

SUPPORTING STATEMENT - PART A

GlobalNET User Registration Form – OMB Control Number 0704-0558

Summary of Changes from Previously Approved Collection

- *Increase in respondents by 5,870 (130 to 6,000) which increased overall burden.*

1. Need for the Information Collection

10 U.S.C. 134, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy; DoD Directive 5101.1, DoD Executive Agent, Section 5.2.7; DoD Directive 5105.65, Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA), Section 5.n; DoD Directive 5132.03, DoD Policy and Responsibilities Relating to Security Cooperation; and DoD Directive 5200.41, DoD Centers for Regional Centers for Security Studies, Section 3.1.

GlobalNET collects information on students in order to allow them to share information with peers, faculty, and regional center personnel. GlobalNET is the official DSCA system for performing alumni outreach, facilitating alumnus/professor communication and peer-to-peer communications (or social networking). The system was initiated by PDB 704-004 Regional International Outreach for DSCA signed December 2, 2003:

The USD(P) requested funding to initiate a Regional International Outreach (RIO) effort at the National Defense University (NDU), in coordination with the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA), that will expand on the Partnership for Peace (PfP) Information Management System (PIMS), JFCOM's Regional Security Cooperation Network (RSCN), and the NDU outreach programs in support of the Defense Planning Guidance related to focused security cooperation. The alternative funds a new program with a management office and activities at NDU that, in coordination with DSCA, leverages Joint Professional Military Education and training initiatives and information technology to enhance co-development of U.S. and alliance international educational content in support of international partners, Theater Security Cooperation Programs, individual Ambassador Plans, and regional civilian-military outreach.

DSCA was given the management of the system on Aug 23, 2005 through an Information Memo I-05/010987-STRAT signed by PDUSP Ryan Henry:

DSCA will act as lead agent to ensure coordination with OUSD(P) and provide requirements and guidance for implementing the GlobalNET site. DSCA will assign a program manager for matters associated with implementation of the RIO suite. DSCA will maintain a configuration control process for the technical aspects of the RIO program.

Furthermore, DSCA was assigned as the Executive Agent for the regional centers for Security Studies through Information Memorandum 19340-05. Per responsibilities of the executive agent, DSCA shall:

“5.2.6. Obtain reports and information, consistent with DoD Directive 8910.1 (reference (f)), as necessary, to carry out assigned DoD Executive Agent responsibilities, functions, and authorities.

5.2.7. Establish, maintain, and preserve information as records, consistent with DoD Directive 5015.2.”

DSCA collects information in support of each of these directions.

2. Use of the Information

Any user and/or participant of GlobalNET partner organizations¹ requesting a GlobalNET account is required to complete an online request via the GlobalNET website. Users consist of International or DoD government/contractor personnel, students, and professors. The information collected will be used for account creation for GlobalNET. GlobalNET is used by alumni, alumnus, professors, and peers for outreach and collaboration, to search course and event information, and to access news. Users can also search for other users by user name. Mandatory information consists of given name, family name, and email address. If the information is not provided, the user will not be able to establish a GlobalNET account. Other profile information can be included consisting of title, organization, and biographical descriptions. This information is voluntary and users have the ability to identify what information he/she wants to share with select users. Once users submit their information into the GlobalNET partner website by clicking on a “Request an account” link, they fill out a form with their name, email address, and reason for requesting an account. The request is then reviewed by an organization manager who validates the reason for the request (typically someone who has been invited to a course or event by one of the partner organizations) approves the request, and a one-time login link is sent back to the requestors email address. The requestor may then use the login link to login, accept the terms of service, and set their password. If the reason for requesting an account is not valid, the request is denied.

¹ As of September 2022: The Africa Center for Strategic Studies, Daniel K Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, the Defense Language Institute English Language Center, Dept of Defense Civilian Leader Development Program, George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies, Institute for Security Governance, Institute for Security Governance Logistics, Inter-American Air Forces Academy, Ministry of Defense Advisors Program, NATO School Oberammergau, Naval Postgraduate School, Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies, Partnership for Peace Consortium of Defense Academies and Security Studies Institutes, Partnership for Peace - NATO Network, Security Cooperation Collaboration Network, Ted Stevens Center for Arctic Security Studies, US Army War College International Fellows Program, and the William J. Perry Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies.

3. Use of Information Technology

GlobalNET is a web based application and collects 100% of its information electronically. Users complete the user registration form online via the GlobalNET website and no physical documents/papers are collected for use.

4. Non-duplication

The information obtained through this collection is unique and is not already available for use or adaptation from another cleared source.

5. Burden on Small Businesses

This information collection does not impose a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small businesses or entities.

6. Less Frequent Collection

The collection of the information is voluntary and on occasion, not on any specific frequency. Failure to provide minimal information for the user registration form could result in the individual not receiving a GlobalNET account.

7. Paperwork Reduction Act Guidelines

This collection of information does not require collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with the guidelines delineated in 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2).

