

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Office of the Secretary****Notice To Publicize Consent Order, Notify Public of DoD Compliance Officer and Provide Point of Contact for Information and or Inquiries**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment (OUSD(A&S)), Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice of Consent Order.

**SUMMARY:** The DoD Compliance Officer for the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) Decision and Order (hereinafter referred to as the “Consent Order”), in the Matter of Northrop Grumman Corporation (NGC) and Orbital ATK, Inc Docket No. C–4652, dated June 5, 2018, and as modified on December 3, 2018, is posting this notice to inform the Public about the Consent Order and to notify the Public of the DoD Compliance Officer point of contact for further information or inquiries.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information and inquiries, interested parties should contact the DoD Compliance Officer, Ms. Nicoletta S. Giordani, at 703–693–6613 or [nicoletta.s.giordani.civ@mail.mil](mailto:nicoletta.s.giordani.civ@mail.mil). To request a meeting with the DoD Compliance Officer or the Government Compliance Team, interested parties should submit a request to: [osd.mc-alex.rsrcmgmt.list.ousd-as-northrop-orbital-monitoring-mb@mail.mil](mailto:osd.mc-alex.rsrcmgmt.list.ousd-as-northrop-orbital-monitoring-mb@mail.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FTC’s Complaint alleged that NGC’s 2018 acquisition of Orbital ATK would reduce competition in the market for missile systems purchased by the U.S. Government, resulting in less innovation and higher prices for taxpayers. The resulting Consent Order, as described below, preserves the procompetitive benefits of the acquisition while addressing the potential anticompetitive harms.

*The Consent Order:* The Consent Order requires that NGC make its solid rocket motors (SRMs) and related services available on a non-discriminatory basis to all competitors for missile contracts. Covered missiles include any air, sea, and/or land-based missile propelled by one or more SRMs, including tactical missiles, missile defense interceptors and targets, and strategic missiles. The Consent Order does not cover launch vehicles for satellites and other space systems. The non-discrimination prohibitions of the Consent Order are comprehensive and apply to potential discriminatory conduct affecting price, schedule,

quality, data, personnel, investment, technology, innovation, design, or risk. NGC must also establish firewalls to keep it from transferring or using any proprietary information that it receives from competing missile prime contractors or SRMs suppliers in a manner that harms competition. The Consent Order is in effect until June 5, 2038.

The complete text of the Consent Order and supplementary information is located on the following FTC website: <https://www.ftc.gov/legal-library/browse/cases-proceedings/181-0005-c-4652-northrop-grumman-orbital-attack-matter>.

*DoD Compliance Officer:* The DoD Compliance Officer is the Principal Director for Global Investment & Economic Security within the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Base Policy.

Dated: December 26, 2024.

**Aaron T. Siegel,**

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

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

[Docket ID: DoD–2024–OS–0015]

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (OUSD (P&R)), Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** 30-Day information collection notice.

**SUMMARY:** The DoD has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by January 30, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Reginald Lucas, (571) 372–7574, [whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil](mailto:whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number:* Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) Family Needs Assessment (FNA); DD Form 3054; OMB Control Number 0704–0580.

*Type of Request:* Extension.

*Number of Respondents:* 20,000.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 20,000.

*Average Burden per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 10,000 hours.

*Needs and Uses:* This information collection through the Family Needs Assessment (FNA) is necessary to assist EFMP Family Support staff in identifying the needs of families and developing plans of action. The Family Services Plan Addendum allows EFMP Family Support staff and families to track identified steps in addressing their needs and goals. The Inter-Services Transfer Summary (ISTS) Addendum facilitates the transfer of cases between sister-Service Family Support Offices when a family requests a warm hand-off to a gaining installation.

The EFMP FNA addresses current differences in assessment processes and inconsistent transfer of cases across the Services. With this standardized form, installation-level EFMP Family Support Offices can provide a family support experience that is consistent across the Services and maintains continuity of services when military families with special needs have Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders to a joint base or sister-Service location.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Frequency:* As needed.

*Respondent’s Obligation:* Voluntary.

*DOD Clearance Officer:* Mr. Reginald Lucas.

Dated: December 26, 2024.

**Aaron T. Siegel,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Navy**

[Docket ID: USN–2024–HQ–0007]

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** 30-Day information collection notice.

