

proposed extension of a public information collection requirement 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 the agency, 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 September 30, 1998. DoD proposes that OMB extend its approval for use through September 30, 2001.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by May 26, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection requirement should be sent to: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Attn: Ms. Melissa D. Rider, PDUSD (A&T) DP (DAR), IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062, Telefax (703) 602-0350.

E-mail comments submitted over the Internet should be addressed to: dfars@acq.osd.mil.

Please cite OMB Control Number 0704-0286 in all correspondence related to this issue. E-mail comments should cite OMB Control Number 0704-0286 in the subject line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Melissa D. Rider, at (703) 602-0131. A copy of this information collection requirement is available electronically via the Internet at: <http://www.dtic.mil/dfars/>

Paper copies may be obtained from Ms. Melissa D. Rider, PDUSD (A&T) DP (DAR), IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 205, Publicizing Contract Actions, and DFARS 252.205-7000, Provision of Information to Cooperative Agreement Holders; OMB Control Number 0704-0286.

Needs and Uses: This information collection requirement pertains to contractor information provided to Cooperative Agreement Holders. DFARS Subpart 205.4 and the clause at DFARS

252.205-7000 require that defense prime contractors awarded contracts over \$500,000 provide to cooperative agreement holders, upon request, a list of employees or offices that are responsible for entering into subcontracts under defense contracts. The cooperative agreement holders further disseminate the information to other firms within a geographic area defined in the individual cooperative agreements. The purpose of the cooperative agreements is for the agreement holders to provide procurement technical assistance to business entities within a specified geographic area. This guidance implements 10 U.S.C. 2416.

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

Annual Burden Hours: 7,548.

Number of Responses: 6,682.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 1.13 hours.

Frequency: On occasion.

Summary of Information Collection

DFARS Subpart 205.4 and the clause at DFARS 252.205-7000 require that defense prime contractors awarded contracts over \$500,000 provide to cooperative agreement holders, upon their request, a list of those appropriate employees or offices responsible for entering into subcontracts under defense contracts. The list must include the business address, telephone number, and area of responsibility of each employee or office. The contractor need not provide the list to a particular cooperative agreement holder more frequently than once a year.

Michele P. Peterson,

Executive Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Environmental Assessment (EA) on the Disposal and Reuse of the BRAC Parcels at Sierra Army Depot (SIAD), California

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army announces the availability of the Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) for the proposed action evaluated by this EA to dispose of property made available by the realignment of Sierra Army Depot (SIAD), California, in

accordance with the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, Public Law 101-510, as amended. The EA addresses the environmental consequences of the disposal and subsequent reuse of approximately 4,397 acres at SIAD. The Army will negotiate the transfer of 2,688 acres to the Lassen County Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA), transfer 1,037 acres to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and 600 acres to the U.S. Department of Justice. Seventy-two acres have transferred to the U.S. Department of Interior which were the subject of a separate environmental analysis but the impacts of disposal are also analyzed in the cumulative effects section of this EA. Three alternative methods of disposal were analyzed: Encumbered disposal, unencumbered disposal and retention of the property in caretaker status (i.e., no action alternative). The Army's preferred alternative for disposal of the SIAD BRAC parcels is encumbered disposal which involves conveying the property with conditions imposed on easements and rights-of-ways, remedial activities, unexploded ordnance restriction, noise advisory, wetlands, threatened and endangered species habitat, archaeological site protection and utilities dependencies.

The EA, which is incorporated into the Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI), examines potential effects of the proposed action and alternatives on 15 resources areas and areas of environmental concern: Land use, climate, air quality, noise, geology, and water resources infrastructure, hazardous and toxic substances, permits and regulatory authorizations, biological resources and ecosystems, cultural resources, economic development, socioeconomics and quality of life.

The cumulative effects analysis of the EA determined that one resource category, (socioeconomic impacts), would have significant adverse impacts. A significant impact to sociological affects, in and of itself, does not give rise to an EIS pursuant to 40 CFR 1508.14. Accordingly, a FNSI is appropriate and an EIS will not be prepared.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 24, 1998.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the EA or inquiries into the FNSI may be obtained by writing to Mr. Glen Coffee at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, P.O. Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001 or by facsimile at (334) 690-2721.

Dated: March 13, 1998.

Raymond J. Fatz,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

**Program for Qualifying Department of
Defense (DOD) Brokers**

AGENCY: Military Traffic Management
Command, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In previous **Federal Register** notice (Vol. 62, No. 27, pages 5962-5963) Monday, February 10, 1997, the Headquarters, Military Traffic Management Command (HQMTMC) announced a request for comments on the Program for Qualifying Department of Defense (DoD) Brokers. Due to comments received concerning the earlier notice, HQMTMC has decided to test the Broker Program for a period of one year, beginning June 1, 1998 and ending June 1, 1999. Brokers will be allowed to participate in the movement of all DoD freight except for shipments requiring Transportation Protection Services (TPS). Brokers will be evaluated using the same rules as those applied to carriers who are currently approved to do business with the DoD. **ADDRESSES:** Headquarters, Military Traffic Management Command, ATTN: MTOP-QQ, Room 630, 5611 Columbia Pike, Falls Church, Virginia 22041-5050.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Wirtz, MTOP-QQ, telephone 703-681-6393.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: MTMC is the agency established within the DoD for the procurement of land transportation services from commercial carriers on behalf of DOD shippers. Historically brokers could not participate in DOD traffic because the broker was an intermediary between the shipper and the carrier, essentially duplicating the mission performed by MTMC of matching the DOD shipper's requirements with a carrier which can accommodate the move. Brokers were not carriers, did not perform transportation, did not assume responsibility for the transportation, and did not publish tariffs or offer Government rate tenders, or enter into Government bills of lading (GBLs) or other transportation contracts. Today, in the deregulated transportation

environment, brokers can and do conduct carrier operations, perform transportation, and assume responsibility for the transportation, and no reason appears why they may not voluntarily enter into the DOD standard tender/GBL and other transportation contracts arranged by MTMC. Consequently, MTMC is not proposing to change its policy in order to offer brokers the opportunity to qualify for participation in DOD transportation procurements, except shipments requiring a Transportation Protective Services (TPS). Under MTMC's new policy, brokers interested in completing for DOD traffic, except TPS shipments, could apply for qualification by executing the basic Agreement, and by complying with requirements for submission of evidence of insurance (public liability and cargo), a list of underlying carriers which the broker intends to use in the movement of DOD shipments, a performance bond, and other standard requirements.

Frederick G. Wirtz,

Traffic Management Specialist.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

AGENCY: Department of Education

ACTION: Submission for OMB review;
comment request.

SUMMARY: The Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 24, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196. Individuals who use a

telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

Dated: March 19, 1998.

Gloria Parker,

*Deputy Chief Information Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

**Office of Elementary and Secondary
Education**

Type of Review: Extension.

*Title: Comprehensive School Reform
Demonstration Program.*

Frequency: Annually.

*Affected Public: Businesses or other
for-profits; not-for-profit institutions;
State, local or Tribal Gov't; SEAs or
LEAs.*

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping
Hour Burden:*

Responses: 56.

Burden Hours: 2,240.

Abstract: This application will be used by the State Education Agencies (SEAs) to obtain funds to provide competitive grants to local education agencies to assist local Title I and some non-Title I schools to adopt research-based comprehensive school reform models. The information will be used to