

1419 to the Defense Supply Center Richmond, before acquiring industrial plant equipment (IPE), to determine whether existing reallocable Government-owned facilities can be used.

b. DFARS 245.302-1(b)(1)(B) requires contractors to submit requests for proposed acquisition of automatic data processing equipment through the administrative contracting officer.

c. DFARS 245.405(1) requires contractors to obtain contracting officer approval before using Government production and research property on work for foreign governments or international organizations.

d. DFARS 245.407(a)(iv) requires contractors to submit requests for non-Government use of IPE to the contract administration office.

e. DFARS 245.505-5, 245.505-6, and 245.606-70 require contractors to use DD Form 1342 as a source document for establishing property records; to report information concerning IPE; and to list excess IPE.

f. DFARS 245.603-70(c) requires contractors that perform plant clearance duties to ensure that inventory schedules are satisfactory for storage or removal purposes. Contractors may use DD Form 1637 for this function.

g. DFARS 245.607-1(a)(i) permits contractors to request a pre-inventory scrap determination, made by the plant clearance officer after an on-site survey, if inventory is considered without value except for scrap.

h. DFARS 245.7101-2 permits contractors to use DD Form 1149 for transfer and donation of excess contractor inventory.

i. DFARS 245.7101-4 requires contractors to use DD Form 1640 to request plant clearance assistance or to transfer plant clearance.

j. DFARS 245.7303 and 245.7304 require contractors to use invitations for bid for the sale of surplus contractor inventory.

k. DFARS 245.7308(a) requires contractors to send certain information to the Department of Justice and the General Services Administration when the contractor sells or otherwise disposes of inventory with an estimated fair market value of \$3 million or more, or disposes of any patents, processes, techniques or inventions, regardless of cost.

l. DFARS 245.7310-7 requires the purchaser of scrap to represent and warrant that the property will be used only as scrap. The purchaser also must sign DD Form 1639.

m. DFARS 252.245-7001 requires contractors to provide an annual report for contracts involving Government

property in accordance with the requirements of DD Form 1662.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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### Information Collection Requirement; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Requests for Equitable Adjustment

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense (DoD).

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

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), DoD announces the proposed extension of a public information collection requirement and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. DoD invites comments on: (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the 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 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 through February 28, 2006. DoD proposes that OMB extend its approval for use through February 28, 2009.

**DATES:** DoD will consider all comments received by November 28, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by OMB Control Number 0704-0397, using any of the following methods:

- Defense Acquisition Regulations Web Site: <http://emissary.acq.osd.mil/dar/dfars.nsf/pubcomm>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- E-mail: [dfars@osd.mil](mailto:dfars@osd.mil). Include OMB Control Number 0704-0397 in the subject line of the message.
- Fax: (703) 602-0350.
- Mail: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Attn: Ms. Deborah Tronic, OUSD (AT&L) DPAP (DAR),

IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062.

- Hand Delivery/Courier: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Crystal Square 4, Suite 200A, 241 18th Street, Arlington, VA 22202-3402.

All comments received will be posted to <http://emissary.acq.osd.mil/dar/dfars.nsf>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Deborah Tronic, (703) 602-0289. The information collection requirements addressed in this notice are available electronically via the Internet at: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/dars/dfars/index.htm>. Paper copies are available from Ms. Deborah Tronic, OUSD (AT&L) DPAP (DAR), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title and OMB Number:* Contract Modifications—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 243 and associated clauses in DFARS 252.243; OMB Control Number 0704-0397.

*Needs and Uses:* The information collection required by the clause at DFARS 252.243-7002, Requests for Equitable Adjustment, implements 10 U.S.C. 2410(a). DoD contracting officers and auditors use this information to evaluate contractor requests for equitable adjustment to contract terms.

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

*Annual Burden Hours:* 2,120.

*Number of Respondents:* 440.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 440.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 4.8 hours.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

#### Summary of Information Collection

The clause at DFARS 252.243-7002, Requests for Equitable Adjustment, requires contractors to certify that requests for equitable adjustment that exceed the simplified acquisition threshold are made in good faith and that the supporting data are accurate and complete. The clause also requires contractors to fully disclose all facts relevant to the requests for adjustment.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 28, 2005.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: September 22, 2005.

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#### **Office of Postsecondary Education**

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Final Reporting Forms for FIPSE International Consortia Programs.

*Frequency:* End of grant period.

*Affected Public:* Federal Government.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour*

*Burden:*

Responses: 35.

Burden Hours: 700.

*Abstract:* These are final reporting forms for FIPSE's three international competitions. These forms are used at the conclusion of the performance and budget periods for these three competitions: P116J, P116M and P116N.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2885. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Potomac Center, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20202-4700. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address [OCIO\\_RIMG@ed.gov](mailto:OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-245-6621. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Joseph Schubart at his e-mail address [Joe.Schubart@ed.gov](mailto:Joe.Schubart@ed.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

##### **A National Dialogue: The Secretary of Education's Commission on the Future of Higher Education; Notice of Establishment**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of establishment of A National Dialogue: The Secretary of Education's Commission on the Future of Higher Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of Education announces her intention to establish A

National Dialogue: The Secretary of Education's Commission on the Future of Higher Education (Commission). The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463 as amended; 5 U.S.C.A. Appendix 2) will govern the Commission.

*Purpose:* The Secretary has determined that the establishment of this Commission is necessary and in the public's interest. Today, higher education in the United States encompasses a wide array of educational opportunities and programs. Students attend institutions of higher education offering programs that range from baccalaureate and advanced degrees to occupational training of less than one year. The Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, has benefited millions of students by making higher education more affordable as well as by ensuring its quality. As we look to the future, it is imperative that we maintain a system of higher education that meets the needs of our diverse population, and in particular the needs of traditionally underserved communities; provides enhanced opportunities for lifelong learning; and addresses the economic and workforce needs of the country.

In particular, the country is encountering a significant change to its economic structure, resulting in unmet workforce needs. This is particularly true with respect to highly skilled workers and in the fields of mathematics and science. The need is clear and unavoidable: only 68 out of 100 entering 9th graders graduate from high school on time. Yet, 80 percent of our fastest-growing jobs will require some higher education. As the need for highly skilled workers continues to grow, institutions of higher education must assess whether they are providing the necessary coursework and incentives that will enable American students to compete in the new global economy.

The purpose of this Commission is to consider how best to improve our system of higher education, to ensure that our graduates are well prepared to meet our future workforce needs and are able to participate fully in the changing economy. To accomplish this purpose, the Commission shall consider Federal, State, local, and institutional roles in higher education and analyze whether the current goals of higher education are appropriate and achievable. By August 1, 2006, the Commission will provide its written recommendations to the Secretary.

The Commission will be composed of no more than 20 representatives appointed by the Secretary from the