

an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning Simplified Acquisition Procedures/FACNET. The clearance currently expires on April 30, 1998.

DATES: Comments may be submitted on or before May 19, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Nelson, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-1900.

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, 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4037, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0137, Simplified Acquisition Procedures/FACNET, in all correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

Title IX of the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994 (the Act) amended the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 401, *et seq.*) by adding new sections regarding the establishment of a program for the development and implementation of a Federal Acquisition Computer Network (hereinafter referred to as FACNET) which allows electronic interchange of procurement information between the private sector and the Federal Government and among Federal agencies. Specific functions of FACNET are set forth under Section 30 of the Act.

Regulatory coverage of FACNET is included under FAR Subpart 4.5—Electronic Commerce in Contracting. FAR section 4.503 requires contractors to provide registration information to the Central Contractor Registration in order to conduct business through electronic commerce (EC) with the Federal Government. Contractor registration information is collected electronically as a prerequisite for conducting EC with the Federal Government. The process for collection of contractor information uses the Federal Implementation Conventions ANSI X12, Trading Partner Profile, in accordance with the Federal Information Processing Standards 161 (FIPS). These standards are published by the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST). The information required to be submitted as part of contractor registration is the same as that currently provided by the SF 129, Solicitation Mailing List Application; the SF 3881, ACH vendor/Miscellaneous Payment Enrollment

Form for paper transactions. In addition, information pertaining to a contractor assignment of commercial and Government entity (CAGE) code (where applicable); electronic data interchange (EDI) capabilities, including ANSI X12 transaction set and version number status for production, testing, sending and receiving; and the registrant's value added network (VAN) or value added service (VAS) electronic communications number also needs to be provided as part of the registration process. Requiring information consistent with the existing forms that Government contractors are familiar with simplifies the process of gathering current, factual data to input into the Registration System. The additional information is information contractors should have readily available when they have established EC/EDI capability.

The information submitted by contractors will permit the Central Contractor Registration to establish a central repository for all vendors doing business with the Federal Government, information that is accessible by all Government contracting activities.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 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, 100,000; responses per respondent, 1; total annual responses, 100,00; preparation hours per response, .25; and total response burden hours, 25,000.

C. Annual Recordkeeping Burden

The annual recordkeeping burden is estimated as follows: Recordkeepers, 100,000; hours per recordkeeper, .25; and total recordkeeping burden hours, 25,000.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals: Requester may obtain a copy the justification from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRs), Room 4037, 1800 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0137, Simplified Acquisition Procedures/FACNET, in all correspondence.

Dated: March 16, 1998.

Sharon A. Kiser,
FAR Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Intelligence Agency, Science and Technology Advisory Board Closed Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Defense Intelligence Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of Subsection (d) of Section 10 of Public Law 92-463, as amended by Section 5 of Public Law 94-409, notice is hereby given that a closed meeting of the DIA Science and Technology Advisory Board has been scheduled as follows:

DATES: 7 April 1998 (800am to 1600pm).

ADDRESSES: The Defense Intelligence Agency, Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C. 20340-5100.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maj. Michael W. Lamb, USAF, Executive Secretary, DIA Science and Technology Advisory Board, Washington, D.C. 20340-1328 (202) 231-4930.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The entire meeting is devoted to the discussion of classified information as defined in Section 552b(c)(1), Title 5 of the U.S. Code and therefore will be closed to the public. The Board will receive briefings on and discuss several current critical intelligence issues and advise the Director, DIA, on related scientific and technical matters.

Dated: March 16, 1998.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DoD.

ACTION: Notice to amend a system of records.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Secretary of Defense proposes to amend a system of records notice in its inventory of record systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended. The amendments are needed to update the current notice.

DATES: The amendment will be effective on April 20, 1998, unless comments are received that would result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to OSD Privacy Act Coordinator, Records

Section, Directives and Records Division, Washington Headquarter Services, Correspondence and Directives, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David Bosworth at (703) 695-0970 or DSN 225-0970.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of the Secretary of Defense notices for systems of records subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the **Federal Register** and are available from the address above.

