Submission for OMB Review; Freight Classification Description

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

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Regulatory Secretariat Division will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a previously approved information collection requirement concerning freight classification description. A notice was published in the Federal Register at 80 FR 74105 on November 27, 2015. No comments were received.

DATES: Submit comments on or before June 9, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for GSA, Room 10236, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503. Additionally submit a copy to GSA by any of the following methods:

- Regulations.gov: http://www.regulations.gov. Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal by searching the OMB control number. Select the link “Submit a Comment” that corresponds with “Information Collection 9000–0055, Freight Classification Description”. Follow the instructions provided at the “Submit a Comment” screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and “Information Collection 9000–0055, Freight Classification Description” on your attached document.

- Mail: General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat Division (MVCB), 1800 First Street NW., Washington, DC 20405. ATTN: Ms. Flowers/IC 9000–0055, Freight Classification Description.

Instructions: Please submit comments only and cite Information Collection 9000–0055, Freight Classification Description, in all correspondence related to this collection. Comments received generally will be posted without change to http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided. To confirm receipt of your comment(s), please check www.regulations.gov, approximately two to three days after submission to verify posting (except allow 30 days for posting of comments submitted by mail).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Curtis E. Glover, Sr., Procurement Analyst, Office of Acquisition Policy, at 202–501–1448 or via email at curtis.glover@gsa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

The Government is required to provide, in solicitations, a complete description of the supplies to be acquired and the packing requirements to determine transportation (freight rate) charges for the evaluation of offers. Generally, the freight rate for supplies is based on the ratings applicable to the freight classification description published in the National Motor Freight Classification (for carriers) and the Uniform Freight Classification (for rail) filed with Federal and State regulatory bodies.

When the Government purchases supplies that are new to the supply system, nonstandard, or modifications of previously shipped supplies, and different freight classifications may apply, per FAR clause 52.247–53, offerors are requested to indicate the full Uniform Freight Classification or National Motor Freight Classification description applicable to the supplies. The Government will use these descriptions as well as other information available to determine the classification description most appropriate and advantageous to the government.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 3,000.

Responses per Respondent: 3.

Annual Responses: 9,000.

Hours per Response: .167.

Total Burden Hours: 1,503.

**Affected Public:** Business other for-profit entities and not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: On occasion.

C. Public Comments

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR), and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals:

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat Division (MVCB), 1800 First Street NW., Washington, DC 20405, telephone 202–501–4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000–0055, Freight Classification Description, in all correspondence.


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Director, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, Office of Governmentwide Acquisition Policy, Office of Acquisition Policy, Office of Governmentwide Policy.
Although Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a previously approved information collection requirement concerning indirect cost rates. A notice was published in the Federal Register at 81 FR 10861 on March 2, 2016. No comments were received.

DATES: Submit comments on or before June 9, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for GSA, Room 10236, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503. Additionally submit a copy to GSA by any of the following methods:

• Regulation.gov: http://www.regulations.gov. Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal by searching the OMB control number. Select the link “Submit a Comment” that corresponds with “Information Collection 9000–0069, Indirect Cost Rates”. Follow the instructions provided at the “Submit a Comment” screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and “Information Collection 9000–0069, Indirect Cost Rates” on your attached document.

• Mail: General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat Division (MVCB), 1800 F Street NW., Washington, DC 20405. ATTN: Ms. Flowers/IC 9000–0069, Indirect Cost Rates.

Instructions: Please submit comments only and cite Information Collection 9000–0069, Indirect Cost Rates, in all correspondence related to this collection. Comments received generally will be posted without change to http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided. To confirm receipt of your comment(s), please check www.regulations.gov, approximately two to three days after submission to verify posting (except allow 30 days for posting of comments submitted by mail).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Curtis E. Glover, Sr., Procurement Analyst, Contract Policy Division, at 202–501–1448, or via email at curtis.glover@gsa.gov.

A. Purpose

The contractor’s proposal of final indirect cost rates is necessary for the establishment of rates used to reimburse the contractor for the costs of performing under the contract. The supporting cost data are the cost accounting information normally prepared by organizations under sound management and accounting practices.

The proposal and supporting data is used by the contracting official and auditor to verify and analyze the indirect costs and to determine the final indirect cost rates or to prepare the Government negotiating position if negotiation of the rates is required under the contract terms.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 3,000.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 3,000.

Hours per Response: 2.188.

Total Burden Hours: 6,564.000.

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

Frequency: On occasion.

C. Public Comments

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the FAR, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS–5520–N]

Announcement of Requirements and Registration for “A Bill You Can Understand” Design and Innovation Challenge: Help Patients Understand Their Medical Bills and the Financial Aspect of Health

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a Challenge to engage those in the health care community working on these issues, as well as new players from other industries, such as human-centered design and digital technology, to help in redesigning the “Medical Bill” or the “Medical Billing Process.”

DATES: Submission Dates: May 9, 2016, 12:01 a.m., Eastern daylight time (e.d.t.) through August 10, 2016, 11:59 p.m., e.d.t.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ben Shannon, Communications Advisor, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20201, phone (202) 205–2819, email ben.shannon@hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Patients in the United States often have difficulty understanding the medical billing process. Currently, there is no standard for consumer medical billing documents, and bills vary in content, presentation, and use of jargon. Consumers also receive bills from multiple sources and may not understand the rationale for each bill, or know that they will be receiving multiple bills for one episode of care.

HHS recognizes that many health care organizations have been doing important work to address the complex problems that individuals face as they navigate the medical billing process. A national design and innovation challenge is a unique way to both support these ongoing efforts and catalyze innovation.

II. Provisions of the Notice

The Challenge has two objectives: