

*Mammal Protection Act and Migratory Bird Treaty Act.*

Response: NOAA disagrees. As described in the response to comment 1 above, no action is presently triggered or authorized pursuant to the USA-1 and USA-4 license extensions that has the potential to affect protected species under the cited statutes. As such, NOAA is unaware of, and commenter has not identified, any outstanding obligations with respect to these statutes.

Comment 3. *The initial phase of the application at issue here will be comprised of surveys and other activities in preparation for mining. These exploratory surveys have significant environmental impacts including acoustic impacts from the use of seismic survey airguns, mining and lighting impacts. Deepsea [sic] mining also generates waste, noise, fuel or other spills, vessel traffic, sediment plumes, habitat disturbance and destruction, and water quality problems. The license should be denied because it is untenable for NOAA to make a finding that the exploration proposed in the application cannot reasonably be expected to result in significant adverse effect [sic] on the quality of the environment as required for issuing a license under 15 CFR 970.506. Any license should be conditioned on measures that avoid these environmental impacts.*

Response: NOAA disagrees. Contrary to the assertion of the commenter, the current license extensions do not authorize the at-sea activities described in the comments. The requested license extensions only extend the term of the licenses and do not authorize the types of at-sea exploration activities cited by commenter. Indeed, conducting such activities may be unnecessary as Lockheed Martin stands in a unique position as a pre-enactment explorer (i.e., the company conducted its exploration activities including the acquisition of manganese nodules from the seafloor for assay purposes prior to the enactment of the DSHMRA). When USA-4 was transferred to Lockheed Martin in 1994 following the relinquishment of the license from the consortium led by Kennecott Corporation, Lockheed Martin's request for the transfer of the license stated that the company had no plans to conduct at-sea exploration activities since it already had conducted sufficient exploration prior to the enactment of DSHMRA. As noted above, when and if Lockheed Martin decides to seek authorization to commence Phase II activities, such authorization will trigger appropriate review of the environmental impacts associated with the proposed at-sea exploration activities.

The CBD comments also contain an extensive discussion of the impacts of airguns used to conduct seismic surveys. No such activities have been proposed, let alone authorized.

Additionally, throughout the CBD comments the impacts of mining of the deep seabed are also discussed. Mining has not been authorized nor proposed. DSHMRA establishes a licensing requirement for exploration activities and a separate permit requirement for commercial recovery (i.e., mining). Both exploration licenses expressly prohibit the licensee from even testing mining equipment without receiving further authorization from NOAA. To date, no such authorizations have ever been requested.

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Coastal Zone Management Program Administration.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Office of the Secretary**

[Docket ID: DoD-2015-OS-0142]

**Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Defense Logistics Agency, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Defense Logistics Agency announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. 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 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 through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by February 29, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

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

- *Mail:* Department of Defense, Office of the Deputy Chief Management Officer, Directorate of Oversight and Compliance, Regulatory and Audit Matters Office, 9010 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-9010.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

Any associated form(s) for this collection may be located within this same electronic docket and downloaded for review/testing. Follow the instructions at <http://www.regulations.gov> for submitting comments. Please submit comments on any given form identified by docket number, form number, and title.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the Defense Logistics Agency, ATTN: Joint Contingency and Expeditionary Services (JCXS) Program Management Office (PMO), 4800 Mark Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22350; or call (571) 372-3593.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number:* Joint Contingency Contracting System (JCCS); OMB 0704-XXXX.

*Needs and Uses:* The information collection requirement is necessary to evaluate vendors for possible approval or acceptance to do business with and have access to U.S. military installations around the world. JCCS is a module of the Joint Contingency and Expeditionary Services (JCXS). JCXS is the DoD's agile, responsive, and global provider of Joint expeditionary acquisition business solutions that fulfill mission-critical requirements while supporting interagency collaboration—to include, but not limited to, contracting, finance, spend analysis, contract close-out, staffing, strategic sourcing, and reporting.

As an integral component of JCXS, JCCS was designed to register foreign vendors for work with the U.S.

Government. These vendors must provide certain information and identification documents, such as employee passports, in order to be vetted. If the requested information is not provided by vendors, proper verification of credentials and a security review cannot be properly completed. Vendor evaluation is essential for maintaining force protection.

Although there is no PRA requirement for the current foreign respondents, beginning January 1, 2016, a new mandate exists that will necessitate all vendors register in order to do business with the U.S. Military. This addition of U.S. vendors establishes a burden to members of the public under the PRA.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 500.

*Number of Respondents:* 1000.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Average Burden per Response:* 0.5 hours (30 minutes).

*Frequency:* On Occasion, Annually.

Respondents are businesses who are applying, on occasion, for authorization to be a vendor with the U.S. Military, including approval for the associated access, if appropriate, to bases worldwide. Based on changing mission requirements, the U.S. Government may also require vendors to be vetted annually for eligibility to bid on new contracts. The amount of vendors registering with JCCS is expected to increase when the new requirement for all vendors takes effect in January 2016.

Disclosure of PII and other needed information is voluntary to support the registration and vetting process. However, failure to provide the required information may result in a vendor being denied access to the JCCS business application, and subsequently prohibited from conducting business with the U.S. Military. The JCCS application is available through the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Web site.

Dated: December 23, 2015.

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*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

#### NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0082; Docket 2015-0055; Sequence 30]

#### Information Collection; Economic Purchase Quantity—Supplies

**AGENCY:** 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 Division 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 Economic Purchase Quantity—Supplies.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before February 29, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments identified by Information Collection 9000-0082, Economic Purchase Quantity—Supplies, by any of the following methods:

- *Regulations.gov:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal by searching the OMB control number. Select the link “Submit a Comment” that corresponds with “Information Collection 9000-0082 Economic Purchase Quantity—Supplies”. Follow the instructions provided at the “Submit a Comment” screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and “Information Collection 9000-0082 Economic Purchase Quantity—Supplies” on your attached document.

- *Mail:* General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat Division (MVCB), 1800 F Street NW., Washington, DC 20405. ATTN: Ms. Flowers/IC 9000-0082, Economic Purchase Quantity—Supplies.

*Instructions:* Please submit comments only and cite Information Collection 9000-0082, Economic Purchase Quantity—Supplies, in all correspondence related to this collection. Comments received generally will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided. To confirm receipt of your comment(s), please check [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov),

approximately two to three days after submission to verify posting (except allow 30 days for posting of comments submitted by mail).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Michael O. Jackson, Procurement Analyst, Office of Governmentwide Acquisition Policy, 202-208-4949 or email [michaelo.jackson@gsa.gov](mailto:michaelo.jackson@gsa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### A. Purpose

The provision at 52.207-4, Economic Purchase Quantity—Supplies, invites offerors to state an opinion on whether the quantity of supplies on which bids, proposals, or quotes are requested in solicitations is economically advantageous to the Government. Each offeror who believes that acquisitions in different quantities would be more advantageous is invited to (1) recommend an economic purchase quantity, showing a recommended unit and total price, and (2) identify the different quantity points where significant price breaks occur. This information is required by Public Law 98-577 and Public Law 98-525.

##### B. Annual Reporting Burden

*Respondents:* 3,000.

*Responses per Respondent:* 25.

*Annual Responses:* 75,000.

*Hours per Response:* 1.

*Total Burden Hours:* 75,000.

##### C. Public Comments

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (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.

**Obtaining Copies of Proposals:** Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat Division (MVCB), 1800 F Street NW., Washington, DC 20405, telephone 202-501-4755.