

organizations by providing seed money to help new and start-up organizations, and established organizations proposing new projects or programs, plan and implement new service programs that have the potential of becoming national in scope. For the reasons stated above, it is essential that the grant process begin this month. Therefore, the Corporation has requested OMB's emergency review and approval by September 9, 2003.

Dated: August 28, 2003.

Amy R. Mack,

Chief of Staff, Office of Chief Executive Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0114]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Submission for OMB Review; Right of First Refusal of Employment

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 (9000-0114).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning right of first refusal of employment. A request for public comments was published in the **Federal Register** at 68 FR 41566 on July 14, 2003. 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 October 6, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments 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 (MVA), Room 4035 1800 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julia Wise, Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 208-1168.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

Right of First Refusal of Employment is a regulation which establishes policy regarding adversely affected or separated Government employees resulting from the conversion from in-house performance to performance by contract. The policy will enable these employees to have an opportunity to work for the contractor who is awarded the contract.

The information gathered will be used by the Government to gain knowledge of which employees, adversely affected or separated as a result of the contract award, have gained employment with the contractor within 90 days after contract performance begins.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Number of Respondents: 200.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Total Responses: 200.

Average Burden Hours Per Response: 3.

Total Burden Hours: 600.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals:

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVA), Room 4035, 1800 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0114, Right of First Refusal of Employment, in all correspondence.

Dated: August 28, 2003.

Laura G. Auletta,

Director, Acquisition Policy Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0048]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Information Collection; Authorized Negotiators

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 (9000-0048).

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 authorized negotiators. The clearance currently expires on October 31, 2003.

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 November 3, 2003.

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 (MVA), 1800 F Streets, NW., Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julia Wise, Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 208-1168.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

Firms offering supplies or services to the Government under negotiated

solicitations must provide the names, titles, and telephone numbers of authorized negotiators to assure that discussions are held with authorized individuals. The information collected is referred to before contract negotiations and it becomes part of the official contract file.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 65,660.
Responses Per Respondent: 8.
Total Responses: 525,280.
Hours Per Response: .017.
Total Burden Hours: 8,930.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVA), Room 4035, 1800 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0048, Authorized Negotiators, in all correspondence.

Dated: August 29, 2003.

Laura G. Auletta,

Director, Acquisition Policy Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Renewal of the Special Use Permit for Military Activities on the De Soto National Forest and the Implementation of the Master Plan at Camp Shelby, Mississippi

AGENCY: Mississippi National Guard (MSNG), National Guard Bureau (NGB), Department of the Army (DA), DoD; National Forests in Mississippi, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: NGB as lead agency, along with the U.S. Forest Service as a cooperating agency, will prepare an EIS for the renewal of the Special Use Permit (SUP) for Military Use of National Forest Lands at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. In addition, the EIS will address the implementation of the Master Plan for Camp Shelby.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be forwarded to the Mississippi Army National Guard Environmental Office (MSARNG-ENV), ATTN: Brian Neely, Natural and Cultural Resources Manager, P.O. Box 5027, Jackson, MS 39296-5027.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brian Neely, Natural and Cultural Resources Manager, at (601) 313-6128; or Colonel Robert A. Lee, Environmental Program Manager at (601) 313-6228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The MSNG has historically utilized public lands for military activities under a special use permit administered by the U.S. Forest Service. The current permit is subject to renewal in December 2005. The SUP establishes the levels and types of military activities that may occur on National Forest lands. EISs completed in 1991, 1994, and 1998 evaluated current military activities at Camp Shelby. The proposed EIS will evaluate extending the SUP from 10 to 20 years and will now include an Operations and Maintenance plan with alternatives covering military activities proposed by the proponents (DA and NGB) and update previous analyses as necessary. The EIS will disclose and evaluate the environmental impacts associated with military use of National Forest lands. The U.S. Forest Service and the NGB will utilize the EIS in making decisions concerning military use of National Forest, DoD, and state lands at Camp Shelby. The U.S. Forest Service will make its decision concerning the renewal of the SUP based upon the findings of the EIS.

Significant Issues: Camp Shelby contains approximately 134,000 acres of land some of which serves as habitat for protected flora and fauna. This includes one Federally listed endangered plant species (Louisiana Quillwort), one Federally listed threatened species (Gopher Tortoise) and two Federal candidate species (Camp Shelby Burrowing Crawfish and the Black Pine Snake). Camp Shelby also includes two historic properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places, two prehistoric sites eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places and an additional 32 sites have been recommended for protection until phase II testing can assess the significance of these sites for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. Camp Shelby also contains over six historic cemeteries that are fenced and protected from any disturbance. These natural and cultural resource issues will be considered in all proposed projects that are identified in the EIS.

Alternatives: Two alternatives for military use of Camp Shelby have been identified for analysis in the EIS. The alternatives are: (1) No action, whereby military activities would be allowed to continue as presently permitted to include construction and maintenance of facilities evaluated and approved in

previous environmental documents, and (2) mission requirements, whereby current activities and additional use to support mission requirements on State of Mississippi, DoD, and National Forest lands would be allowed. Future mission requirements include: combined arms area, military operations in military terrain facility, urban assault course, waste water treatment plant with associated pipeline, simulation and exercise center and Army transformation. Other alternatives may be assessed as more specific actions are developed, public concerns are raised, and issues identified.

Public scoping meetings will be held at two locations: one in Hattiesburg and one on the Mississippi Gulf Coast area. Dates, times and exact locations for these meetings will be announced through letters, public notices, display advertisements, and legal advertisements and will be released to newspapers of general circulation a minimum of 15 days prior to the meetings.

Dated: August 27, 2003.

Richard E. Newsome,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Environment, Safety and Occupational Health) OASA (I&E).

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Legislative Environmental Impact Statement (LEIS) for the Withdrawal of Lands at the Limestone Hills Training Area (LHTA), Near Townsend, MT

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army announces its intent to prepare an LEIS pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as implemented by Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508). The LEIS will analyze both the proposed withdrawal of lands supporting training exercises for the Montana Army National Guard (MTARNG) and the associated Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Headwaters Resource Management Plan Amendment. The BLM is participating as an active cooperation agency in the preparation of the LEIS.

ADDRESSES: Written comments or questions should be forwarded by mail to Ms. Sundi West, Montana Army National Guard Fort Harrison, P.O. Box