

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR INFORMATION COLLECTION 9000-0013
COST OR PRICING DATA EXEMPTION INFORMATION**

A. Justification.

1. **Administrative requirements.** The Truth in Negotiations Act, 10 U.S.C. 2306a and 40 U.S.C. 254(d), require that the Government obtain certified cost or pricing data from contractors prior to the award of certain contract actions. Contractors may be exempt from this requirement under certain conditions.

2. **Uses of information.** Certified cost or pricing data are used by agencies to assure that contract prices are fair and reasonable.

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 was 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.** Similar information is not already available to the contracting officer or buyer.

7. **Special circumstances for collection.** The data for collection is not collected on a periodic basis, but whenever the offeror submits a proposal on a contract covered by the requirement to submit certified cost or pricing data. The data must be submitted with each offer. Collection is generally consistent with 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 60 day notice was published in the *Federal Register* at 79 FR 51168 on August 27, 2014. No comments were received. A 30 day notice was published in the *Federal Register* at 79 FR 66377 on November 7, 2014. 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 3.89 hours per completion.

Estimated respondents/yr.....	32,111
Responses annually.....	<u>x 6</u>
Total annual responses.....	192,666
Estimated hrs/response.....	<u>x 50.51</u>
Estimated total burden/hrs.....	9,731,560
* Average wages + overhead (\$36.23/hr + 36.25 OH)....	<u>x \$49.36</u>
Estimated cost to public.....	\$480,349,802

Based on a GS-12, step 1, salary plus 36.25 percent burden per OMB Circular A-76

14. **Estimated Cost to the Government.** Time required for Governmentwide review is estimated at .97 hour per response.

Annual Reporting Burden and Cost

Reviewing time/hr.....	.97
Responses/yr.....	x <u>192,666</u>
Review time/yr.....	186,886
* Average wages + overhead (\$36.23/hr + 36.25 OH)....	<u>x \$49.36</u>
Total Government Cost.....	\$9,224,694

* Based on a GS-12, step 1, salary plus 36.25 percent burden per 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 requirements in the FAR remain unchanged. While the average hourly burdened rate from the previously approved information collection has increased to \$49.36 from \$48.00, a reduction in Government contracting has resulted in both a reduction in the annual hour burden from 10,101,684 to 9,731,560 and the annual overall cost from \$9,575,445 to \$9,224,694 to the public.

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 employed.