

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT
FOR PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT SUBMISSION
9000-0018, CERTIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION
AND PARENT COMPANY AND IDENTIFYING DATA**

A. Justification.

1. **Administrative requirements.** Agencies are required to report under 41 U.S.C. 252(d) and 10 U.S.C. 2305(d) suspected violations of the antitrust laws (*e.g.*, collusive bidding, identical bids, uniform estimating systems, etc.) to the Attorney General.

2. **Uses of information.** As a first step in assuring that Government contracts are not awarded to firms violating such laws, offerors on Government contracts must complete the certificate of independent price determination. An offer will not be considered for award where the certificate has been deleted or modified. Deletions or modifications of the certificate and suspected false certificates are reported to the Attorney General. Identification of the parent company is required to eliminate some suspected cases of antitrust violations.

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 Federal Acquisition Regulation (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 businesses 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 information on a basis other than solicitation-by-solicitation is not practical.

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

8. **Efforts to consult with person 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 76 FR 16735, on March 25, 2011. 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 practices and current regulations.

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

12 & 13. **Estimated total annual public hour and cost burden.** Time required to read and prepare information is estimated at .04 hours for the first completion, .0083 hours for subsequent completions, or an average of .01 hours per completion.

Certification of Independent Price Determination

Estimated respondents/yr.....	64,250
Responses annually.....	<u>20</u>
Total annual responses.....	1,285,000
Estimated hrs/response.....	<u>.01</u>
Estimated total burden/hrs.....	12,850
Estimated cost to public (\$24 + 75% OH).....	\$539,700

Parent Company and Identifying Data

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Total annual responses.....	1,285,000
Estimated hrs/responses.....	<u>.01</u>
Total burden hours.....	12,850
Cost to public (\$24 x 75% OH).....	\$539,700

14. **Estimated cost to the Government.** Time required for Governmentwide review is estimated at .0083 hours per response.

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Reviewing time/hr.....	.0083
Responses/yr.....	x 1,285,000
Review time/yr.....	10,665.5
Average wages/hr.....	x \$20
Average wages/yr.....	\$213,310
Plus benefits and overhead of 100%.....	+ 213,310
Total Government cost.....	\$426,620

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15. **Explain reasons for program changes or adjustment 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. Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods.

Statistical methods are not used in this information collection.