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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Telecommunications and Information Administration

#### Multistakeholder Process on Promoting Software Component Transparency

**AGENCY:** National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) will convene a meeting of a multistakeholder process on promoting software component transparency on November 6, 2018.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on November 6, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the American Institute of Architects, 1735 New York Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Allan Friedman, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Room 4725, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4281; email: [afriedman@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:afriedman@ntia.doc.gov). Please direct media inquiries to NTIA's Office of Public Affairs: (202) 482-7002; email: [press@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:press@ntia.doc.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

This National Telecommunications and Information Administration cybersecurity multistakeholder process focuses on promoting software component transparency. Most modern software is not written completely from scratch, but includes existing components, modules, and libraries from the open source and commercial software world. Modern development practices, such as code reuse, and a dynamic IT marketplace with acquisitions and mergers, make it challenging to track the use of software components. The Internet of Things compounds this phenomenon, as new organizations, enterprises, and innovators take on the role of software developer to add "smart" features or connectivity to their products. Although

the majority of libraries and components do not have known vulnerabilities, the sheer quantity of software means that some software products ship with vulnerable or out-of-date components.

Under the multistakeholder process, NTIA acts as the convener, but stakeholders drive the outcomes, determine how to scope and organize the work through subgroups or other means, and evaluate success of the process based on the extent to which the group's findings on software component transparency are implemented across the ecosystem. The first meeting of this multistakeholder process was held on July 19, 2018, in Washington, DC.<sup>1</sup> Stakeholders presented multiple perspectives, and identified four inter-related work streams: Understanding the Problem, Use Cases and State of Practice, Standards and Formats, and Healthcare Proof of Concept.

The main objectives of the November 6, 2018, meeting are to share progress from the working groups and hear feedback from the broader stakeholder community. Stakeholders will also discuss how the outputs of the different work streams can complement each other, and identify issues for further study. More information about stakeholders' work is available at: <https://www.ntia.doc.gov/SoftwareTransparency>.

**Time and Date:** NTIA will convene the next meeting of the multistakeholder process on software component transparency on November 6, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Please refer to NTIA's website, <https://www.ntia.doc.gov/SoftwareTransparency>, for the most current information.

**Place:** The meeting will be held at the American Institute of Architects, 1735 New York Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20006. The location of the meeting is subject to change. Please refer to NTIA's website, <https://www.ntia.doc.gov/SoftwareTransparency>, for the most current information.

**Other Information:** The meeting is open to the public and the press on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited.

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Allan Friedman at (202) 482-4281 or [afriedman@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:afriedman@ntia.doc.gov) at least seven (7) business days prior to each meeting. The meetings will also be webcast. Requests for real-time captioning of the

webcast or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Allan Friedman at (202) 482-4281 or [afriedman@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:afriedman@ntia.doc.gov) at least seven (7) business days prior to each meeting. There will be an opportunity for stakeholders viewing the webcast to participate remotely in the meetings through a moderated conference bridge, including polling functionality. Access details for the meetings are subject to change. Please refer to NTIA's website, <https://www.ntia.doc.gov/SoftwareTransparency>, for the most current information.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Defense Acquisition Regulations System

[Docket Number DARS-2018-0047; OMB Control Number 0704-0321]

#### Information Collection Requirement; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS); Contract Financing

**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 the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, DoD announces the proposed extension of a public information collection requirement and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. *DoD invites comments on:* 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; the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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 for use through January 31, 2019. DoD proposes that OMB extend its approval for use for three additional

<sup>1</sup> Notes, presentations, and a video recording of the July 19, 2018, kickoff meeting are available at: <https://www.ntia.doc.gov/SoftwareTransparency>.

years beyond the current expiration date.

**DATES:** DoD will consider all comments received by December 21, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by OMB Control Number 0704-0321, using any of the following methods:

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

○ *Email:* [osd.dfars@mail.mil](mailto:osd.dfars@mail.mil). Include OMB Control Number 0704-0321 in the subject line of the message.

○ *Fax:* 571-372-6094.

○ *Mail:* Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Attn: Mr. Mark Gomersall, OUSD(A&S)DPC(DARS), 3060 Defense Pentagon, Room 3B941, Washington, DC 20301-3060.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Mark Gomersall, at 571-372-6099.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number:* Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 232, Contract Financing, and the Clause at 252.232-7002, Progress Payments for Foreign Military Sales Acquisitions; OMB Control Number 0704-0321.

*Needs and Uses:* Section 22 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2762) requires the U.S. Government to use foreign funds, rather than U.S. appropriated funds, to purchase military equipment for foreign governments. To comply with this requirement, the Government needs to know how much to charge each country. The clause at 252.232-7002, Progress Payments for Foreign Military Sales Acquisitions, requires each contractor whose contract includes foreign military sales (FMS) requirements to submit a separate progress payment request for each progress payment rate, and to submit a supporting schedule that clearly distinguishes the contract's FMS requirements from U.S. requirements. The Government uses this information to determine how much of each country's funds to disburse to the contractor.

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

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*Number of Respondents:* 144.

*Responses per Respondent:* Approximately 30.

*Annual Responses:* 4,320.

*Average Burden per Response:* 1.5 hours.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 6,480 (includes 2,160 response hours plus 4,320 recordkeeping hours).

*Frequency:* On occasion.

#### Summary of Information Collection

This information collection includes requirements relating to DFARS part 232, Contract Financing, and the related clause at DFARS 252.232-7002, Progress Payments for Foreign Military Sales Acquisitions. DFARS 232.502-4-70(a) prescribes use of the clause at DFARS 252.232-7002 in any contract that provides for progress payments and contains FMS requirements. The clause at 252.232-7002 requires each contractor whose contract includes FMS requirements to submit a separate progress payment request for each progress payment rate and to submit a supporting schedule that distinguishes the contract's FMS requirements from U.S. requirements.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2018-ICCD-0085]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA): Interest Rate Limitation Request

**AGENCY:** Federal Student Aid (FSA), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing an extension of an existing information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 21, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED-2018-ICCD-0085. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be*

*accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 550 12th Street SW, PCP, Room 9086, Washington, DC 20202-0023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Ian Foss, 202-377-3681.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

*Title of Collection:* Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA): Interest Rate Limitation Request

*OMB Control Number:* 1845-0135.

*Type of Review:* An extension of an existing information collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 200.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 67.

*Abstract:* The Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) provides that those on active duty military service are entitled to have an interest rate in excess of 6% be capped at 6% for the duration of their qualifying military service. The Department is requesting an extension of the currently approved