

as obtaining information about the terms of child support agreements and whether they are being fulfilled by the absent parent, examining the program participation status of persons with specific health and disability statuses, and obtaining detailed information needed to understand the current status of the employment-based health care system and changes that have occurred. These supplemental questions are included with the core and are referred to as "topical modules."

The topical modules for the 1996 Panel Wave 9 collect information about:

- (1) Assets, Liabilities, and Eligibility,
- (2) Medical Expenses/Utilization of Health Care Services,
- (3) Work Related Expenses and Child Support Paid.

Wave 9 interviews will be conducted from December 1998 through March 1999.

II. Method of Collection

The SIPP is designed as a continuing series of national panels of interviewed households that are introduced every 4 years, with each panel having a duration of 4 years in the survey. All household members 15 years old or over are interviewed using regular proxy-responder rules. They are interviewed a total of 12 times (12 waves) at 4-month intervals, making the SIPP a longitudinal survey. Sample persons (all household members present at the time of the first interview) who move within the country and reasonably close to a SIPP Primary Sampling Unit will be followed and interviewed at their new address. Persons 15 years old or over who enter the household after Wave 1 will be interviewed; however, if these persons move, they are not followed unless they happen to move along with a Wave 1 sample person.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0813.

Form Number: SIPP/CAPI Automated Instrument.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 77,700.

Estimated Time Per Response: 30 minutes per person.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 117,800.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$31,269,000.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Section 182.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information

is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 8, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Office of the Secretary

Revision to the Commerce Acquisition Regulation (CAR) Clause at 1352.219-109 Entitled "Insurance Requirements"

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 13, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Ms. Deborah O'Neill, Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 6422, Washington, DC, 20230. Her telephone number is (202) 482-0202.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Department of Commerce requires the contractor to procure and maintain certain kinds of insurance, in contracts for construction, alteration and repair of ships as specified in the Commerce Acquisition Regulation (CAR) clause 1352.219-109, "Insurance Requirements." This insurance is necessary to protect the multi-million dollar ships and the interests of the U.S. taxpayers. Prior to the commencement of work, the contractor is required to present proof of this insurance to the Government. As evidence that it has obtained insurance specified, the Contractor must furnish the Contracting Officer with a certificate of certificates executed by an agent of the insurer authorized to execute such certificates. The requirement to present proof of insurance is contract specific. Therefore, there is no duplication of effort from contract to contract. There is no outside source of information that can be used to obtain the required information. The Department has minimized the burden by requiring the proof of insurance only once. The levels of insurance that the Department requires its contractor to maintain are based upon industry standards and is consistent with the levels of insurance required by the U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard. Commerce collects only the minimum amount of information needed to ensure that the ships are protected and that the terms of its contracts are complied with.

II. Method of Collection

Written submission.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0690-0010.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Regular submission for extension of a currently approved collection.

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

Estimated Number of Respondents: 30.

Estimated Time per Response: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 30.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$0 (no capital expenditures are required).

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and

clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 7, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Office of the Secretary

Department of Commerce Partners in Quality Contracts (PQC) Program

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 13, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The National Performance Review (NPR) conducted by Vice President Gore outlined several objectives, including improving the Federal acquisition process. Along with the NPR objectives are associated Administration initiatives, such as greater emphasis on contractor's past performance;

expanding the use of alternative disputes' resolution procedures; and improving communications overall between industry and government. The Department of Commerce (DOC) has developed a program that is philosophically consistent with NPR, known as the Partners in Quality Contracting (PQC) Program. PQC is a creative nonmonetary recognition program that showcases the importance of quality in the government acquisition process. It is intended as an effective yet inexpensive means of recognizing quality performance from both DOC contractors and acquisition personnel. The information collected is used to determine qualifications of applicants by DOC for purposes of recognizing DOC contractors and acquisition personnel who have promoted excellence in contracting through quality performance. The DOC PQC Evaluation Committee will be an independent committee, comprised of DOC employees from key functional areas. The universe of applicants includes all DOC contractors that have performed a DOC contract valued during the previous fiscal year at or above \$100,000, if a large business, \$50,000 or above, if a small one. A small business is defined as "a business, including an affiliate, that is independently owned and operated, is not dominant in producing or performing the supplies or services being purchased, and has no more than 500 employees." Eligible contractors would "self nominate" through the submission of a company profile than an application that would be independently evaluated against pre-established criteria. Finalists would be site visited, as appropriate, by a government team before the final selections are made. Award recipients will be selected by consensus of the Committee. Award recipients will be invited to send representatives to attend an award reception.

II. Method of Collection

Written submission.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0690-0012.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Regular submission for extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50.

Estimated Time per Response: 38.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,900.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$0 (no capital expenditures are required).

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 7, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Office of the Secretary

Women-Owned Small Business Sources

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce a paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506 (c)(2) (A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 13, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

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