

- Standard Form (SF) 28, Affidavit of Individual Surety. This form is used by all executive agencies, including DoD, to obtain information from individuals wishing to serve as sureties to Government bonds. Offerors and contractors may use an individual surety as security for bonds required under a solicitation or contract for supplies or services (including construction). It is an elective decision on the part of the offeror or contractor to use individual sureties instead of other available sources of surety or sureties for Government bonds.

The Government retains the bid guarantees, bonds, or alternative payment protections until the contractor's obligation is fulfilled. The contracting officer uses the information on the SF 28 to determine the acceptability of individuals proposed as sureties.

### C. Annual Burden

*Respondents:* 14,259.

*Total Annual Responses:* 14,269.

*Total Burden Hours:* 14,255.

*Obtaining Copies:* Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the GSA Regulatory Secretariat Division, by calling 202-501-4755 or emailing [GSARegSec@gsa.gov](mailto:GSARegSec@gsa.gov). Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0001, Certain Federal Acquisition Regulation Part 28 Requirements.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

### NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0037; Docket No. 2023-0053; Sequence No. 9]

### Information Collection; Presolicitation Notice and Response

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, and the Office of Management and Budget

(OMB) regulations, DoD, GSA, and NASA invite the public to comment on an extension concerning presolicitation notice and response. DoD, GSA, and NASA invite comments on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of Federal Government acquisitions, 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. OMB has approved this information collection for use through March 31, 2024. DoD, GSA, and NASA propose that OMB extend its approval for use for three additional years beyond the current expiration date.

**DATES:** DoD, GSA, and NASA will consider all comments received by November 20, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** DoD, GSA, and NASA invite interested persons to submit comments on this collection through <https://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions on the site. This website provides the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field or attach a file for lengthier comments. If there are difficulties submitting comments, contact the GSA Regulatory Secretariat Division at 202-501-4755 or [GSARegSec@gsa.gov](mailto:GSARegSec@gsa.gov).

*Instructions:* All items submitted must cite OMB Control No. 9000-0037, Presolicitation Notice and Response. Comments received generally will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided. To confirm receipt of your comment(s), please check [www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), approximately two-to-three days after submission to verify posting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Zenaida Delgado, Procurement Analyst, at telephone 202-969-7207, or [zenaida.delgado@gsa.gov](mailto:zenaida.delgado@gsa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### A. OMB Control Number, Title, and Any Associated Form(s)

9000-0037, Presolicitation Notice and Response.

#### B. Need and Uses

This clearance covers the information that offerors must submit to comply with the following Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) requirements:

- FAR 14.205. For sealed bidding, presolicitation notices briefly describe requirements and provide other essential information to enable potential bidders to determine whether they have an interest in the invitation and if appropriate, respond by communicating their interest in receiving the invitation for bid.

- FAR 15.201(c). For contracting by negotiation, presolicitation notices provide a means of early exchanges of information about future acquisitions between Government and industry, to which potential offerors may respond with feedback concerning acquisition strategy, terms and conditions, and any other concerns or questions.

- FAR 36.213-2. For construction contracts, presolicitation notices are required for construction requirements in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold to communicate essential information on the requirements, to which potential bidders may respond by communicating their interest in receiving the invitation for bid.

Presolicitation notices are used by the Government to inform, and, where specified, solicit a response from potential offerors or bidders. The primary purposes of the notices are to improve small business access to acquisition information and enhance competition by identifying contracting and subcontracting opportunities.

The contracting officer will use the information as follows:

- For sealed bidding, to include interested bidders in the distribution of the invitations for bids; and

- For contracting by negotiation, to consider the industry feedback in shaping the acquisition strategy.

### C. Annual Burden

*Respondents:* 143,218.

*Total Annual Responses:* 429,654.

*Total Burden Hours:* 34,372.

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