**SUMMARY:** The DoD has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget

(OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by January 30, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number:* Prospective Studies of US Military Forces and Their Families: The Millennium Cohort Program; OMB Control Number 0703-0064.

*Type of Request:* Revision.

#### *Millennium Cohort Study Follow-Up Survey*

*Number of Respondents:* 177,127.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1 (every three years).

*Annual Responses:* 59,042.

*Average Burden per Response:* 45 minutes.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 44,282.

#### *Millennium Cohort Study Participant Feedback Survey*

*Number of Respondents:* 177,127.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1 (every three years).

*Annual Responses:* 59,042.

*Average Burden per Response:* 8 minutes.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 7,872.

#### *Millennium Cohort Family Study Follow-Up Survey*

*Number of Respondents:* 16,901.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1 (every three years).

*Annual Responses:* 5,634.

*Average Burden per Response:* 50 minutes.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 4,695.

#### *Total*

*Number of Respondents:* 194,028.

*Annual Responses:* 123,718.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 56,849.

*Needs and Uses:* The Millennium Cohort Study (MCS) and the Millennium Cohort Family Study (Family Cohort Study; FCS) are two of the major research programs that comprise the Millennium Cohort

Program (MCP). The MCP is an Army and Defense Health Program research study conducted at the Naval Health Research Center (NHRC), San Diego, CA, with the primary objective to evaluate the impact of military service, including deployments and occupational exposures, on the long-term health of service members, Veterans, and family members. Information is collected to allow for the assessment of the impact of military deployments, combat, and other experiences. These longitudinal studies are authorized to collect data among participants to ascertain long-term health outcomes of military service members, Veterans, and family members.

The concept and design of the MCS was recommended in the 1998 Institute of Medicine (IOM) Report “The Gulf War Veterans: Measuring Health.” Under the subheading “Strategies to Protect the Health of Deployed US Forces,” IOM recommended that prospective investigations be planned to evaluate multi-dimensional factors relevant to health and health change so that these factors can be assessed over the lifetime of the service member.

Section 743 of the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for FY1999 authorized the Secretary of Defense to “. . . establish a center devoted to a longitudinal study to evaluate data on the health conditions of members of the Armed Forces upon return from deployment on military operations for purposes of ensuring rapid identification of any trends in diseases, illnesses or injuries among such members as a result of such operation.”

The MCS was originally designed in response to the IOM recommendation and to Congress’s authorization and funding as a prospective, 21-year-long, multi-panel and wave, cohort investigation. However, given that military experiences may contribute to health outcomes with long latencies along with the goal to evaluating the impacts of these experiences on the total life span of the service member, in 2013 the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs authorized the extension of the MCS to 67 years. The study will now include future follow-ups beyond the original 21 years for up to 67 years until 2068.

The FCS, which focuses on family life and structure as well as the relationship between the service member and the spouse, was conceptualized and designed in response to concern for the potential effects of military deployment on service members, as well as their families, expressed by the Department of Defense (DoD), the Department of

Veterans Affairs (VA), the American Psychology Association (APA), and the White House.

The main objectives of the MCP are (1) to develop a long-term profile of health change among current and former members of the Armed Forces, especially in relation to individual deployment experience, (2) to better define the nature of risk factors for the development of post-war illness among US military personnel, (3) to assess the impact of military service, including deployments, on the health and well-being of the family, and (4) to examine the relationships between the family members and the service member. These objectives will be accomplished by joining self-reported health status information collected from the study participants with electronic healthcare utilization, deployment, exposure, and demographic data available from other sources such as the DoD, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Federal or state agencies, or nongovernmental organizations for all participants. Self-reported information is collected using a baseline questionnaire and a series of follow-up questionnaires that are collected in 3-year intervals through at least 2068 for the MCS and 2031 for the FCS.

These findings will then provide strategic evidence that will help inform policy and guide interventions. This DoD capability is the first of its kind, using a large population-based cohort to assess the long-term impact of military service and deployment on the health of service members, their spouses, and co-resident children, and to evaluate the quality of the relationships between service members, spouses, and their children.

