

was mandated by Congress. The Paperwork Burden Act information collection analysis was performed to determine the administrative burden on the public including the cost associated with collecting and reporting on the requirement.

III. Annual Reporting Burden

DoD, GSA, and NASA estimate the annual burden associated with reporting requirements of FAR 52.204–10 to be \$36,478,804.

1. *Reporting first-tier subcontract award information.* The FY10 Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS) data collected for new contract actions valued at \$25,000 or greater, indicated that there were 76,889 contractors with unique DUNS numbers. DoD, GSA, and NASA estimate that based on the exemptions in the rule (*e.g.*, contractors in the previous tax year with less than \$300,000 in gross income do not have to report), seventy-five percent of the contractors with actions valued at \$25,000 or greater would be subject to the reporting requirements. The burden to report the subcontractor award information (*e.g.*, name, amount, address, etc.) under FAR 52.204–10 is estimated to average 2 hours per response for a prime contractor and approximately three first-tier subcontractors per prime contractor. We estimate the total annual public cost burden for these elements to be \$31,370,848 based on the following:

Respondents: 230,668.

Responses per respondent: 1.

Total annual responses: 230,668.

Preparation hours per response: 2.

Total response burden hours: 461,336.

Average hourly wages (\$50.00 + 36.35% overhead): \$68.00.

Estimated cost to the public: \$31,370,848.

2. *Reporting executive compensation.* There were 625,884 active registrants in CCR as of January 1, 2012. Of the 625,884 total active registrants, 620,777 were screened out by two questions supporting the rule's requirements, *i.e.*, didn't have 80% or more of their annual gross revenue in U.S. Federal contracts, grants, and/or cooperative agreements and didn't make more than \$25 million in annual gross revenue, or did have 80% or \$25 million from Federal contracts/grants/cooperative agreements, but the public already had access to the information. DoD, GSA, and NASA estimate that it would require those 620,777 registrants 0.10 hours per response, for a total of 62,078 response hours.

A total of 5,107 CCR registrants have entered actual values for their top five

most highly compensated executives. Additionally, there were 90 registrants that provided their executive compensation responses to FSRS rather than CCR. So, the total additional burden imposed to respond to all three questions posed in the reporting tool is 5,197. DoD, GSA, and NASA estimate that it would require those 5,197 registrants 2.5 hours to provide the information required, for a total of 12,993 response hours.

Therefore, DoD, GSA, and NASA estimate that the total population of respondents is 625,974, and the total estimated response hours is 75,071, resulting in a weighted average of 0.12 hours per respondent for executive compensation reporting.

The Councils estimate the total annual public cost burden for this element to be \$5,107,956 based on the following:

Respondents: 625,974 (subcontractors and prime contractors).

Responses per respondent: 1.

Total annual responses: 625,974.

Preparation hours per response: 0.12.

Total response burden hours: 75,117.

Average hourly wages (\$50.00 + 36.35% overhead): \$68.00.

Estimated cost to the public: \$5,107,956.

Based on the above calculations, DoD, GSA, and NASA estimate the total annual burden associated with reporting requirements of FAR 52.204–10 to be \$36,478,804. The reporting burden includes the time for reviewing instructions, and reporting the data. It does not cover the time required to conduct research or the time to obtain the information for the data elements.

Requesters may obtain a copy of the supporting statement from the General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (MVCB), 1275 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20417, telephone 202–501–4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000–0177, Reporting Executive Compensation and First-tier Subcontract Awards, in all correspondence.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000–0055; Docket 2012–0076; Sequence 7]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Information Collection; Freight Classification Description

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, the Regulatory Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a previously approved information collection requirement concerning freight classification description.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the Federal Acquisition Regulations (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 June 18, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments identified by Information Collection 9000–0055, Freight Classification Description, by any of the following methods:

- *Regulations.gov:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal by inputting “Information Collection 9000–0055, Freight Classification Description” under the heading “Enter Keyword or ID” and selecting “Search”. Select the link “Submit a Comment” that corresponds with “Information Collection 9000–0055, Freight Classification Description”. Follow the instructions provided at the “Submit a Comment” screen. Please include your

name, company name (if any), and "Information Collection 9000-0055, Freight Classification Description" on your attached document.

