

Notice (PN) designating 10 MHz of non-Federal spectrum to be used in the Test-Bed pilot program and providing guidance for participants.² As described in the Notice and the PN, the Test-Bed pilot program will evaluate the ability of Dynamic Spectrum Access (DSA) devices employing spectrum sensing and/or geo-location techniques to share spectrum with land mobile radio (LMR) systems operating in the 410–420 MHz Federal band and in the 470–512 MHz non-Federal band.³ To address potential interference to incumbent spectrum users, the Test-Bed will include both laboratory and field measurements performed in three phases:

Phase I Equipment Characterization.

Equipment employing DSA techniques will be sent to the NTIA Institute for Telecommunication Sciences in Boulder, Colorado to undergo characterization measurements of the DSA capabilities in response to simulated environmental signals.

Phase II Evaluation of Capabilities.

After successful completion of Phase I, the DSA spectrum sensing and/or geo-location capabilities of the equipment will be evaluated in the geographic area of the Test-Bed.

Phase III Field Operation Evaluation.

After successful completion of Phase II, the DSA equipment will be permitted to transmit in an actual radio frequency signal environment. An automatic signal logging capability will be used during operation of the Test-Bed to help resolve interference events if they occur. A point-of-contact will also be established to stop Test-Bed operations if interference is reported.

Eleven parties submitted solicitations of interest to participate in the Test-Bed pilot program. As a result of selection criteria specified in the February 2008 **Federal Register** Notice, the following parties were selected to participate in the Test-Bed pilot program: Adapt4 LLC, Adaptrum Inc., BAE Systems, Motorola Inc., Shared Spectrum Company, and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.⁴

² See Federal Communications Commission Designates Spectrum and Provides Guidance For Participation in a Spectrum Sharing Innovation Test-Bed, *Public Notice*, ET Docket No. 06-89, 23 FCC Rcd. 1654 (Feb. 5, 2008).

³ Dynamic Spectrum Access technology allows a radio device to (i) evaluate its radio frequency environment using spectrum sensing, geo-location, or a combination of spectrum sensing and geo-location techniques, (ii) determine which frequencies are available for use on a non-interference basis, and (iii) reconfigure itself to operate on the identified frequencies.

⁴ Additional information on the Test-Bed pilot program is available at the following website: <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/ntiahome/frnotices/2006/spectrumshare/comments.htm>.

II. Request for Comments

As discussed in the February 2008 **Federal Register** Notice, a peer review process will be employed to give the public an opportunity to participate in the development of test plans for the Test-Bed pilot program.⁵ A copy of the draft Phase I test plan is available in HTML, Word, and PDF formats on the following website:

<http://www.ntia.doc.gov/ntiahome/frnotices/2006/spectrumshare/comments.htm>.

On or before December 30, 2008, interested parties wishing to comment on the draft Phase I test plan should submit to the address set forth above, their name, address, phone number, e-mail address and their comments. NTIA will publish the final version of the Phase I test plan on its website.

Dated: December 10, 2008.

Kathy D. Smith,

Chief Counsel, National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

Title: National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Application.

Form Number(s): N/A.

Agency Approval Number: 0651-00xx.

Type of Request: New collection.

Burden: 40 hours annually.

Number of Respondents: 1,600 responses per year.

Avg. Hours per Response: 40 hours.

The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately 40 hours to gather and prepare the necessary information, and submit the information to the USPTO.

Needs and Uses: The public uses the National Medal of Technology and

⁵ There are certain limitations on the peer review process to take into account the proprietary rights of the developers participating in the Test-Bed. As part of the Test-Bed, NTIA may enter into Cooperative Research and Development Agreements or Joint Project Agreements with the equipment developers.

Innovation Nomination Application to recognize through nomination an individual's or company's extraordinary leadership and innovation in technological achievement. The application must be accompanied by at least six letters of recommendation or support from individuals who have first-hand knowledge of the cited achievement(s).

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Nicholas A. Fraser, e-mail: Nicholas.A.Fraser@omb.eop.gov.

Once submitted, the request will be publically available in electronic format through the Information Collection Review page at www.reginfo.gov.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* Susan.Fawcett@uspto.gov.

Include "0651-00xx National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Application copy request" in the subject line of the message.

- *Fax:* 571-273-0112, marked to the attention of Susan K. Fawcett.

- *Mail:* Susan K. Fawcett, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Customer Information Services Group, Public Information Services Division, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before January 14, 2009 to Nicholas.A.Fraser@omb.eop.gov or by fax (202) 395-5167, marked to the attention of Nicholas A. Fraser.

Dated: December 8, 2008.

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

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0057]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Information Collection; Evaluation of Export Offers

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 evaluation of export offers. The clearance currently expires on December 31, 2008.

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 February 13, 2009.

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, FAR Secretariat (VPR), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4041, Washington, DC 20405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Jeritta Parnell, Contract Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-4082.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

Offers submitted in response to Government solicitations must be evaluated and awards made on the basis of the lowest laid down cost to the Government at the overseas port of discharge, via methods and ports compatible with required delivery dates and conditions affecting transportation known at the time of evaluation. Offers are evaluated on the basis of shipment through the port resulting in the lowest cost to the Government. This provision collects information regarding the vendor's preference for delivery ports. The information is used to evaluate offers and award a contract based on the lowest cost to the Government.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 100.

Responses Per Respondent: 4.

Annual Responses: 400.

Hours Per Response: 25.

Total Burden Hours: 100.

Obtaining copies of proposals:

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (VPR), Room 4041, 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0057, Evaluation of Export Offers, in all correspondence.

Dated: December 9, 2008

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Contract Policy Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

OMB Control No. 9000-0054 Federal Acquisition Regulation; Information Collection; Submission for OMB Review; U.S.-Flag Air Carriers Certification

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 a currently approved information collection requirement concerning 9000-0054. The OMB clearance currently expires on December 31, 2008.

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

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

Section 5 of the International Air transportation Fair Competitive Practices Act of 1974 (49 U.S.C. 1517) (Fly America Act) requires that all Federal agencies and Government contractors and subcontractors use U.S.-flag air carriers for U.S. Government-financed international air transportation of personnel (and their personal effects) or property, to the extent that service by those carriers is available. It requires the Comptroller General of the United States, in the absence of satisfactory proof of the necessity for foreign-flag air transportation, to disallow expenditures from funds, appropriated or otherwise established for the account of the United States, for international air transportation secured aboard a foreign-flag air carrier if an U.S.-flag carrier is available to provide such services. In the event that the contractor selects a carrier other than an U.S.-flag air carrier for international air transportation, the contractor shall include a certification on vouchers involving such transportation. The contracting officer uses the information furnished in the certification to determine whether adequate justification exists for the contractor's use of other than U.S.-flag air carrier.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 150

Responses Per Respondent: 2.

Annual Responses: 300.

Hours Per Response: .25.

Total Burden Hours: 75.

OBTAINING COPIES OF

PROPOSALS: Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (VPR), Room 4035, 1800 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No.