

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 DoD's 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 through 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 under Control Number 0750-0004 through June 30, 2024. DoD proposes that OMB approve an extension of the information collection requirement, to expire three years after the approval date.

DATES: DoD will consider all comments received by April 26, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by OMB Control Number 0750-0004, using either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Email:* osd.dfars@mail.mil. Include OMB Control Number 0750-0004 in the subject line of the message.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Heather Kitchens, at 571-296-7152.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title and OMB Number: Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS); Part 204 and Related Clauses, Assessing Contractor Implementation of Cybersecurity Requirements, OMB Control Number 0750-0004.

Affected Public: Businesses and other for-profit entities.

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

Reporting Frequency: At least annually.

Number of Respondents: 11,686.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.02, approximately

Annual Responses: 11,977.

Average Burden per Response: 4.92 hours

Annual Burden Hours: 58,885.

Needs and Uses: The collection of information is necessary for DoD to assess where vulnerabilities exist in its supply chain and take steps to correct such deficiencies. In addition, the collection of information is necessary to ensure Defense Industrial Base (DIB) contractors that have not fully implemented the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publication (SP) 800-171 security requirements pursuant to the clause at DFARS 252.204-7012 begin correcting these deficiencies immediately.

This requirement supports implementation of section 1648 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Pub. L. 116-92). Section 1648(c)(2) directs the Secretary of Defense to develop a risk-based cybersecurity framework for the DIB sector as the basis for a mandatory DoD standard.

This requirement is implemented in the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) through the solicitation provision at 252.204-7019, Notice of NIST SP 800-171 DoD Assessment Requirement, and the contract clause at 252.204-7020, NIST SP 800-171 DoD Assessment Requirements.

This clearance covers the following requirements:

- DFARS 252.204-7019, Notice of NIST SP 800-171 DoD Assessment Requirement, is prescribed for use in all solicitations, including solicitations using FAR part 12 procedures for the acquisition of commercial products and commercial services, except for solicitations solely for the acquisition of commercially available off-the-shelf (COTS) items. Per the provision, if an offeror is required to have implemented NIST SP 800-171 per DFARS clause 252.204-7012, then the offeror shall have a current assessment for each covered contractor information system that is relevant to the offer, contract, task order, or delivery order in order to be considered for award.

- DFARS 252.204-7020, NIST SP 800-171 DoD Assessment Requirements, is prescribed for use in all solicitations and contracts, including solicitations and contracts using FAR part 12 procedures for the acquisition of commercial products and commercial services, except for solicitations and contracts solely for the acquisition of COTS items. The clause requires the contractor to provide the Government access to its facilities, systems, and personnel in order to conduct a Medium Assessment or High Assessment, if necessary. Medium Assessments are

assumed to be conducted by DoD Components, primarily by program management office cybersecurity personnel, in coordination with the Defense Contract Management Agency's DCMA's Defense Industrial Base Cybersecurity Assessment Center (DIBCAC), as part of a separately scheduled visit (*e.g.*, for a critical design review). High Assessments will be conducted by, or in conjunction with, DCMA's DIBCAC. DoD may choose to conduct a Medium Assessment or High Assessment when warranted based on the criticality of the program(s)/technology(ies) associated with the contracted effort(s). For example, a Medium Assessment may be initiated by a program office who has determined that the risk associated with their programs warrants going beyond the Basic self-assessment. The results of that Medium Assessment may satisfy the program office or may indicate the need for a High Assessment.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Comprehensive Literacy Program Evaluation; Comprehensive Literacy State Development (CLSD) Program Evaluation

AGENCY: Institute of Education Sciences, Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing an extension without change of a currently approved information collection request (ICR).

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 27, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice. Click on this link www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain to access the site. Find this information collection request (ICR) by selecting "Department of Education" under "Currently Under Review," then

check the “Only Show ICR for Public Comment” checkbox. *Reginfo.gov* provides two links to view documents related to this information collection request. Information collection forms and instructions may be found by clicking on the “View Information Collection (IC) List” link. Supporting statements and other supporting documentation may be found by clicking on the “View Supporting Statement and Other Documents” link.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Tracy Rimdzius, 202–453–7403.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department 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: Comprehensive Literacy Program Evaluation: Comprehensive Literacy State Development (CLSD) Program Evaluation

OMB Control Number: 1850–0945.

