

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT
FOR PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT SUBMISSION
9000-0149, Subcontract Consent**

A. Justification.

1. **Administrative requirements.** "Consent to subcontract" means the contracting officer's written consent for the prime contractor to enter into a particular subcontract. The objective of "consent to subcontract" as discussed in FAR Part 44, is to evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness with which the contractor spends Government funds, and complies with Government policy when subcontracting.

2. **Uses of information.** The information in the consent package provides the administrative contracting officer (ACO)(unless the contracting officer retains the contract for administration or withholds the consent responsibility from delegation to the(ACO) a basis for granting, or withholding consent to subcontract.

3. **Consideration of information technology.** We use improved information technology to the maximum extent practicable. Where both the Government agency and contractors are capable of electronic interchange, the contractors may submit this information collection requirement electronically.

4. **Efforts to identify duplication.** This requirement is being issued under the FAR which has been developed to standardize Federal procurement practices and eliminate unnecessary duplication.

5. **If the collection of information impacts small businesses or other entities, describe methods used to minimize burden.** The burden applied to small business is the minimum consistent with applicable laws, Executive orders, regulations, and prudent business practices.

6. **Describe consequence to Federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently.** Collection of this information on other than an individual contract basis is not practicable. Collecting this information less frequently would impede contracting officers from performing their administrative functions in an effective and efficient manner.

7. **Special circumstance for collection.** Collection is consistent with the guidelines in 5 CFR 1320.6.

8. **Efforts to consult with persons outside the agency.** Under the procedures established for development of the FAR, agency and public comments were solicited and each comment addressed before finalization of the text. A notice published in the *Federal Register* at 74 FR 18717, April 24, 2009, made this requirement available to the public and requested comments.
No comments were received.

9. **Explanation of any decision to provide any payment or gift to respondents, other than reenumeration of contractors or guarantees.** Not applicable.

10. **Describe assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents.** This information is disclosed only to the extent consistent with prudent business practice, current regulations and statutory requirements.

11. **Additional justification for questions of a sensitive nature.** No sensitive questions are involved.

12. **Estimated total annual public hour burden.**
Advance notification only. Where contractor has an approved purchasing system.

Number of respondents.....	780
Number of responses per respondent per year...x	<u>15.22</u>
Total annual responses.....	11,872
Review time per response.....x	<u>15min</u>
Total burden hours.....	2,968
Average wages.....x	<u>\$24.12</u>
Total public cost for advance notification....	\$71,588

13. **Estimated total annual public cost burden.**

Consent requirement. Where contractor does not have an approved purchasing system.

Number of respondents.....	3,472
Number of responses per respondent per year...x	<u>1</u>
Total annual responses.....	3,472
Review time per response.....x	<u>3hr</u>
Total burden hours.....	10,416

Average wages.....	x	<u>\$24.12</u>
Total public cost for advance notification....		\$251,234

Data was based on an analysis of DoD and civilian contracting activity.

Wages are based on GS-11 salary, step 5, plus 29.55% burden (OMB Circular A-76).

14. Estimated annual reporting cost to the Government.

Advance notification only. Where contractor has an approved purchasing system.

Total Annual Responses.....		11,872
Review time per response.....	x	<u>10min</u>
Total burden hours.....		1,983
Average wages.....	x	<u>\$24.12</u>
Total Government cost for advance notification.....		\$47,750

Consent requirement. Where contractor does not have an approved purchasing system.

Total annual responses.....		3,472
Review time per response.....	x	<u>3hr</u>
Total burden hours.....		10,346
Average wages.....	x	<u>\$24.12</u>

Total Government cost for advance notification.....		\$249,545.52
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Wages are based on GS-11 salary, step 5, plus 29.55% burden (OMB Circular A-76).

15. Explain reasons for program changes or adjustments reported in Item 13 or 14. This submission requests an extension of OMB approval of an information collection requirement in the FAR. The information collection requirement in the FAR remains unchanged.

16. Outline plans for published results of information collections. Results will not be tabulated or published.

17. **Approval not to display expiration date.** Not applicable.

18. **Explanation of exception to certification statement.** Not applicable.

B. Collection of Information Employing Statistical Methods

Statistical methods will not be employed.