

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**GENERAL SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION****NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND
SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[OMB Control No. 9000-0159]

**Federal Acquisition Regulation;
Information Collection; Central
Contractor Registration**

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning the Central Contractor Registration database. The clearance currently expires on June 30, 2006.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the FAR, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Submit comments on or before April 10, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to the General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (VIR), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT Mr. Ernest Woodson, Contract Policy Division, GSA, (202) 501-3775.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**A. Purpose**

The Central Contractor Registration (CCR) is the primary vendor database for

the U.S. Federal Government. CCR collects, validates, stores, and disseminates data in support of agency acquisition missions.

Both current and potential Federal Government vendors are required to register in CCR in order to be awarded contracts by the Federal Government. Vendors are required to complete a one-time registration to provide basic information relevant to procurement and financial transactions. Vendors must update or renew their registration at least once per year to maintain an active status.

CCR validates the vendor information and electronically shares the secure and encrypted data with Federal agency finance offices to facilitate paperless payments through electronic funds transfer (EFT). Additionally, CCR shares the data with Federal Government procurement and electronic business systems.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 54,199.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 54,199.

Hours Per Response: 1.

Total Burden Hours: 54,199.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals:

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (VIR), Room 4035, 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control Number 9000-0159, Central Contractor Registration, in all correspondence.

Dated: February 6, 2006.

Gerald Zaffos,

Director, Contract Policy Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****Defense Business Board; Notice of
Advisory Committee Meeting**

AGENCY: Department of Defense, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Advisory Committee Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Defense Business Board (DBB) will meet in open session on Wednesday, March 8, 2006, at the Pentagon, Washington, DC from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. The mission of the DBB is to advise the Secretary of Defense on effective strategies for implementation of best business practices of interest to the Department of Defense. At this meeting, the Board will deliberate on

their findings and recommendations related to: Human Resources Management and the Enterprise Transition Plan.

DATES: Wednesday, March 8, 2006, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: 1155 Defense Pentagon, 3C288, Washington, DC 20301-1155

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Members of the public who wish to attend the meeting must contact the Defense Business Board no later than Wednesday, March 1st for further information about escort arrangements in the Pentagon. Additionally, those who wish to make oral comments or delivery written comments should also request to be scheduled, and submit a written text of the comments by Wednesday, March 1st to allow time for distribution to the Board members prior to the meeting. Individual oral comments will be limited to five minutes, with the total oral comment period not exceeding 30 minutes.

The DBB may be contacted at: Defense Business Board, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Room 3C288, Washington, DC 20301-1155, via e-mail at defensebusinessboard2@oosd.mil or via phone at (703) 697-2168.

Dated: February 3, 2006.

L.M. Bynum,

OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer,

Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Army; Corps of
Engineers****Intent To Prepare a Draft
Environmental Impact Statement for
the Construction and Operation of an
Open Pit Taconite Mine Proposed by
Ispat Inland Mining Between Biwabik
and McKinley in St. Louis County, MN**

AGENCY: Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Ispat Inland Mining (Ispat) has applied to the St. Paul District, Corps of Engineers (Corps) for a permit to discharge dredged or fill material into wetlands to facilitate the construction and operation of a taconite mine consisting of two conventional open pits in a deposit known as the East Reserve (formerly known as the J&L East Reserve) between Biwabik and McKinley in St. Louis County, MN. The combined area of the two open pits would be 364 acres. The proposed pits contain an estimated 116,000,000 long