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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Announcing a Public Workshop on Personal Identity Verification (PIV) of Federal Employees/Contractors

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

ACTION: Notice of public workshop.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) announces a public workshop to obtain information on secure and reliable methods of verifying the identity of Federal employees and Federal contractors who are authorized access to Federal facilities and Federal information systems. An agenda and related information for the workshop will be available before the workshop from the NIST Computer Security Resource Center Web site at <http://csrc.nist.gov>. This workshop is not being held in anticipation of a procurement activity.

DATES: The PIV Public workshop will be held on October 7, 2004, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The PIV Public workshop will take place in a hotel facility in Gaithersburg, Maryland. Information about the meeting location and hotel accommodations will be available at <http://csrc.nist.gov> by September 8, 2004.

Registration: Registration prior to 5 p.m. October 3, 2004, is required. All registrations must be done online at <https://rproxy.nist.gov/CRS/>. Please go to this Conference Registration link and complete the registration form for the October 7, 2004 PIV Public Workshop. The registration fee is \$95.00 and will include a continental breakfast and a deli-style lunch. A visitor's identification badge will be issued to all registered participants. The registrar for the workshop is Teresa Vicente (telephone: 301-975-3883; e-mail: teresa.vicente@nist.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Curt Barker (e-mail: wbarker@nist.gov; telephone: 301-975-8443; fax 301-948-1233) or Dr. Dennis Branstad (e-mail: Branstad@nist.gov; telephone: 301-975-4060) for technical information regarding the workshop.

Background Information: On August 27, 2004, President Bush signed the Homeland Security Presidential Directive/HSPD-12 (see <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2004/08/20040827-8.html>) establishing a policy for a Common Identification Standard for Federal Employees and Contractors. This Directive states that the Secretary of Commerce shall promulgate a Federal standard within six months that assures secure and reliable forms of identification of Federal Employees and Federal Contractor Employees in many applications. The principal objectives of the standard are to create a secure and reliable automated system that may be used Government-wide to: (1) Establish the authentic true identity of an individual; (2) issue an PIV token (e.g., smartcard) to each authenticated individual which can later be used to verify the identity of the individual using appropriate technical means when access to a secure Federal facility or information system is requested; (3) be based on graduated criteria that provide appropriate levels of assurance and security to the application; (4) be strongly resistant to identity fraud, counterfeiting, and exploitation by individuals, terrorist organizations, or conspiracy groups; and (5) initiate development and use of interoperable automated systems meeting these objectives.

NIST is planning to propose a Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) tentatively entitled Personal Identity Verification as the primary document specified in HSPD-12. The envisioned standard may likely address operational requirements and the technical framework, architecture, and specifications for an automated system that will provide secure and reliable forms of identification to be issued by the Federal Government to its employees and contractors (including contractor employees). We anticipate that the technical focus will primarily be on electronic identity verification and access authorization credentials securely contained in an integrated-circuit token (e.g., smartcard) containing biometric characteristics (e.g., fingerprint image, facial image) of the individual to whom the token was issued for later identity verification. The standard shall not apply to identification associated with national security systems as defined by 44 U.S.C. 3542(b)(2).

Authority: NIST is conducting this workshop in accordance with HSPD-12 and within its authority under the Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002, the Information Technology

Management Reform Act of 1996, Executive Order 13011, and OMB Circular A-130.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request.

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness).

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) announces the following proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by November 15, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Department of Defense Education Activity, 4040 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203-1635, ATTN: Ms. Judith L. Williams.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address or call at (703) 588-3143.

Title and OMB Control Number: "Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Customer Satisfaction Surveys for Sponsors and Students"; OMB Control Number 0704-0421.

Needs and Uses: The DoDEA Customer Satisfaction Surveys are a tool used to measure the satisfaction level of

sponsors and students with the programs and services provided by the DoD Education Activity (DoDEA). This collection is necessary to meet DoD Reform Initiative Directive #23: Defense Agency Performance Contracts which states: "The Directors of the specified Agencies and Field Activities will submit a performance contract covering the period of the Future Years Defense Plan (FYDP) FY 2000 through FY 2005. Each performance contract shall include measures of customer satisfaction with the goods and services provided by the Agency or Field Activity, including the timeliness of deliveries of products and services."

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Burden Hours: 3,261 hours.

Number of Respondents: 11,901.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.

Frequency: Biennially.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

The DoDEA Customer Satisfaction Surveys for Sponsors and Students will be administered to all sponsors within the DoDEA school system, as well as students in grades 4–12. The survey is completely voluntary and will be administered through an on-line, web-based technology. In order to have national comparison data, the survey questions were adapted from the Phi Delta Kappa/Gallup Poll of the Public's Attitudes Toward Schools. Some questions were altered slightly so that the wording more closely matched the unique DoDEA educational experience, however, any alterations should not affect the interpretation and comparison to the national data. The surveys will give sponsors and students an opportunity to comment on their levels of satisfaction with programmatic issues related to DoD schools. Some of the topics included in the surveys are curriculum, communication, and technology. The surveys will be administered biennially.

The information derived from these surveys will be used to improve planning efforts at all levels throughout DoDEA. Schools, districts, and areas will use the survey results to gain insight into the satisfaction levels of sponsors and students, which is one of many measures used for future planning of programs and services offered to DoDEA's students. The survey results will also be used to monitor the DoDEA Community Strategic Plan.

Dated: September 8, 2004.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, announces the proposed extension of a currently approved collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by November 15, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should submit written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection to: U.S./Canada Joint Certification Office, Federal Center, DLIS-SB, Attn: Stephen G. Riley, 74 Washington Ave., N, Suite 7, Battle Creek, MI 49017-3084, E-mail: Stephen.Riley@dla.mil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request further information on this proposed information collection, or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instrument, please write to the above address.

Title Associated Form and OMB Number: Military Critical Technical Data Agreement, DD Form 2345, OMB Control Number 0704-0207.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary as a basis for certifying enterprises or

individuals to have access to DoD export-controlled militarily critical technical data subject to the provisions of 32 CFR 250. Enterprises and individuals that need access to unclassified DoD-controlled militarily critical technical data must certify on DD Form 2345, Militarily Critical Technical Data Agreement, that data will be used only in ways that will inhibit unauthorized access and maintain the protection afforded by U.S. export control laws. The information collected is disclosed only to the extent consistent with prudent business practices, current regulations, and statutory requirements and is so indicated on the Privacy Act Statement of DD Form 2345.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit; non-profit institutions.

Annual Burden Hours: 2,000.

Number of Annual Responses: 6,000.

Annual Responses to Respondent: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 20 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

Use of DD Form 2345 permits U.S. and Canada defense contractors to certify their eligibility to obtain certain unclassified technical data with military and space applications. Nonavailability of this information prevents defense contractors from accessing certain restricted databases and obstructs conference attendance where restricted data will be discussed.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

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36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Defense Security Cooperation Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of a section 36(b)(1) arms sales notification. This is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of Public Law 104-164 dated 21 July 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. J. Hurd, DSCA/OPS-ADMIN, (703) 604-6575.