

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

OMB No. 0704-386

DFARS PART 219 and Associated Clauses in 252.219

A. Justification

1. This is a request for extension of OMB Control Number 0704-0386, which will expire on March 31, 2008. DoD proposes that OMB extend its approval for use through March 31, 2011. DFARS 219.704 Subcontracting Plan Requirements, and DFARS 252.219-7003 Small Business Subcontracting Plan (DoD Contracts), paragraph (g), require prime contractors, with subcontracting plans that specifically identify small businesses, to notify the Administrative Contracting Officer of any substitutions of firms that are not small business firms for the small business firms specifically identified in the subcontracting plan. Notification must be in writing. Contractor-specified formats are acceptable.

2. DFARS Part 219 prescribes policies and procedures for providing maximum practicable opportunity for small businesses to participate in Department of Defense acquisitions at both the prime and subcontractor levels. The information required by DFARS 252.219-7003(g) assists the Government in monitoring the prime contractor's progress toward achieving its goals for subcontracting with small businesses.

3. Contractors may provide the notification in any format that they choose, including electronic.

4. As a matter of policy, we review the Federal Acquisition Regulation to determine if adequate language already exists. The language in DFARS 219.704 and DFARS 252.219-7003 does not duplicate language in the FAR. The information the contractor provides under DFARS 252.219-7003 is not required elsewhere.

5. Small businesses are not required to submit small business subcontracting plans and are, therefore, not directly affected by the notification requirement. However, small businesses benefit indirectly because this information assists contracting officers in monitoring large businesses' compliance with small business subcontracting plans.

6. Information required by 252.219-7003(g) is submitted by a contractor on an occasional basis, as needed, to notify an administrative contracting officer that the contractor is going to subcontract with a large business, rather than the small business specifically named in the contractor's approved subcontracting plan. This information assists the administrative contracting officer in monitoring the contractor's compliance with its approved small business subcontracting plan. This

of Small Business Programs, who are responsible for the subcontracting program.

13. None.

14. Estimated annual cost to the Government. The time required for Government review is based on receiving, reviewing, and analyzing the information submitted by the contractor. The time estimate is 1 hour per response.

1. Number of responses	41
2. Average hours per response	1
3. Total hours	41
4. Cost per hour	\$33.89
5. Total annual cost to the Government	\$1389.49

Cost per hour is based on a GS-11 Step 5 hourly rate for 2007 (\$25.51) with a 32.85% burden rate applied. The burden rate is based on the current OMB Circular A-76 (May 2003).

The number of respondents and responses is based on consultations with personnel within the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Office of Small Business Programs, who are responsible for the subcontracting program.

15. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection. The total hours for both the public and the Government remain unchanged. The change in "Total annual cost to the public," and Total annual cost to the Government" is due to a higher cost per hour which resulted from inflation.

16. Results of this collection will not be published.

17. We do not seek approval to not display the expiration dates for OMB approval of the information collection.

18. There are no exceptions to the certification accompanying this Paperwork Reduction Act submission.

B. Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods.

Statistical methods will not be employed.

information is needed because the contract may have been in part awarded based on the extent that a contractor was going to subcontract to small businesses. Further, the extent to which a contractor has achieved its small business subcontracting goals in the past is sometimes considered in evaluating a contractor's proposal for future work (FAR 15.304).

7. Collection of this information does not require any of the characteristics of collection cited at 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2).

8. Collection is consistent with the guidelines in 5 CFR 1320.8. Public comments were solicited in the Federal Register on September 26, 2007, 72 FR 54645. No comments were received.

9. No payment or gift will be provided to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors under their contracts.

10. This information is disclosed only to the extent consistent with prudent business practices and current regulations and statutory requirements.

11. No sensitive questions are involved.

12. Estimate of public burden.

a. Estimate of the hour burden

1. Number of respondents	41
2. Responses per respondent	1
3. Total annual responses	41
4. Hours per response	1
5. Total Hours	41
6. Number of recordkeepers	0
7. Hours per recordkeeper	0
8. Total recordkeeping hours	0
9. Total public burden hours	41

b. Estimate of the annual cost to the public

1. Total annual hours	41
2. Cost per hour	\$33.89
3. Total annual cost to the public	\$1389.49

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