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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

[OMB Control Number 0704-0245]

Information Collection Requirements; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement Part 247, Transportation

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments regarding a proposed extension of an approved information collection requirement.

SUMMARY: In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), DoD announces the proposed extension of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Part of this information collection requirement is currently approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for use through September 30, 1998, under OMB Control Number 0704-0245. In addition, this extension reflects a transfer of reporting requirements currently approved under OMB Control Number 0704-0187 that more appropriately belong under this clearance. DoD proposes that OMB extend its approval for use through September 30, 2001.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by May 1, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Attn: Ms. Susan L. Schneider, PDUSD(A&T) DP(DAR), IMD 3D139,

3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20301-3062. Telefax number (703) 602-0350. E-mail comments submitted over the Internet should be addressed to: dfars@acq.osd.mil. Please cite OMB Control Number 0704-0245 in all correspondence related to this issue. E-mail comments should cite OMB Control Number 0704-0245 in the subject line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Susan L. Schneider, (703) 602-0131. A copy of the information collection requirements contained in the DFARS text is available electronically via the Internet at: <http://www.dtic.mil/dfars/>. Paper copies of the information collection requirements may be obtained from Ms. Susan L. Schneider, PDUSD(A&T)DP(DAR), IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20301-3062.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title, Associated Forms, and Associated OMB Control Number: Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 247, Transportation, and the clauses at 252.247-7000, 252.247-7001, 252.247-7002, 252.247-7007, 252.247-7022, 252.247-7023, and 252.247-7024; OMB Control Number 0704-0245.

Needs and Uses: This information collection requirement is used by contracting officers in applying transportation and traffic management considerations in the acquisition of supplies, and in acquiring transportation or transportation-related services.

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

Annual Burden Hours: 152,320.

Number of Respondents: 102,625.

Responses per Respondent: 1.2.

Annual Responses: 302,625.

Average Burden per Response: 4.96.

Frequency: On occasion.

Summary of Information Collection

The information collection includes requirements relating to DFARS Part 247, Transportation.

a. DFARS 252.247-7000(a) requires contractors for stevedoring services to notify the contracting officer of unusual conditions associated with loading or unloading a particular cargo for potential adjustment of the contract labor rates.

b. DFARS 252.247-7001 requires contractors for stevedoring services, under contracts awarded using sealed bidding procedures, to notify the contracting officer of certain changes in the wage rates or benefits that apply to its direct labor employees, for potential adjustment to the existing contract

commodity, activity, or work-hour prices. This requirement was previously approved under OMB Clearance 0704-0187.

c. DFARS 252.247-7002 permits contractors for stevedoring services, under contracts awarded using negotiation procedures, to deliver a written demand that the parties negotiate to revise the prices under the contract. This requirement was previously approved under OMB Clearance 0704-0187.

d. DFARS 252.247-7007(f) requires contractors for stevedoring services to furnish the contracting officer with satisfactory evidence of insurance before performance of any work under the contract.

e. DFARS 252.247-7022 requires the offeror to represent whether it anticipates that supplies will be transported by sea in the performance of any resulting contract or subcontract. This requirement was previously approved under OMB Clearance 0704-0187.

f. DFARS 252.247-7023(c) requires the contractor to submit a written request to the contracting officer for use of other than U.S. flag vessels in the performance of the contract.

g. DFARS 252-247-7023(d) requires the contractor to submit to the contracting officer, one copy of the rated on board vessel operating carrier's ocean bill of lading.

h. DFARS 252.247-7023(e) requires the contractor to provide, with its final invoice, a representation that: (1) no ocean transportation was used in the performance of the contract; (2) only U.S. flag vessels were used for all ocean shipments under the contract; (3) the contractor had the written consent of the contracting officer for all non-U.S.-flag ocean transportation; or (4) shipments were made on non-U.S.-flag vessels without the written consent of the contracting officer.

i. DFARS 252.247-7024(a) requires the contractor to notify the contracting officer when the contractor learns that supplies are to be transported by sea and the contractor indicated, in response to the solicitation, that it did not anticipate transporting any supplies by sea.

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