

In order to participate in the New Route pilot program, applicants must submit the following at the time of entry into the national stage of the PCT application in the USPTO: (a) A copy of the first office action by the JPO and English translation thereof; (b) a copy of the claims searched and examined by the JPO and English translation thereof; (c) a statement that the translations are accurate; and (d) a request to participate in the New Route pilot program along with a petition to make special and the required petition fee.

The pilot program will begin on January 28, 2008, and will end when the number of requests reaches 50 or the expiration of one year, whichever occurs first. The information collection includes one proposed form, Request for Participation in the New Route Pilot Program Between the JPO and the USPTO (PTO/SB/10), which may be used by applicants to request participation in the pilot program and to ensure that they meet the program requirements.

**II. Method of Collection**

Requests to participate in the New Route pilot program must be submitted by fax to the Office of the Commissioner for Patents (571-273-0125) to ensure that the request is processed in a timely manner. The USPTO will consider alternative methods of submission under this program after the pilot period is concluded.

**III. Data**

OMB Number: 0651-0058.  
 Form Number(s): PTO/SB/10, PTO/SB/20.  
 Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.  
 Affected Public: Individuals or households; businesses or other for-profits; and not-for-profit institutions.  
 Estimated Number of Respondents: 800 responses per year, including 50 responses per year using the Request for Participation in the New Route Pilot Program.  
 Estimated Time per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take the

public approximately 1.5 hours to gather the necessary information, prepare the form, and submit the completed Request for Participation in the New Route Pilot Program to the USPTO.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 1,575 hours per year, including 75 hours for using the Request for Participation in the New Route Pilot Program.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden: \$478,800 per year. The USPTO expects that the information in this collection will be prepared by attorneys. Using the professional rate of \$304 per hour for associate attorneys in private firms, the USPTO estimates that the respondent cost burden for submitting the Request for Participation in the New Route Pilot Program will be approximately \$22,800 per year, which would result in a total annual respondent cost burden of \$478,800 for this collection.

Item	Estimated time for response (hours)	Estimated annual responses	Estimated annual burden hours
Request for Participation in the New Route Pilot Program Between the JPO and the USPTO (PTO/SB/10) .....	1.5	50	75
Total .....	.....	50	75

Estimated Total Annual Non-hour Respondent Cost Burden: \$104,000 per year. There are no capital start-up, maintenance, postage, or recordkeeping costs associated with this collection. However, there are additional filing fees associated with the proposed Requests for Participation in the New Route Pilot Program.

The filing fee for a Request for Participation in the New Route Pilot Program is \$130 under 37 CFR 1.17(h), and up to 50 filings are expected per year, for a total of \$6,500 in filing fees due to these requests. When added to the previously approved burden for this collection, the total annual (non-hour) cost burden for this collection is estimated to be \$104,000 per year.

**IV. Request for Comments**

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 (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and

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

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 8, 2007.  
 Susan K. Fawcett,  
 Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Customer Information Services Group, Public Information Services Division.  
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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Department of the Army**

**Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Disposal and Reuse of Fort McPherson, GA, Resulting From the 2005 Base Closure and Realignment Commission's Recommendations**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DoD  
**ACTION:** Notice of Intent (NOI).

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Army intends to prepare an EIS for the disposal and reuse of Fort McPherson in Atlanta, Georgia. Pursuant to the BRAC law, Fort McPherson is to close by September 14, 2011. Other actions included in the closing of Fort McPherson are relocating the tenant headquarters organizations to Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Fort Eustis, Virginia; Pope air Force Base (AFB), North Carolina; and Shaw AFB, South Carolina. These relocations have been or will be addressed in separate National Environmental Policy Act documents for those locations.

**ADDRESSES:** For further information regarding the EIS, please contact Mr.

Victor Bonilla, BRAC Environmental Division, 2053 North D Avenue, Building 400, Fort Gillem, GA 30297-5161.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Bonilla at (404) 469-3557; fax: (404) 469-3565; e-mail: [bonillav@forscom.army.mil](mailto:bonillav@forscom.army.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Fort McPherson is a 487-acre installation located approximately 4 miles southwest of downtown Atlanta and 3 miles north of Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport.

The proposed action (Army primary action) is to dispose of the surplus property generated by the BRAC-mandated closure of Fort McPherson. Reuse of Fort McPherson by others is a secondary action resulting from disposal. The Army has identified two disposal alternatives (early transfer and traditional disposal), a caretaker status alternative, and the no action alternative (as required by the National Environmental Policy Act). Reuse scenarios are evaluated as secondary actions.

The EIS will analyze each alternative's impact upon a wide range of environmental resource areas including, but not limited to, air quality, traffic, noise, biological resources, cultural resources, socioeconomic, utilities, land use, hazardous and toxic substances, and cumulative environmental effects. Impacts to air quality conditions in the region, traffic conditions, land use, and community facilities and services could possibly be significant. Additional resources and conditions may be identified as a result of the scoping process initiated by this NOI.

Opportunities for public participation will be announced in the respective local news media. The public will be invited to participate in scoping activities for the EIS and comments from the public will be considered before any action is taken to implement the disposal and reuse of Fort McPherson.

Dated: November 9, 2007.

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*Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Environment, Safety and Occupational Health).*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Defense Acquisition Regulations System

#### Information Collection Requirement; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Use of Government Sources by Contractors (OMB Control Number 0704-0252)

**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 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 requirement for use through February 29, 2008. DoD proposes that OMB extend its approval for use for three additional years.

**DATES:** DoD will consider all comments received by January 18, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by OMB Control Number 0704-0252, using any of the following methods:

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

- *E-mail:* [dfars@osd.mil](mailto:dfars@osd.mil). Include OMB Control Number 0704-0252 in the subject line of the message.

- *Fax:* 703-602-7887.

- *Mail:* Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Attn: Mr. Michael Benavides, OUSD(AT&L)DPAP(DARS), IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062.

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

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Michael Benavides, 703-602-1302. The information collection requirements addressed in this notice are available on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/dars/dfarspgi/current/index.html>. Paper copies are available from Mr. Michael Benavides, OUSD(AT&L)DPAP(DARS), IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Title and OMB Number:* Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 251, Use of Government Sources by Contractors, and related clauses in DFARS 252.251; OMB Control Number 0704-0252.

*Needs and Uses:* This information collection requirement facilitates contractor use of Government supply sources. Contractors must provide certain information to the Government to verify their authorization to purchase from Government supply sources or to use Interagency Fleet Management System vehicles and related services.

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

*Annual Burden Hours:* 5,250.

*Number of Respondents:* 3,500.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 3.

*Annual Responses:* 10,500.

*Average Burden Per Response:* .5 hours.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

#### Summary of Information Collection

The clause at DFARS 252.251-7000, Ordering from Government Supply Sources, requires a contractor to provide a copy of an authorization when placing an order under a Federal Supply Schedule, a Personal Property Rehabilitation Price Schedule, or an Enterprise Software Agreement.

The clause at DFARS 252.251-7001, Use of Interagency Fleet Management System Vehicles and Related Services, requires a contractor to submit a request for use of Government vehicles when the contractor is authorized to use such vehicles, and specifies the information to be included in the contractor's request.

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