

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Notice and Request for Comments Regarding a Proposed Extension of an Approved Information Collection Requirement

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

SUMMARY: In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of Public Law 104-13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 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. This information collection requirement is currently approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for use through March 31, 1998, under OMB Control Number 0704-0267. DoD proposes that OMB extend its approval for use through March 31, 2001.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by November 7, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, *Attn:* Ms. Sandra Haberlin, PSUSD (A&T) DP (DAR), IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20301-3062. Telefax number (703) 602-0350. Please cite OMB Control Number 0704-0267 in all correspondence related to this issue.

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

Title, Associated Forms, and Associated OMB Control Number: Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 230, Cost Accounting Standards, and DD Form 1861; OMB Control Number 0704-0267.

Needs and Uses: It is DoD policy to encourage contractor investment in facilities, which may lead, under DoD contracts, to increased productivity and reduced costs through the use of modern manufacturing technology. To motivate aggressive capital investment, DoD rewards contractors by recognizing contract facilities capital cost of money (CFCCM) and facilities capital employed in establishing the price of certain negotiated defense contracts, when such contracts are priced on the basis of cost analysis. DD Form 1861, Contract Facilities Capital Cost of Money, is used to compute these two elements of price. The contracting officer may require information from the contractor to complete this form.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit entities.

Annual Burden Hours: 750.

Number of Respondents: 75.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 75.

Average Burden Per Response: 10 hours.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Summary of Information Collection**

The information collection includes requirements relating to DFARS Part 230, Cost Accounting Standards. DD Form 1861, Contract Facilities Capital Cost of Money, computes the CFCCM and facilities capital employed using information provided by Form CASB-CMF and certain other information provided directly by the contractor. The CFCCM amount is used to help establish a price objective in negotiated contracts. The facilities capital employed amount is carried forward to DD Form 1547, Record of Weighted Guidelines Method Application, for the purpose of developing profit objectives on defense contracts when the Weighted Guidelines method is used. DFARS 230.7004-2, DD Form 1861, indicates that (1) completion of the DD Form 1861 requires information not included on the Form CASB-CMF; and (2) the contracting officer could request the information through a solicitation provision.

Michele P. Peterson,

Executive Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[OMB Control No. 9000-0034]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request Entitled Examination of Records by Comptroller General and Contract Audit

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 (9000-0034).

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 Examination of Records by Comptroller General/Audit Negotiation now retitled Examination of Records by Comptroller General and Contract Audit. A request for public comments was published at 62 FR 35789, July 2, 1997. No comments were received.

DATES: Comment Due Date: October 8, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry Olson, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-3221.

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 205503, and a copy to General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRs), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4037, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0034 in all correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**A. Purpose**

The Audit and Records-Negotiation clause, 52.215-2; Contract Terms and Conditions Required to Implement Statutes or Executive Orders-Commercial Items clause, 52.212-5(d); and Audit and Records-Sealed Bidding clause, 52.214-26, implement the requirements of 10 U.S.C. 2313, 41 U.S.C. 254, and 10 U.S.C. 2306. The

statutory requirements are that the Comptroller General and/or agency shall have access to, and the right to, examine certain books, documents and records of the contractor for a period of 3 years after final payment. The record retention periods required of the contractor in the clauses are for compliance with the aforementioned statutory requirements. The information must be retained so that audits necessary for contract surveillance, verification of contract pricing, and reimbursement of contractor costs can be performed.

B. Annual Recordkeeping Burden

The annual recordkeeping burden is estimated as follows: Recordkeepers, 19,142; hours per recordkeeper, 3.34; total recordkeeping burden hours, 63,934; recordkeeping retention period, 3 years.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals

Requester may obtain copies of OMB applications or justifications from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRS), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4037, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0034 in all correspondence.

Dated: September 3, 1997.

Sharon A. Kiser,

FAR Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Intent To Grant an Exclusive or Partially Exclusive License to Boron Biologicals

AGENCY: U.S. Army Research Laboratory, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: In compliance with 37 CFR 404 *et seq.*, the Department of the Army hereby gives notice of its intent to grant to *Boron Biologicals, Inc.*, a corporation having its principle place of business at 620 Hutton Street, Raleigh, NC, 27606-1490, an exclusive or partially exclusive license under U.S. Patent 4,867,957, "Process for Making Polyphosphazenes", issued 19 Sep 1989. Anyone wishing to object to the granting of these licenses has 60 days from the date of this notice to file written objections along with supporting evidence, if any.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael D. Rausa, U.S. Army Research Laboratory, Office of Research and Technology Applications, ATTN: AMSRL-CS-TT/Bldg. 434, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland 21005-5425, Telephone: (410) 278-5028.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-715-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

September 2, 1997.

Take notice that on August 27, 1997, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), 1700 MacCorkle Avenue, S.E., Charleston, West Virginia 25314-1599, filed in Docket No. CP97-715-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.211) for authorization to construct and operate the facilities necessary to establish three additional points of delivery to existing customers for firm transportation service under Columbia's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-76-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Columbia proposes to construct and operate the necessary facilities to establish three new points of delivery for firm transportation service under part 284 of the Commission's regulations and existing authorized Rate Schedules and within certificated entitlements, as follows:

Customer/Point location	Residential	Estimated day design quantity (Dth)	Estimated annual quantity (Dth)
Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. Holmes County, Ohio	1	1.5	150
Mountaineer Gas Company Putnam County, West Virginia	1	1.5	150
Lincoln County, West Virginia	1	1.5	150

Columbia estimates that the cost to install the new taps to be approximately \$150 per tap and will be treated as an O&M expense.

Columbia states that the quantities to be provided through the new delivery points will be within Columbia's authorized level of services.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor,

the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-713-000]

Cove Point LNG Limited Partnership; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

September 2, 1997.

Take notice that on August 25, 1997, Cove Point LNG Limited Partnership (Cove Point), 2100 Cove Point Road, Lusby, Maryland 20657, filed in Docket No. CP97-713-000, a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and