

variety of surface-to-air and air-to-air RF threats. The system operates in a standalone or Electronic Warfare (EW) suite mode. In the EW suite mode, the ALQ-214 operates in a fully coordinated mode with the towed dispensable decoy, Radar Warning Receiver (RWR), and the onboard radar in the F/A-18E/F in a coordinated, non-interference manner sharing information for enhanced information. The ALQ-214 was designed to operate in a high-density Electromagnetic Hostile Environment with the ability to identify and counter a wide variety of multiple threats, including those with Doppler characteristics. Hardware within the AN/ALQ-214 is classified Confidential.

4. The AN/ALR-67(V)3 Electric Warfare Countermeasures Receiving Set is classified Confidential. The AN/ALR-67(V)3 provides the F/A-18F aircrew with radar threat warnings by detecting and evaluating friendly and hostile radar frequency threat emitters and providing identification and status information about the emitters to on-board Electronic Warfare (EW) equipment and the aircrew. The OFP and User Data Files (UDF) used in the AN/ALR-67(V)3 are classified Secret. Those software programs contain threat parametric data used to identify and establish priority of detected radar emitters.

5. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures, which might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0144]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Submission for OMB Review; Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer

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 (9000-0144).

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 payment by electronic funds transfer. A request for public comments was published in the **Federal Register** at 73 FR 30611, May 28, 2008. 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 24, 2008.

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 (VPR), 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4041, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0144, Payment by

Electronic Funds Transfer, in all correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT Ms. Meredith Murphy, Contract Policy Division, GSA, (202) 208-6925.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

The FAR requires certain information to be provided by contractors which would enable the Government to make payments under the contract by electronic funds transfer (EFT). The information necessary to make the EFT transaction is specified in clause 52.232-33, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—Central Contractor Registration, which the contractor is required to provide prior to award, and clause 52.232-34, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer—Other than Central Contractor Registration, which requires EFT information to be provided as specified by the agency to enable payment by EFT.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 14,000.
Responses Per Respondent: 10.
Annual Responses: 140,000.
Hours Per Response: .5.
Total Burden Hours: 70,000.
Obtaining Copies of Proposals:
Requesters may obtain a copy of the

information collection documents from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (VPR), Room 4041, 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0144, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer, in all correspondence.

Dated: August 15, 2008.

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Director, Office of Acquisition Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Wetlands Involvement for the Abengoa Biorefinery Project Near Hugoton, KS (DOE/EIS 0407)

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement, conduct a public scoping meeting, and opportunity for public comment; Notice of Wetlands Involvement.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Council on Environmental Quality NEPA regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] Parts 1500-1508), and the DOE NEPA regulations (10 CFR Part 1021) to assess the potential environmental impacts of a project proposed by Abengoa Bioenergy Biomass of Kansas, LLC (ABBK), to construct and operate a biomass-to-ethanol and energy facility near Hugoton, Kansas (hereinafter termed "Abengoa Biorefinery Project" or the "Project"). DOE's proposed action is to provide cost-share Federal funding to ABBK to construct and operate the Project. DOE is issuing this Notice of Intent to inform the public about the proposed action; announce plans to conduct a public scoping meeting; invite public participation in the scoping process; and solicit public comments for consideration in establishing the scope of the EIS, including the range of reasonable alternatives and the potential environmental impacts to be analyzed.

DATES: The public scoping period begins on August 25, 2008, and will continue through October 9, 2008. DOE will consider all comments received or

postmarked by October 9, 2008, in defining the scope of this EIS. Comments received or postmarked after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. A public scoping meeting will be held in Memorial Hall at the Stevens County Courthouse, Hugoton, Kansas, on September 10, 2008 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Written and oral comments will be given equal weight.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the scope of the EIS should be directed to Kristin Kerwin at the U.S. Department of Energy Golden Field Office, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Golden, Colorado 80401. You may also contact Ms. Kerwin by telephone at 303-275-4968, facsimile at 303-275-4790, or e-mail: kristin.kerwin@go.doe.gov. Envelopes and the subject line of e-mails should be labeled "Abengoa EIS Scoping Comments."

The public scoping meeting will be held on September 10, 2008 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the following location: Memorial Hall, Stevens County Courthouse, 200 East 6th St., Hugoton, Kansas 67951-2606.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the proposed project, information on how to comment, or to receive a copy of the draft EIS when it is issued, contact Kristin Kerwin by any of the means described in the **ADDRESSES** section above.

For further information on the DOE Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Integrated Biorefinery Program, contact Jacques Beaudry-Losique, Biomass Program Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., EE-2E, 5H-021, Washington, DC 20585, telephone: 202-586-5188, facsimile: 202-586-1640, e-mail: eere_biomass@ee.doe.gov.

For general information on the DOE NEPA process, please contact: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (GC-20), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0103; e-mail: AskNEPA@hq.doe.gov; telephone: 202-586-4600; leave a message at 1-800-472-2756; or facsimile: 202-586-7031.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background and Need for Agency Action: The Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPA 2005), Section 932, directs the Secretary of Energy to conduct a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application for bioenergy, including, integrated biorefineries that may produce biopower, biofuels, and bioproducts. Section 932 provides that

"the goals of the biofuels and bioproducts programs shall be to develop, in partnership with industry and institutes of higher education—

(1) Advanced biochemical and thermochemical conversion technologies capable of making fuels from lignocellulosic feedstocks that are price-competitive with gasoline or diesel in either internal combustion engines or fuel cell-powered vehicles;

(2) Advanced biotechnology processes capable of making biofuels and bioproducts with emphasis on development of biorefinery technologies using enzyme-based processing systems;

(3) Advanced biotechnology processes capable of increasing energy production from lignocellulosic feedstocks, with emphasis on reducing the dependence of industry on fossil fuels in manufacturing facilities; and

(4) Other advanced processes that will enable the development of cost-effective bioproducts, including biofuels."

Section 932(d) provides that "the Secretary shall carry out a program to demonstrate the commercial application of integrated biorefineries. The Secretary shall ensure geographical distribution of biorefinery demonstration under this subsection. The Secretary shall not provide more than \$100,000,000 under this subsection for any single biorefinery demonstration. In making awards under this subsection, the Secretary shall encourage—

(A) The demonstration of a wide variety of lignocellulosic feedstocks;

(B) The commercial application of biomass technologies for a variety of uses, including—

- i. Liquid transportation fuels;
- ii. High-value biobased chemicals;
- iii. Substitutes for petroleum-based feedstocks and products; and
- iv. Energy in the form of electricity or useful heat; and

(C) The demonstration of the collection of treatment of a variety of biomass feedstocks."

Section 932(d) further directs the Secretary to solicit proposals for demonstration of advanced biorefineries and to select only proposals that demonstrate economic viability without Federal subsidy after initial construction costs are paid and for projects that are replicable.

In implementing section 932, DOE's goal is to demonstrate that commercial-scale integrated biorefineries that use a wide variety of lignocellulosic feedstocks (biomass), can operate profitably once constructed, and can be replicated. Lignocellulosic feedstock includes energy crops, corn fiber, wood wastes, agricultural wastes such as corn