

OMB No. 0704-XXXX
Supporting Statement

DFARS Part 231-Contract Cost Principles and Procedures

A. Justification

1. Requirement. This is a request for establishment of a new information collection requirement. DoD is amending the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to require major contractors to report IR&D projects.

2. Purpose. The information will provide in-process information from DoD-sponsored IR&D projects to increase the effectiveness by providing visibility into the technical content of industry IR&D activities to meet DoD needs.

3. Information Technology. Improved information technology is used to the maximum extent practicable. This information collection complies with the Government Paperwork Elimination Act, Pub. L. 105-277, Title XVII.

4. Duplication. As a matter of policy, DoD reviews the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to determine if adequate language already exists. This request for information applies solely to DoD and does not duplicate any other requirement. Similar information is not already available to the Government.

5. Small business. The burden applied to small business is the minimum consistent with applicable laws, Executive orders, regulations and prudent business practices. Although the information collection requirement does not reduce the burden on small entities, the information is the minimum needed to effectively monitor DoD-sponsored IR&D projects.

6. Consequences for noncollection. Without collecting this information, DoD will be unable to maximize the value of the IR&D funds the Department disburses without infringing on the independence of a contractor to choose which technologies to pursue in its independent research and development program.

7. Special circumstances. There are no special circumstances for collection. Collection is consistent with the guidelines in 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2).

8. Public comments and consultation. This information collection is consistent with the guidelines in 5 CFR 1320.5(d). Public comments were solicited in the *Federal Register* (76 FR 11414) on March 2, 2011. No public comments were received.

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

10. Confidentiality. This information is disclosed only to the extent consistent with prudent business practices, current regulations, statutory and Freedom of Information Act requirements.

11. Sensitive questions. There are no questions of a sensitive nature.

12. Estimate of public burden.

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| Number of respondents | Note (1) | 700 |
| Responses per respondent | (1) | 38.5 |
| Total annual responses | | 26,950 |
| Hours per response | (1) | 0.5 |
| Total hours | | 13,475 |
| Cost per hour | Note (2) | \$64.04 |
| Total annual cost to public | | \$862,939 |

Notes:

(1) Based on information provided by the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics (AT&L), Office of the Director Defense Research & Engineering (DDR&E) Research Directorate.

(2) Based on GS-13, step 5 hourly rate (\$38.92) for calendar year 2011 plus 24.22% locality pay (\$9.43) and 32.45 percent burden (\$15.69), equals \$64.04 per hour.

13. Estimated nonrecurring costs. We estimate that there are no nonrecurring costs, i.e., capital and start-up, or operation and maintenance costs.

14. Estimated cost to the Government.

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| Total annual responses | Note (1) | 26,950 |
| Hours per response | (2) | .25 |
| Total annual hours | | 6,738 |
| Cost per hour | (1) | \$64.04 |
| Total annual cost to Government | | \$431,470 |

Notes:

(1) See Item 12, above.

(2) The estimated 15 minutes per response is based on the time required for the Government to receive, review, and analyze the information submitted by the contractor.

15. Program changes. This is a new information collection requirement.

16. Publication. Results of this information collection will not be published.

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

18. Certification. 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.