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The goals for the missions are:

- Reaffirm President Clinton's commitment to hemispheric free trade, energize the U.S. private sector in its support for USG free trade initiatives and raise awareness of how the U.S. can benefit from further liberalization and commercial integration. In this context, the mission will highlight the upcoming Summit of the Americas that will occur in Santiago, Chile in March, 1998.

- Seek resolution of outstanding bilateral commercial issues and advocate U.S. interests regarding specific projects.

- Increase sales of U.S. products and services to Brazil, Argentina and Chile, particularly to the infrastructure sectors of these countries.

- Highlight the opening of the Brazilian, Argentine and Chilean markets.

- Increase joint ventures and investments by U.S. companies in Brazil, Argentina and Chile, especially those likely to result in U.S. exports.

A full description of the missions is set forth in the Mission Statement, which is available from Cheryl Bruner, Project Office and Director of the Office of Business Liaison, at the above address.

Trade Mission Participation Criteria

The recruitment and selection of private sector participants in the missions will be conducted according to the Statement of Policy Governing Department of Commerce Overseas Trade Missions announced by Secretary Daley on March 3, 1997 and reflected herein. For the Brazil and Argentina/Chile business development missions, individuals must be a level of executive seniority appropriate to the goals of the mission. Company participation will be determined on the basis of:

- Consistency of the company's goals with the scope and desired outcome of the missions as described herein;
- Relevance of a company's business line to the plan for the missions;
- Past, present and prospective business activity in Latin America, and particularly Brazil, Argentina and Chile, as applicable; and
- Diversity of company size, type, location, demographics and traditional underrepresentation in business.

An applicant's partisan political activities (including political contributions) are irrelevant to the selection process. An interested party must fill out an application to be considered for participation in a mission.

Endorsements/Referrals

Third parties may nominate or endorse potential applicants, but companies that are nominated or endorsed must themselves submit an application to be eligible for consideration. Referrals from political organizations will not be considered.

Costs

The fees to participate in the missions have not yet been determined, and will be based on the number of participants. The fees will not cover travel or lodging expenses.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 1512.

Dated: April 4, 1997.

Walter Bastian,

Director, Office of Latin America, Market Access and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

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COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS**Notice of Meeting**

The Commission of Fine Arts' next meeting is scheduled for 17 April 1997 at 10:00 AM in the Commission's offices in the Pension Building, Suite 312, Judiciary Square, 441 F Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001 to discuss various projects affecting the appearance of Washington, D.C., including buildings, memorials, parks, etc.; also matters of design referred by other agencies of the government.

Inquiries regarding the agenda and requests to submit written or oral statements should be addressed to Charles H. Atherton, Secretary, Commission of Fine Arts, at the above address or call (202) 504-2200.

Dated in Washington, D.C. 3 April 1997.

Charles H. Atherton,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION****NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[OMB Control No. 9000-0006]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request Entitled Subcontracting Plans/Subcontracting Report for Individual Contracts (Standard Form 294)

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

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments regarding a revision to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0006).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve a revision of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning Subcontracting Plans/Subcontracting Reporting for Individual Contracts (Standard Form 294).

DATES: *Comment Due Date:* June 9, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, or obtaining a copy of the justification, should be submitted to: General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRs), 18th & F Streets, NW., Room 4037, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0006, Subcontracting Plans/Subcontracting Reporting for Individual Contracts (Standard Form 294), in all correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Klein, Office of Federal Acquisition Policy, GSA (202) 501-3775.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**A. Purpose**

In accordance with the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631, *et seq.*), contractors receiving a contract for more than \$10,000 agree to have small business, small disadvantaged business, and women-owned small business concerns participate in the performance of the contract as far as practicable. Contractors receiving a contract or a modification to a contract expected to

exceed \$500,000 (\$1,000,000 for construction) must submit a subcontracting plan that provides maximum practicable opportunities for small, small disadvantaged business concerns, and women-owned small businesses. Specific elements required to be included in the plan are specified in section 8(d) of the Small Business Act and implemented in FAR subpart 19.7.

In conjunction with these plans, contractors must submit semiannual reports of their progress on Standard Form 294, Subcontracting Report for Individual Contracts.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 8 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

The annual reporting burden is estimated as follows: Respondents, 1,625; responses per respondent, 36.4; total annual responses, 59,200; preparation hours per response, 10; and total response burden hours, 597,580.

Dated: April 4, 1997.

Sharon A. Kiser,
FAR Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0076]

Clearance Request Entitled Novation/ Change of Name Requirements

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

ACTION: Notice of request for an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0076).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning Novation/Change of Name Requirements. A request for public

comments concerning this burden estimate was published at 62 FR 4261, January 29, 1997. No comments were received.

DATES: Comment Due Date: May 12, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, should be submitted to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRs), 18th & F Streets, NW, Room 4037, Washington, DC 20405. Copies of the justification may be obtained from the FAR Secretariat. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0076, Novation/Change of Name Requirements, in all correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Klein, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-3775.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

When a firm performing under Government contracts wishes the Government to recognize (1) a successor in interest to these contracts or (2) a name change, it must submit certain documentation to the Government.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 27.5 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

The annual reporting burden is estimated as follows: Respondents, 1,000; responses per respondent, 1; total annual responses, 1,000; preparation hours per response, .458; and total response burden hours, 458.

Dated: April 1, 1997.

Sharon A. Kiser,
FAR Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Meeting of the Defense Environmental Response Task Force (DERTF)

AGENCY: Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Environmental Security).

ACTION: Notice of business meeting and hearing.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of a business meeting and hearing of the Defense Environmental Response Task Force (DERTF). The DERTF is charged with studying and providing findings and recommendations on environmental response actions at military installations being closed or realigned. This meeting is a follow-up to the January 8-9, 1997 meeting. The DERTF will discuss issues related to unexploded ordnance, groundwater remediation, Superfund reform, other matters related to cleanup at closing military installations, and its 1997 Report to Congress. The DERTF will also be briefed on the cleanup program at Fort McClellan, Alabama. The business meeting and hearing will be open to the public. Public witnesses desiring to speak before the DERTF should contact Shah Choudhury, Executive Secretary, and prepare a written statement that can be summarized orally before the DERTF at the time to be fixed for public witnesses. Written statements must be received by the close of business, May 20, 1997, at the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Environmental Security).

DATES: June 17, 1997—9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; June 18, 1997—9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; June 19, 1997—8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: June 18, 1997—7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Anniston Meeting Center, 1615 Noble Street, Anniston, AL.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Shah Choudhury, Executive Secretary, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Environmental Security), 3400 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3400; telephone (703) 697-7475; e-mail choudhsa@acq.osd.mil.

Dated: April 4, 1997.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison
Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary of Defense

Department of Defense Wage Committee; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to the provisions of section 10 of Public Law 92-463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given that closed meetings of the Department of Defense Wage Committee will be held on May 6, 1997; May 13, 1997; May 20, 1997; and May 27, 1997; at 10:00 a.m. in Room A105, The Nash