The proposed amendments are not within the purview of subsection (r) of the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, which would require the submission of a new or altered system report for each system. The specific changes to the record system being amended are set forth below followed by the notice, as amended, published in its entirety.

Dated: March 16, 1998.

L. M. BYNUM,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

DHA 07

SYSTEM NAME:

Defense Medical Information System (DMIS) (October 3, 1997, 62 FR 51833).

CHANGES:

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SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Delete entry and replace with 'Corporate Executive Information System Program Office, Six Skyline Place, Suite 809, 5111 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3201'.

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RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Add to the entry 'the National Mail Order Pharmacy, Defense Supply Center, Philadelphia, PA'.

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SYSTEM NAME:

Defense Medical Information System (DMIS).

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Primary location: Directorate of Information Management, Building 1422, Fort Detrick, MD 21702-5000 with Region-specific information being kept at each Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) designated regional medical location. A complete listing of all regional addresses may be obtained from the system manager.

Secondary location: Service Medical Treatment Facility Medical Centers and Hospitals, and Uniformed Services Treatment Facilities. For a complete listing of all facility addresses write to the system manager.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Uniformed services medical beneficiaries enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) who receive medical care at one or more of DoD's medical treatment facilities (MTFs), or one or more of the Uniformed Services Treatment Facilities (USTFs), or who have care provided under the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS) or TRICARE programs.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Selected data elements extracted from the DEERS beneficiary and enrollment records. Electronic files containing beneficiary identifier, date of birth, gender, sponsor status (active duty or retired), relationship of patient to sponsor, pay grade of sponsor, state or country, zip code, and enrollment and eligibility status.

Individual patient hospital discharge records. Electronic files containing patient ID, date of birth, gender, sponsor status (active duty or retired), relationship to sponsor, pay grade of sponsor, state or country, zip code, health care dates and services, provider, service status, health status, billed amount, allowed amount, amount paid by beneficiary, amount applied to deductible, and amount paid by government.

Selected data elements extracted from the CHAMPUS, National Mail Order Pharmacy, or other purchased care medical claims records. Electronic files containing patient ID, date of birth, gender, sponsor status (active duty or retired), relationship to sponsor, pay grade of sponsor, state or country, zip code, health care dates and services, provider, service status, health status, billed amount, allowed amount, amount paid by beneficiary, amount applied to deductible, and amount paid by government.

Data elements extracted from the DEERS electronic Non-availability Statement application. Records containing beneficiary ID, date and types of health care services not covered by the issuing entity (MTFs, etc.), along with other demographic and issuing entity information.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

5 U.S.C. 301, Departmental Regulation; 10 U.S.C., Chapter 55; and E.O. 9397 (SSN).

PURPOSE(S):

DMIS collects data from multiple DoD electronic medical systems and processes and integrates the data in a manner that permits health management policy analysts to study, evaluate, and recommend changes to DoD health care programs. Analysis of beneficiary utilization of military medical and other program resources is possible using DMIS. Statistical and trend analysis permits changes in response to health care demand and treatment patterns. The system permits the projection of future Medical Health Services System (MHSS) beneficiary population, utilization requirements, and program costs to enable health care management concepts and programs to be responsive and up to date.

The detailed patient level data at the foundation of DMIS permits analysis of virtually any aspect of the military health care system.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, these records or information contained therein may specifically be disclosed outside the DoD as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) as follows:

To the Health Care Finance Administration for conducting demographic and financial analytical studies.

To the Congressional Budget Office for projecting costs and workloads associated with DoD Medical benefits.

To the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) for coordinating cost sharing activities between the DoD and DVA.

The 'Blanket Routine Uses' set forth at the beginning of OSD's compilation of systems of records notices apply to this system.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Records are maintained on optical and magnetic media.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Records may be retrieved by individual's Social Security Number, sponsor's Social Security Number, Beneficiary ID (sponsor's ID, patient's name, patient's DOB, and family member prefix or DEERS dependent suffix).

SAFEGUARDS:

Automated records are maintained in controlled areas accessible only to

authorized personnel. Entry to these areas is restricted to personnel with a valid requirement and authorization to enter. Physical entry is restricted by the use of a cipher lock. Back-up data maintained at each location is stored in a locked room.

