

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Defense Acquisition Regulations System**

[Docket Number DARS–2024–0016; OMB Control Number 0704–0255]

Information Collection Requirement; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS); Construction and Architect-Engineer Contracts

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 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 0704–0255 through August 31, 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 June 28, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by OMB Control Number 0704–0255, 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 0704–0255 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: Mr. Jon Snyder, at 703–945–5341.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title and OMB Number: Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 236, Construction and Architect-Engineer Contracts, and related clauses at 252.236; OMB Control Number 0704–0255.

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

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

Frequency: On occasion.

Number of Respondents: 1,477.

Responses per Respondent: Approximately 5.53.

Annual Responses: 8,169.

Average Burden per Response: Approximately 11.157 hours.

Annual Burden Hours: 91,143.

Needs and Uses: DoD contracting officers need this information to evaluate contractor proposals for contract modifications; to determine that a contractor has removed obstructions to navigation; to review contractor requests for payment for mobilization and preparatory work; to determine reasonableness of costs allocated to mobilization and demobilization; and to determine eligibility for the 20 percent evaluation preference for United States firms in the award of some overseas construction contracts.

DFARS 236.570(a) prescribes use of the contract clause at DFARS 252.236–7000, Modification Proposals—Price Breakdown, in all fixed-price construction solicitations and contracts. The clause requires the contractor to submit a price breakdown with any proposal for a contract modification.

DFARS 236.570(b) prescribes use of the following contract clauses in fixed-price construction contracts and solicitations as applicable:

(1) The clause at DFARS 252.236–7002, Obstruction of Navigable Waterways, which requires the contractor to notify the contracting officer of obstructions in navigable waterways.

(2) The clause at DFARS 252.236–7003, Payment for Mobilization and Preparatory Work, which requires the contractor to provide supporting documentation when submitting requests for payment for mobilization and preparatory work.

(3) The clause at DFARS 252.236–7004, Payment for Mobilization and Demobilization, which permits the contracting officer to require the contractor to furnish cost data justifying the percentage of the cost split between mobilization and demobilization, if the contracting officer believes that the proposed percentages do not bear a

reasonable relation to the cost of the work.

DFARS 236.570(c) prescribes use of the following solicitation provisions in solicitations for military construction contracts that are funded with military construction appropriations and are estimated to exceed \$1,000,000:

(1) The provision at DFARS 252.236–7010, Overseas Military Construction—Preference for United States Firms, which requires an offeror to specify whether or not it is a United States firm when contract performance will be in a United States outlying area in the Pacific or in a country bordering the Arabian Gulf.

(2) The provision at DFARS 252.236–7012, Military Construction on Kwajalein Atoll—Evaluation Preference, requires an offeror to specify whether it is a United States firm, or on Kwajalein Atoll, status as a Marshallese firm, when contract performance is expected to exceed \$1 million and will be on Kwajalein Atoll.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Defense Acquisition Regulations System**

[Docket Number DARS–2024–0015; OMB Control Number 0704–0479]

Information Collection Requirement; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Earned Value Management System

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 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 requirement for use under Control Number 0704–0479 through August 31, 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 June 28, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by OMB Control Number 0704–0479, 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 0704–0479 in the subject line of the message.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jon Snyder, at 703–945–5341.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title and OMB Number: Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Business Systems-Definition and Administration; DFARS 234, Earned Value Management System; OMB Control Number 0704–0479.

Affected Public: Businesses and other for-profit entities.

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

Frequency: On occasion.

Number of Respondents: 10.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 10.

Average Burden per Response: 676 hours.

Annual Burden Hours: 6,760.

Needs and Uses: The contract clause at DFARS 252.242–7005, Contractor Business Systems, requires contractors to respond to written determinations of significant deficiencies in the contractor's business systems as defined in the clause. The information contractors are required to submit in response to findings of significant deficiencies in their accounting system, estimating system, material management and accounting system and purchasing system has previously been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under separate clearance requests. This information collection specifically addresses information required by DFARS clause 252.234–7002, Earned Value Management System, for

contractors to respond to determinations of significant deficiencies in a contractor's Earned Value Management System (EVMS). The requirements apply to entities that are contractually required to maintain an EVMS. DoD needs this information to document actions to correct significant deficiencies in a contractor's EVMS. DoD contracting officers use the information to mitigate the risk of unallowable and unreasonable costs being charged on government contracts.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering (USD(R&E)), Defense Science Board, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of Federal advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The DoD is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the Defense Science Board (DSB) will take place.

DATES: Closed to the public Wednesday, May 1, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.; closed to the public Thursday, May 2, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The address of the closed meeting is the Pentagon, Room 3A912A, Washington, DC 20301.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Elizabeth J. Kowalski, Designated Federal Officer (DFO): (703) 571–0081 (Voice), (703) 697–1860 (Facsimile), elizabeth.j.kowalski.civ@mail.mil (Email). Mailing address is Defense Science Board, 3140 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301–3140. Website: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dsb/>. The most up-to-date changes to the meeting agenda can be found on the website.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Due to circumstances beyond the control of the DFO, the DSB was unable to provide public notification required by 41 CFR 102–3.150(a) concerning its May 1–2, 2024 meeting. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee Management Officer for the DoD, pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.150(b), waives the 15-calendar day notification requirement.

This meeting is being held under the provisions of chapter 10 of title 5 United States Code (U.S.C.) (commonly known as the “Federal Advisory Committee Act” or “FACA”), 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (commonly known as the “Government in the Sunshine Act”), and sections 102–3.140 and 102–3.150 of title 41 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR).

Purpose of the Meeting: The mission of the DSB is to provide independent advice and recommendations on matters relating to the DoD's scientific and technical enterprise. The objective of the meeting is to obtain, review, and evaluate classified information related to the DSB's mission. DSB membership will meet with DoD Leadership to discuss classified current and future national security challenges and priorities within the DoD.

Agenda: The meeting will begin on Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. Ms. Betsy Kowalski, DFO and Dr. Eric Evans, Chair of the DSB, will provide classified opening remarks regarding ongoing studies. Following break, DSB Members will read classified reports/executive summaries in preparation for deliberation and voting. The documents reviewed will include the DSB Task Force on DoD Dependencies on Critical Infrastructure report/executive summary; DSB Task Force on Commercial Space System Access and Integrity report/executive summary; the DSB Task Force on Future Cyber Warfighting Capabilities of the DoD report/executive summary; DSB Task Force to Advise Implementation and Prioritization of National Security Innovation Activities executive summary; the DSB Task Force on Digital Engineering Capability to Automate Testing and Evaluation report/executive summary; and the DSB 2024 Summer Study on Climate Change and Global Security report/executive summary. Following break, the Honorable Michael McCord, Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)/Chief Financial Officer, will provide a classified briefing on his views of current DoD strategy, challenges, and priorities. Next, Mr. Doug Beck, Defense Innovation Unit (DIU) Director, will provide a classified briefing on his views of DIU's strategy, challenges, and priorities. Finally, DSB Members will deliberate and vote on the DSB Task Force on DoD Dependencies on Critical Infrastructure report/executive summary; DSB Task Force on Commercial Space System Access and Integrity report/executive summary; and the DSB Task Force on Future Cyber Warfighting Capabilities of the DoD report/executive summary. The meeting will adjourn at 4:45 p.m. On Thursday, May 2, 2024, Dr. Lora Weiss, Senior