Number of Respondents:* 4,815.

*Responses per Respondent:*

Approximately 6.4.

*Annual Responses:* 30,758.

*Average Burden per Response:*

Approximately 7.5 hours.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 229,436.

*Needs and Uses:* DFARS part 217 prescribes policies and procedures for acquiring supplies and services by special contracting methods. Contracting officers use the required information as follows:

*DFARS 217.7004(a):* When solicitations permit the exchange (or trade-in) of personal property and application of the exchange allowance to the acquisition of similar property, offerors must provide the prices for the new items being acquired both with and without any exchange. Contracting officers use the information to make an informed decision regarding the reasonableness of the prices for both the new and trade-in items.

*DFARS 217.7404–3(b):* When awarded an undefinitized contract action, contractors are required to submit a qualifying proposal in accordance with the definitization schedule provided in the contract. Contracting officers use this information to complete a meaningful analysis of a contractor's proposal in a timely manner.

*DFARS 217.7505(d):* When responding to sole-source solicitations that include the acquisition of

replenishment parts, offerors submit price and quantity data on any Government orders for the replenishment part(s) issued within the most recent 12 months. Contracting officers use this information to evaluate recent price increases for sole-source replenishment parts.

*DFARS clause 252.217–7012:*

Included in master agreements for repair and alteration of vessels, paragraph (d) of the clause requires contractors to show evidence of insurance under the agreement. Contracting officers use this information to ensure that the contractor is adequately insured when performing work under the agreement. Paragraphs (f) and (g) of the clause require contractors to notify the contracting officer of any property loss or damage for which the Government is liable under the agreement and submit a request, with supporting documentation, for reimbursement of the cost of replacement or repair. Contracting officers use this information to stay informed of lost or damaged property for which the Government is liable, and to determine the appropriate course of action for replacement or repair of the property.

*DFARS provision 252.217–7026:*

Included in certain solicitations for supplies that are being acquired under other than full and open competition, the provision requires the apparently successful offeror to identify their sources of supply so that competition can be enhanced in future acquisitions.

*DFARS clause 252.217–7028:* When performing under contracts for overhaul, maintenance, and repair, contractors must submit a work request and proposal for “over and above” work that is within the scope of the contract, but not covered by the line item(s) under the contract, and necessary in order to satisfactorily complete the contract. This requirement allows the Government to review the need for pending work before the contractor begins performance.

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