

*Abstract:* Section 4d(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act (CEA), 7 U.S.C. 6d(c), requires the CFTC to consult with the SEC and issue such rules, regulations, or orders as are necessary to avoid duplicative or conflicting regulations applicable to firms that are fully registered with the SEC as brokers or dealers (broker-dealers) and the CFTC as futures commission merchants (FCMs) involving provisions of the CEA that pertain to the treatment of customer funds. The CFTC, jointly with the SEC, issued regulations requiring such dually-registered firms to make choices as to how its customers' transactions in security futures products (SFP) will be treated, either as securities transactions held in a securities account or as futures transactions held in a futures account. How an account is treated is important in the unlikely event of the insolvency of the firm. Securities accounts receive insurance protection under provisions of the Securities Investor Protection Act. By contrast, futures accounts are subject to the protections provided by the segregations requirements of the CEA.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for the CFTC's regulations were published on December 30, 1981. See 46 FR 63035 (Dec. 30, 1981). The OMB control number for the CFTC's rules relating to security futures products was published on August 23, 2001. See 66 FR 44490 (Aug. 23, 2001).

The Commission would like to solicit comments to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have a practical use;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the Commission's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology; *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

*Burden Statement:* The respondent burden for this collection is estimated to average .59 hours per response. These estimates include the time needed to

review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

*Respondents/Affected Entities:* 144.

*Estimated number of responses:* 2,739.

*Estimated total annual burden on respondents:* 1,620.48 hours.

*Frequency of collection:* On occasion. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose or provide information to or for a federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Dated: August 15, 2007.

**David A. Stawick,**

*Secretary of the Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

### NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-00XX]

#### **Federal Acquisition Regulation; Submission for OMB Review; Online Procurement Services—Industry Outreach Feedback Survey and Online Procurement Services—Reverse Auction Service Providers Outreach Feedback Survey**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comments regarding a request for a new OMB clearance.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44

U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the Office of Federal Procurement Policy's (OFPP) and the General Services Administration's (GSA) intention to initiate a new information collection to conduct two surveys on Online Procurement Services. The results from these surveys will be incorporated into a report to Congress. A request for public comments was published in the **Federal Register** at 72 FR 19884, on April 20, 2007. No comments were received.

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 September 20, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (VIR), 1800 F. Street, NW., Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** Ms. Julie Basile, Procurement Policy Analyst, Office of Management and Budget, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 9013, Washington, DC 20503 or via e-mail to [jbasile@omb.eop.gov](mailto:jbasile@omb.eop.gov) or via telephone on (202) 395-4821.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **A. Purpose**

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (P. L. 109-360) requires OFPP, in consultation with the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council, to review the use of online procurement services, such as reverse auction services, and identify types of commercial item procurements that are suitable for the use of such services; and features that should be provided by online procurement services that are used by Federal agencies. To conduct this review, a survey will be issued to the Government and industry buying activities and to reverse auction service

providers. The information collected through the surveys will be used to determine how the Government buying activities can most effectively use reverse auctions as a tool to support Government requiring activities and ensure that the U.S. taxpayer is best served. To view the two draft surveys—entitled, Online Procurement Services—Government and Industry Outreach Feedback and Online Procurement Services—Reverse Auction Service Providers Outreach Feedback, visit <http://www.acquisition.gov>.

**Title:** Online Procurement Services—Government and Industry Outreach Feedback; and Online Procurement Services—Reverse Auction Service Providers Outreach Feedback.

**OMB Number:** Not Yet Assigned.

**Expiration Date:** Not yet determined.

**Type of Request:** New collection of information.

**Abstract:** The purpose of these two one-time surveys are to determine how Government buying activities can most effectively use reverse auctions as a tool to support Government requiring activities and to ensure the U.S. taxpayer is best served.

**Affected Public:** Two respondent groups are identified and will receive similar surveys on Online Procurement Services: Government and industry buying activities; and reverse auction service providers. However, for the purposes of this collection we are counting the industry buying activities and reverse auction service providers.

## B. Annual Reporting Burden

**Respondents:** 580 (not to exceed 1000).

**Responses Per Respondent:** 1.

**Annual Responses:** 580 (not to exceed 1000).

**Hours Per Response:** 0.50.

**Total Burden Hours:** 290.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** approximately 580 and not expected to exceed 1000. The estimated number of industry respondents to the Government and Industry Buying Activities Survey is 550. The estimated number of industry respondents to the Reverse Auction Survey is 30 based on the Government's latest market research. **Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:** 1 per company. The number of responses per respondent is one for each of the two surveys. Each respondent will only be required to complete one survey once. **Estimated Total Annual Responses:** approximately 580 and not expected to exceed 1000 (580 x 1). **Estimated Time per Response:** 30 minutes (0.50 hours). The estimated average time for industry to respond to Government and Industry Buying Activity Survey is approximately 15 minutes (0.25 hours), based on a pre-test of the draft instrument by Government

employees. The data collection instrument for the Reverse Auction Service Providers Survey was pre-tested on a support contractor, a related business sector. The Reverse Auction Service Providers Survey instrument is similar to the Government and Industry Buying Activity Survey; therefore, the pre-test results for the Government and Industry Buying Activity Survey are used to estimate average response time for the Reverse Auction Service Providers Survey, which is 15 minutes (0.25 hours). **Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:** 290 hours (580 x 0.50).

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

## C. Annual Review Burden and Cost

**Responses:** 580.

**Review Time Per Response:** .45.

**Total Burden Hours:** 261.

**Cost Per Hour:** \$45.00.

**Total Cost:** \$11,745.00.

**OBTAINING COPIES OF PROPOSALS:** Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (VIR), Room 4035, 1800 F. Street, NW., Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-00XX, Online Procurement Services—Industry Outreach Feedback Survey and Online.

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**Al Matera,**

*Director, Office of Acquisition Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[IC07-80-001, FERC Form 80]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities, Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension

August 14, 2007.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for

review and reinstatement of this information collection requirement. Any interested person may file comments directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission received comments from two commenters in response to an earlier **Federal Register** notice of April 16, 2007 (72 FR 18967-68) and has responded to those comments in the justification that it is submitting to OMB. Copies of this submission were also sent to the commenters.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due by September 21, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Address comments on the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. Comments to OMB should be filed electronically, *c/o oira\_submission@omb.eop.gov* and include the OMB Control No. as a point of reference. The Desk Officer may be reached by telephone at 202-395-7345. A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Executive Director, ED-34, Attention: Michael Miller, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments may be filed either in paper format or electronically. Those persons filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. For paper filings an original and 14 copies of such comments should be submitted to the Secretary of the Commission, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426 and should refer to Docket No. IC07-80-001.

Documents filed electronically via the Internet must be prepared in WordPerfect, MS Word, Portable Document Format, or ASCII format. To file the document, access the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> and click on "Make an E-Filing," and then follow the instructions for each screen. First time users will have to establish a user name and password. The Commission will send an automatic acknowledgement to the sender's e-mail address upon receipt of comments. User assistance for electronic filings is available at 202-502-8258 or by e-mail to [efiling@ferc.gov](mailto:efiling@ferc.gov). Comments should not be submitted to this e-mail address.

All comments may be viewed, printed or downloaded remotely via the Internet through FERC's homepage using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in