Due to the ongoing decline in survey response not just to this study but all DoD studies, the MCS has designed a participant feedback questionnaire that will help us gather crucial information about participant recruitment and study retention, such as reasons for non-response, correlates of non-response, motivations to participate, acceptability of study communication methods, and recommendations for improvement. Near the end of the 2024–2025 survey cycle, the Millennium Cohort Study will conduct the participant feedback survey among Panel 1–5 responders and non-responders. The survey will be bi-modal and was designed to assess a variety of factors including those that have motivated and/or discouraged Millennium Cohort participants to stay connected with the study. This data will be utilized in the design of the future surveys and survey operations to maximize retention and increase

participation from previous non-responders. The survey was developed based on preliminary 2019–2021 MCS survey response data and the Hispanic Community Health Study Participant Feedback survey (OMB Control Number 0925–0584).

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Frequency:* Variable; participants asked to complete the survey every 3 to 5 years.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.  
DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. Reginald Lucas.

Dated: December 26, 2024.

**Aaron T. Siegel,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**Financial Value Transparency and Gainful Employment: Earnings Thresholds for Calculation Year 2024**

**AGENCY:** Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary announces the annual earnings thresholds used to calculate the earnings premium (EP) measure as part of the Financial Value Transparency and Gainful Employment (FVT/GE) regulations.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 10, 2023, the U.S. Department of Education (Department) published final regulations on Financial Value Transparency (FVT) and Gainful Employment (GE), which became effective July 1, 2024 (88 FR 70004). These regulations, in part, establish an annually-calculated EP measure, which compares the median annual earnings of students completing an educational program at an eligible institution to a specified earnings threshold.

This earnings threshold, as defined in 34 CFR 668.2, is based on data from the U.S. Census Bureau and is calculated as the median earnings for working adults aged 25–34 who either worked during the year or indicated they were unemployed when interviewed, with only a high school diploma (or recognized equivalent) in (1) the State in which the institution is located or (2) nationally, if fewer than 50 percent of

the students in the program are from the State where the institution is located, or if the institution is a foreign institution. Under 34 CFR 668.404(a), the Secretary uses the appropriate earnings threshold under the definition to determine if an educational program passes the EP measure. A program passes the EP measure by demonstrating that the median earnings for program graduates exceed the appropriate State or national earnings threshold.<sup>1</sup>

As required by 34 CFR 668.404(b)(3), the following table lists the earnings thresholds for each State and the District of Columbia, as well as the national threshold. The earnings thresholds published in this notice apply to EP measure results for calculation year 2024.<sup>2</sup>

State	Median earnings (whole dollars)
Alabama	27,836
Alaska	35,457
Arizona	32,284
Arkansas	28,502
California	32,476
Colorado	35,571
Connecticut	33,286
Delaware	31,316
District of Columbia	32,592
Florida	29,609
Georgia	29,609
Hawaii	34,203
Idaho	33,397
Illinois	30,793
Indiana	31,316
Iowa	34,203
Kansas	30,782
Kentucky	28,996
Louisiana	28,996
Maine	32,311
Maryland	33,397
Massachusetts	35,438
Michigan	28,996
Minnesota	34,795
Mississippi	27,362
Missouri	30,156
Montana	30,058
Nebraska	31,316
Nevada	33,172
New Hampshire	37,850
New Jersey	32,832
New Mexico	27,836
New York	30,793

<sup>1</sup> Institutions with main campuses located in a U.S. Territory or the Freely Associated States do not receive a calculation of the EP measure for their educational programs. Therefore, this table only includes the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and a national earnings threshold.

<sup>2</sup> These earnings thresholds are derived from the 2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates Public Use Microdata Sample from the U.S. Census Bureau.

State	Median earnings (whole dollars)
North Carolina	29,344
North Dakota	34,203
Ohio	30,793
Oklahoma	29,810
Oregon	31,695
Pennsylvania	31,727
Rhode Island	34,203
South Carolina	30,156
South Dakota	31,385
Tennessee	29,609
Texas	31,171
Utah	34,795
Vermont	33,397
Virginia	33,043
Washington	35,027
West Virginia	28,996
Wisconsin	33,397
Wyoming	36,480
United States (national earnings threshold)	31,269

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**Nasser Paydar,**

*Assistant Secretary for the Office of Postsecondary Education.*

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