Type of Review: An extension without change of a currently approved ICR.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals and Households; State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 612.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 331.

Abstract: The Institute of Education Sciences within the U.S. Department of Education requests an extension of the Comprehensive Literacy Program Evaluation: Comprehensive Literacy State Development Grant Program (1850–0945, approved on February 26, 2021). The extension is to complete the collection of state administrative data. The extension is needed because the state administrative data for the 2022–23 school year will not be ready to collect prior to the February 29, 2024 expiration date in all 13 CLSD grantee states. No material change in the collection instrument, instructions, frequency of collection, or use of information is being requested.

The Comprehensive Literacy State Development (CLSD) Program

Evaluation was mandated by Congress. The CLSD evaluation includes an examination of implementation, a randomized trial to estimate the impact of CLSD funding on teacher and student outcomes, and a longitudinal comparison of trends in achievement in CLSD and similar, non-CLSD schools. With the exception of the state administrative data collection—for which this extension is being requested—all other data collection for the study previously approved (including state interviews, district, school leader, and teacher surveys) have been completed.

Dated: February 21, 2024.

Juliana Pearson,

PRA Coordinator, Strategic Collections and Clearance Governance and Strategy Division, Office of Chief Data Officer, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

President’s Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST)

AGENCY: Office of Science, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of a partially-closed virtual meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a partially-closed virtual meeting of the President’s Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST). The Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES:

Thursday, March 14, 2024; 9:10 a.m. to 10:25 a.m. EST

Friday, March 15, 2024; 9:10 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. EST

ADDRESSES: Information for viewing the livestream of the meeting can be found on the PCAST website closer to the meeting at: www.whitehouse.gov/PCAST/meetings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Melissa A. Edwards, Designated Federal Officer, PCAST, email: PCAST@ostp.eop.gov; telephone: 202–881–9018.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: PCAST is an advisory group of the nation’s leading scientists and engineers, appointed by the President to augment the science and technology advice available to him from the White House, cabinet departments, and other Federal agencies. See the Executive Order at whitehouse.gov. PCAST is consulted on

and provides analyses and recommendations concerning a wide range of issues were understanding of science, technology, and innovation may bear on the policy choices before the President. The Designated Federal Officer is Dr. Melissa A. Edwards. Information about PCAST can be found at: www.whitehouse.gov/PCAST.

Tentative Agenda

Open portion: In one session PCAST will discuss and vote on the approval of a report on reducing diet-related diseases and food insecurity through advancing nutrition science. The second session will be a collaborative joint session including the United Kingdom’s Prime Minister’s Council for Science and Technology (CST) to discuss global challenges. Additional information and the meeting agenda, including any changes that arise, will be posted on the PCAST website at: www.whitehouse.gov/PCAST/meetings.

Closed portion: PCAST may hold a closed meeting of approximately one hour with the President and/or senior administration officials on March 14th or 15th, which must take place at the scheduling convenience of the President and to maintain Secret Service protection. This session will be closed to the public because the session is likely to disclose matters that are to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1).

Public Participation: The open sessions are open to the public. The meeting will be held virtually for members of the public. It is the policy of the PCAST to accept written public comments no longer than 10 pages and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The PCAST expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements.

The public comment period for this meeting will take place on March 14, 2024, at times specified in the meeting agenda. This public comment period is designed only for substantive commentary on PCAST’s work, not for business marketing purposes.

Oral Comments: To be considered for the public speaker list at the meeting, interested parties should register to speak at PCAST@ostp.eop.gov, no later than 12 p.m. eastern time on March 7, 2024. To accommodate as many speakers as possible, the time for public comments will be limited to two (2) minutes per person, with a total public comment period of up to 10 minutes. If more speakers register than there is space available on the agenda, PCAST