8. Consultation and Public Comments

Part A: PUBLIC NOTICE

A 60-Day Federal Register Notice (FRN) for the collection published on Monday, January 15, 2026. The 60-Day FRN citation is in Volume 91 FR 1771.

No comments were received during the 60-Day Comment Period.

A 30-Day Federal Register Notice for the collection published on Thursday, March 26, 2026. The 30-Day FRN citation is 91 FR 14687.

Comments were received during the 30-day comment period. They are included below in the order they were received. As well as our agencies response to the comment.

Comment 1: Your description of GlobalNET on reginfo.gov says, "Abstract: GlobalNET is a web based information technology platform to improve international partner outreach and collaboration efforts in a federated environment. GlobalNET was designed to promote outreach and collaboration among alumni, students, and subject matter experts (SME) of regional centers for security studies, educational institutions, and organizations examining international security cooperation. Information collected includes name, citizenship, e-mail address, telephone #, gender, date of birth, education, biographic information to create online profile/account."

Pursuant to Executive Order 14168 of January 20, 2025, please ensure the Agency Head has updated OMB on this platform's collection of "gender" information.

<https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2025-02090>

Response 1: IAW Executive Order 14168, GlobalNet IT platform was adjusted to read:

From: Gender

TO: Sex

Completion of this process has been documented upon submission of an updated SORN on April 15, 2025.

Part B: CONSULTATION

No additional consultation apart from soliciting public comments through the Federal Register was conducted for this submission.

9. Gifts or Payment

No payments or gifts are being offered to respondents as an incentive to participate in the collection.

10. Confidentiality

A Privacy Act Statement is not required for this collection because we are not requesting individuals to furnish personal information for a system of records.

The SORN can be accessed by visiting the following link:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/04/24/2018-08451/privacy-act-of-1974-system-of-records>

A copy of the PIA, DD2930_PIA_GlobalNET_Revised_202210.pdf, has been provided with this package for OMB's review

11. Sensitive Questions

No questions considered sensitive are being asked in this collection.

12. Respondent Burden and its Labor Costs

- 1) Collection Instrument(s)
GlobalNET Registration
 - a) Number of Respondents: 6,000
 - b) Number of Responses Per Respondent: 1
 - c) Number of Total Annual Responses: 6,000
 - d) Response Time: 5 min
 - e) Respondent Burden Hours 500 hours

- 2) Total Submission Burden
 - a) Total Number of Respondents 6,000
 - b) Total Number of Annual Responses: 6,000
 - c) Total Respondent Burden Hours: 500 hours

Part B: LABOR COST OF RESPONDENT BURDEN

- 1) Collection Instrument(s)
GlobalNET Registration
 - a) Number of Total Annual Responses: 6,000
 - b) Response Time: 5 min
 - c) Respondent Hourly Wage: \$22.00
 - d) Labor Burden per Response: \$1.83
 - e) Total Labor Burden: \$10,980

- 2) Overall Labor Burden
 - a) Total Number of Annual Responses: 6,000
 - b) Total Labor Burden: \$10,980

The Respondent hourly wage was determined by using the Bureau of Labor Statistics Wage Estimate Website (https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_nat.htm)

13. Respondent Costs Other Than Burden Hour Costs

There are no annualized costs to respondents other than the labor burden costs addressed in Section 12 of this document to complete this collection.

14. Cost to the Federal Government

Part A: LABOR COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

- 1) Collection Instrument(s)
GlobalNET Registration

- a) Number of Total Annual Responses: 6,000
 - b) Processing Time per Response: 5 min
 - c) Hourly Wage of Worker(s) Processing Responses: \$22.00
 - d) Cost to Process Each Response: \$1.83
 - e) Total Cost to Process Responses: \$10,980
- 2) Overall Labor Burden to the Federal Government
- a) Total Number of Annual Responses: 6,000
 - b) Total Labor Burden: \$10,980

Part B: OPERATIONAL AND MAINTENANCE COSTS

- 1) Cost Categories
- a) Equipment: \$ 0
 - b) Printing: \$ 0
 - c) Postage: \$ 0
 - d) Software Purchases: \$ 0
 - e) Licensing Costs: \$ 0
 - f) Other (system operational contract): \$1,500,000.00
- 2) Total Operational and Maintenance Cost: \$1,500,000.00

Part C: TOTAL COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

- 1) Total Labor Cost to the Federal Government: \$10,980
- 2) Total Operational and Maintenance Costs: \$1,500,000
- 3) Total Cost to the Federal Government: \$1,510,980

15. Reasons for Change in Burden

The burden has increased due to an increase in respondents.

16. Publication of Results

The results of this information collection will not be published.

17. Non-Display of OMB Expiration Date

We are not seeking approval to omit the display of the expiration date of the OMB approval on the collection instrument.

18. Exceptions to "Certification for Paperwork Reduction Submissions"

We are not requesting any exemptions to the provisions stated in 5 CFR 1320.9.