

or termination of funds and grounds for possible punishment by a fine or imprisonment as provided in 18 U.S.C. 1001.

J. Intergovernmental review.

Applications under this program are subject to the provisions of E.O. 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

K. Requirement to buy American-made equipment and products.

Applicants are hereby notified that they are encouraged, to the extent feasible, to purchase American-made equipment and products with funding provided under this program.

Classification

Prior notice and an opportunity for public comments are not required by the Administrative Procedure Act or any other law for this notice concerning grants, benefits, and contracts. Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required for purposes of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

This action has been determined to be not significant for purposes of E.O. 12866.

Cooperative agreements awarded pursuant to pertinent statutes shall be in accordance with the Fisheries Research Plan (comprehensive program of fisheries research) in effect on the date of the award.

Federal participation under the MARFIN Program may include the assignment of DOC scientific personnel and equipment.

Reasonable, negotiated financial compensation will be provided under awards for the work of eligible grantee workers.

Information-collection requirements contained in this notice have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB Control No. 0648-0175) under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. Public reporting burden for agency-specific collection-of-information elements, exclusive of requirements specified under applicable OMB circulars, is estimated to average 4 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. Send comments regarding this reporting burden estimate

or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to NMFS (see ADDRESSES).

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 713c-3(d)

Dated: January 22, 1997.

Nancy Foster,

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene a meeting of its Personnel Committee.

DATES: This meeting will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on February 6, 1997.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Radisson Bay Harbor Inn, 7700 Courtney Campbell Causeway, Tampa, FL; telephone: 813-281-8900.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Wayne E. Swingle, Executive Director; telephone: 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss personnel issues (CLOSED SESSION).

Dated: January 23, 1997.

George H. Darcy,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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National Weather Service Proposed Automation and Closure Certifications

SUMMARY: On January 7, 1997 (62 FR 981), the National Weather Service (NWS) published a notice and opportunity for public comment for 43 proposed automation and closure certifications. Since that time, it has been determined that at six of these sites, NWS is not ready to proceed with the proposed certifications. Accordingly, this notice is to advise that these six proposed automation and closure certifications are being withdrawn.

ADDRESSES: Inquiries regarding these withdrawals should be directed to Tom Beaver, Room 09356, 1325 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie Scanlon at 301-713-1698 X151.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In compliance with Public Law 102-567, the Secretary of Commerce must certify that automating, consolidating, relocating, and closing any field office will not result in any degradation of service to the affected areas of responsibility. Further, the Secretary must publish the proposed certification in the Federal Register for a 60-day public comment period. This certification authority has been delegated to the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere.

On January 7, 1997, the NWS published 43 proposed automation and closure certifications (62 FR 981). Since that time, it has been determined that at six of these sites, NWS is not ready to proceed with the proposed certifications. Accordingly, to avoid any confusion and ensure that the public does not waste time submitting comments unnecessarily, the NWS is withdrawing the following six proposed automation and closure certifications:

- (1) The residual Boston Weather Service Office (WSO);
- (2) Bridgeport, Connecticut WSO;
- (3) The residual Portland, Maine WSO;
- (4) Providence, Rhode Island WSO;
- (5) Hartford, Connecticut WSO; and
- (6) Worcester, Massachusetts WSO.

The NWS will propose these certifications for a 60-day public comment period at a later date.

Dated: January 23, 1997.

Elbert W. Friday, Jr.,

Assistant Administrator for Weather Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0076]

Comment 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 public comments regarding 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 will be submitting 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. This OMB clearance currently expires on April 30, 1997.

DATES: *Comment Due Date:* March 31, 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. 9000-0076, 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: January 23, 1997.
Sharon A. Kiser,
FAR Secretariat.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Revised Non-Foreign Overseas Per Diem Rates

AGENCY: DoD Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee.

ACTION: Notice of revised non-foreign overseas per diem rates.

SUMMARY: The Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee is publishing Civilian Personnel Per Diem Bulletin Number 191. This bulletin lists revisions in per diem rates prescribed for U.S. Government employees for official travel in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands and Possessions of the United States. Bulletin Number 191 is being published in the Federal Register to assure that travelers are paid per diem at the most current rates.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 1997.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document gives notice of revisions in per diem rates prescribed by the Per Diem Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee for non-foreign areas outside the continental United States. It supersedes Civilian Personnel Per Diem Bulletin Number 190. Distribution of Civilian Personnel Per Diem Bulletins by mail was discontinued. Per Diem Bulletins published periodically in the Federal Register now constitute the only notification of revisions in per diem rates to agencies and establishments outside the Department of Defense. For more information or questions about per diem rates, please contact your local travel office. The text of the Bulletin follows:

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