Access to DMIS records is restricted to individuals who require the data in the performance of official duties. Access is controlled through use of passwords.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Disposition pending (until NARA disposition is approved, treat as permanent).

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Corporate Executive Information System Program Office, Six Skyline Place, Suite 809, 5111 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3201.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Individuals seeking to determine whether information about themselves is contained in this system should address written inquiries to the Corporate Executive Information System Program Office, Six Skyline Place, Suite 809, 5111 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3201.

Requests should contain the full names of the beneficiary and sponsor, sponsor Social Security Number, sponsor service, beneficiary date of birth, beneficiary sex, treatment facility(ies), and fiscal year(s) of interest.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals seeking access to information about themselves contained in this system of records should address written requests to Corporate Executive Information System Program Office, Six Skyline Place, Suite 809, 5111 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3201.

Requests should contain the full names of the beneficiary and sponsor, sponsor Social Security Number, sponsor service, beneficiary date of birth, beneficiary sex, treatment facility(ies) that have provided care, and fiscal year(s) of interest.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

The OSD rules for accessing records, for contesting contents and appealing initial agency determinations are contained in OSD Administrative Instruction 81; 32 CFR part 311; or may be obtained from the system manager.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

The individual data records that are assembled to form the DMIS data base are submitted by the Military Departments, the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, the Office

of the Civilian Health and Medical Program for the Uniformed Services, the Uniformed Service Treatment Facility Managed Care System, the Health Care Finance Administration, and the National Mail Order Pharmacy, Defense Supply Center, Philadelphia, PA.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) for the BRAC 95 Realignment of Personnel and Functions to Fort Wainwright, AK

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Pub. L. 101-510, the Defense Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission recommended the realignment of the Northern Warfare Training Center (NWTC) and the Cold Regions Test Center (CRTC) from Fort Greely, Alaska, to Fort Wainwright, Alaska. The action could begin no earlier than July 1997 and is to be completed no earlier than July 2001.

The EA analyzed the environmental and socioeconomic realignment effects to Fort Wainwright and the adjacent Fairbanks area. In addition to the directed moves, discretionary moves of such units as the Aviation Detachment and Law Enforcement Command are planned. These units will be absorbed into similar activities at Fort Wainwright. A total of approximately 92 military and 47 civilian positions would be relocated from Fort Greely to Fort Wainwright.

BRAC-funded projects at Fort Wainwright are analyzed. These include two military construction projects—a Missile Test Facility to support the CRTC and four 5-bedroom housing units. Existing facilities will also be renovated for use as office space.

The EA considered five alternatives for effecting the realignment from Fort Greely to Fort Wainwright. These were: (1) constructing four 5-bedroom units for additional housing and upgrading existing on-post facilities for office space, (2) using off-base housing to meet housing needs and upgrading existing on-post facilities for office space, (3) constructing four 5-bedroom units for additional housing and constructing new on-post office facilities, (4) using

off-base housing to meet housing needs and constructing new on-post office facilities, and (5) no action, *i.e.*, continuation of existing conditions of the affected environment, without implementing the proposed action. Alternative 1 is the preferred alternative.

The Army has concluded that the realignment of the NWTC and the CRTC from Fort Greely to Fort Wainwright does not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the natural or human environment. Because no significant impacts would result from implementing the proposed action, an environmental impact statement is not required and will not be prepared.

DATES: Public comments must be submitted on or before April 20, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the EA and FNSI may be obtained by writing or inquiring to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: CENPA-EN-CW-ER (Mr. Guy McConnell), P.O. Box 898, Anchorage, Alaska 99506-0898, or by telefax at (907) 753-2625. The EA is also available for review at the Environmental Office, Building 3023, Fort Wainwright, Alaska. Please contact Mr. Ken Spiers at (907) 353-6323.

Dated: March 18, 1998.

Richard E. Newsome,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Environment, Safety and Occupational Health) OASA (I, L&E).

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans; Meeting

AGENCY: President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans, ED.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans (Commission). Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and is intended to notify the public of their opportunity to attend. Less than fifteen day notice is given because of administrative misunderstandings regarding the Executive Board's meeting guidelines.