

A. Purpose

On February 19, 1998, a revised OMB Circular A-119, "Federal Participation in the Development and Use of Voluntary Consensus Standards and in Conformity Assessment Activities," was published in the **Federal Register** at 63 FR 8545, February 19, 1998. FAR Subparts 11.1 and 11.2 were revised and a solicitation provision was added at 52.211-7, Alternatives to Government-Unique Standards, to implement the requirements of the revised OMB circular. If an alternative standard is proposed, the offeror must furnish data and/or information regarding the alternative in sufficient detail for the Government to determine if it meets the Government's requirements.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 100.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

TOTAL RESPONSES: 100.

Hours Per Response: 1.

Total Burden Hours: 100.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals:

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (V), Room 4035, 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0153, OMB Circular A-119, in all correspondence.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION****NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[OMB Control No. 9000-0043]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Information Collection; Delivery Schedules

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat will be submitting to the

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning delivery schedules. The clearance currently expires on March 31, 2005.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the FAR, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Submit comments on or before February 14, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (V), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0043, Delivery Schedules, in all correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT

Jeritta Parnell, Contract Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-4082.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**A. Purpose**

The time of delivery or performance is an essential contract element and must be clearly stated in solicitations and contracts. The contracting officer may set forth a required delivery schedule or may allow an offeror to propose an alternate delivery schedule. The information is needed to assure supplies or services are obtained in a timely manner.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 3,440.

Responses Per Respondent: 5.

Total Responses: 17,200.

Hours Per Response: .167.

Total Burden Hours: 2,872.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Defense Logistics Agency****Cost Sharing Cooperative Agreement Applications**

AGENCY: Defense Logistics Agency (DLA).

ACTION: Notice of solicitation for cost sharing cooperative agreement applications.

SUMMARY: The Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) issued a solicitation for cooperative agreement applications (SCAA) to assist state and local governments and other nonprofit eligible entities in establishing or maintaining procurement technical assistance centers (PTACs). These centers help business firms market their goods and services to the Department of Defense (DoD), other federal agencies, and state and/or local government agencies. Notice of the issuance of this SCAA was published in the March 18, 2003 **Federal Register** (Volume 68, Number 52, page 12897). This solicitation governs the submission of applications for calendar years 2003 thru 2007 and applies to all applications from all eligible entities, including Indian Economic Enterprises and Indian Tribal Organizations. The current and applicable SCAA is available at the Internet Web site listed below. The FY 2005 DoD Appropriations Act (Pub. L. 108-287) has appropriated funds for the continuance of the program in FY 2005 and requires DoD to make available not less than \$3.6 million for applicants that meet the definition 10 U.S.C. 2411(1)(D). The 3 existing PTACs meeting this definition will not utilize the entire \$3.6 million, therefore, pursuant to Section "I" paragraph "K" of the SCAA, notice is hereby given that limited additional funds are available in order to accept applications for additional new programs from eligible entities, but limited only to those that meet either definition listed in Section "II" paragraphs "19.d" (Indian Economic Enterprise) or "19.e" (Indian Tribal Organization) of the SCAA. However, applications will only be accepted from eligible entities that propose programs that will provide service to areas that are not currently receiving service from an existing program. This provision prohibiting

applications from new programs proposing to service areas currently receiving service from an existing program is absolute, and the provisions of the last sentence of Section V, paragraph C. of the SCAA do not apply should a new applicant propose to service an area currently receiving service from an existing program.

DATES: On-line submissions of applications for new programs will be available on or about December 10, 2004. The closing date for the submission of applications is January 21, 2005 (see Section IV, paragraph C. regarding timely applications). Applications received after January 21, 2005 will not be accepted.

The SCAA is currently available for review on the Internet Web site: <http://www.dla.mil/db/scaa2003.pdf>.

Printed copies are not available for distribution.

Eligible entities may only submit an application as outlined in Section IV of the SCAA. In order to comply with the electronic portion of the submission, applicants must obtain a log in account and password from DLA. To obtain these, applicants must furnish the Grants Officer written evidence that they meet the criteria of an eligible entity as set forth in either paragraph "19.d" or "19.e" of Section II of the SCAA. This information should be mailed or otherwise delivered to: HQ, Defense Logistics Agency, Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization Office (DB Room 1127), 8725 John J. Kingman Road, Ft. Belvoir, VA 22060-6221.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have any questions or need additional information please contact Ms. Diana Maykowskyj at (703) 767-1656.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA Nos: 84.015A and 84.015B]

Office of Postsecondary Education, International Education Programs Service

ACTION: Notice announcing technical assistance workshop for fiscal year (FY)2006 National Resource Centers for Foreign Language and Area Studies or Foreign Language and International Studies and Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships Programs.

SUMMARY: This notice provides information about a workshop to assist institutions of higher education interested in preparing grant applications for FY2006 new awards under the Title VI, National Resource Centers (NRC) and Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships Programs. Program staff will present information about the purpose of these programs, selection criteria, application content, submission procedures, and reporting requirements.

Although the Department has not yet announced an application deadline date in the **Federal Register** for the FY2006 NRC and FLAS competition, the Department is holding this workshop to give potential applicants guidance for preparing applications for the competition we expect to conduct in FY2006. Specific requirements for the FY2006 competition will be published in a separate **Federal Register** notice. This notice announces the technical assistance workshop only.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cheryl Gibbs, Ed McDermott, Sara Starke, Karla Ver Bryck Block, or Amy Wilson, International Education Programs Service, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20006-8521. Telephone: (202) 501-7700 or by e-mail: OPE_NRC-FLAS@ed.gov.

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Individuals with disabilities may obtain this document in an alternative format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to the program contact persons listed in this section.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The technical assistance workshop will be held as follows:

Arlington, Virginia: Registration, 5 p.m.-7 p.m., Sunday, February 13. Technical Assistance Workshop sessions will be conducted 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday and Tuesday, February 14-15, 2005. Crystal Gateway Marriott, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202, Telephone: 1 (800) 228-9290 or (703) 920-3230.

There is no registration fee for this workshop. However, space at the workshop is limited. Attendees are required to make their own reservations directly with the hotel. The Department has reserved a limited number of rooms at the hotel at a special government per diem room rate of \$150.00. To reserve this rate, be certain to inform the hotel that you are attending the "U.S. Department of Education NRC and

FLAS Technical Assistance Workshop." You must make your reservations on or before Saturday, January 22, 2005.

Assistance to Individuals With Disabilities Attending the Technical Assistance Workshop

The technical assistance workshop site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. If you will need an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the workshop (e.g., interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternative format) notify the contact persons listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** at least two weeks before the scheduled workshop date. Although we will attempt to meet a request received after this date, we may not be able to make available the requested auxiliary aid or service because of insufficient time to arrange it.

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Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments

December 10, 2004.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Request for Office of Management and Budget emergency