- Fax: 202-501-4067.
- Mail: General Services

Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (MVCB), 1275 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20417. ATTN: Hada Flowers/IC 9000-0055, Freight Classification Description.

Instructions: Please submit comments only and cite Information Collection 9000-0055, Freight Classification Description, in all correspondence related to this collection. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Curtis Glover, Sr., Procurement Analyst, Office of Acquisition Policy, at (202) 501-1448 or via email at Curtis.glover@gsa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

The Government is required to provide, in solicitations, a complete description of the commodity to be acquired and of packing requirements to determine transportation (freight rate) charges for the evaluation of offers. Generally, the freight rate for supplies is based on the ratings applicable to the freight classification description published in the National Motor Freight Classification (for carriers) and the Uniform Freight Classification (for rail) filed with Federal and State regulatory bodies. When the Government purchases supplies that are new to the supply system, nonstandard, or modifications of previously shipped items, and different freight classifications may apply, per FAR clause 52.247-53, offerors are requested to indicate the full Uniform Freight Classification or National Motor Freight Classification. The Government will use these descriptions as well as other information available to determine the classification description most appropriate and advantageous to the government.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 3,000.

Responses per Respondent: 3.

Annual Responses: 9,000.

Hours per Response: .167.

Total Burden Hours: 1,503.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals:

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (MVCB), 1275

First Street NE., Washington, DC 20417, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0055, Freight Classification Description, in all correspondence.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Amendment to the Inland Waterways Users Board

AGENCY: DoD.

ACTION: Charter Amendment for Federal Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C. Appendix), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b), and 41 CFR 102-3.50(d), the Department of Defense gives notice that it is amending the charter for the Inland Waterways Users Board (hereafter referred to as "the Board"). The Board is authorized by statute, and shall provide the Secretary of Defense, through the Secretary of the Army and the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, independent advice and recommendations on matters relating to construction and rehabilitation priorities and spending levels on the commercial navigation features and components of the U.S. inland waterways and inland harbors as defined in Public Law 95-502 and amended by Public Law 99-662.

According to 33 U.S.C. 2251b, the Board shall annually file their recommendations with the Secretary of the Army and with Congress. The Secretary of the Army, pursuant to DoD policy, may act upon the Board's advice and recommendations. Board members, as determined by the Department of Defense, shall be representative members and, pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 2251(a), the Board shall be composed of eleven members.

Based upon the Secretary of the Army's recommendation, the Secretary of Defense shall invite primary commercial users and shippers of the inland and intracoastal waterways to serve on the Board. Commercial users and shippers invited to serve on the Board shall designate an individual to represent the organization's interests.

The Department of Defense, when considering prospective users and shippers to be represented on the Board, shall ensure selections represent various regions of the country and a spectrum of the primary users and shippers utilizing the inland and intracoastal waterways for commercial purposes. Due consideration shall be given to assure a balance among the members based on the ton-mile shipments of the various categories of commodities shipped on inland and intracoastal waterways.

A primary user or shipper may be represented on the Board, at the request of the Secretary of the Army and with the approval of the Secretary of Defense, for a two-year term of service with annual renewals. A user or shipper may be represented on the Board for no more than two terms of service (four years); a user or shipper may be subsequently represented on the Board, but only after being off the Board for at least two years.

In addition to the primary users and shippers invited by the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Army shall designate, and the Secretaries of Agriculture, Transportation and Commerce may each designate a representative to act as an observer of the Board. These observers, who have no voting rights, shall be full-time or permanent part-time employees of his or her respective agency.

Pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 2251(a), the Secretary of the Army shall designate one Board member to serve as the Board's Chairperson. With the exception of travel and per diem for official travel, all Board members shall serve without compensation.

With DoD approval and according to DoD policies and procedures, the Board, consistent with its mission, is authorized to establish subcommittees, task groups, or working groups to support the Board. These subcommittees or working groups shall operate under the provisions of FACA, the Sunshine Act, and other governing Federal statutes and regulations, and governing DoD policies and procedures.

Such subcommittees or task groups shall not work independently of the chartered Board, and shall report all their recommendations and advice to the Board for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees have no authority to make decisions on behalf of the chartered Board; nor can any subcommittee or its members update or report directly to the Department of Defense or any Federal officers or employees.

All subcommittee members shall be appointed in the same manner as the