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In addition, this collection does have mailing costs. Biological deposits are generally shipped to the depository Domestic Overnight by Federal Express (FedEx) and, since depositors are urged to supply frozen or freeze dried material, it must be packed in dry ice, according to a representative from the Patent Department at ATCC. Dry ice itself is considered dangerous goods and requires special packaging. Additional

FedEx special handling charges of \$60 per shipment apply for temperature-sensitive biological material and also for the dry ice. An average cost for shipping by FedEx Domestic Overnight is estimated to be \$75. If the shipment requires pick-up by FedEx, there is an additional charge of \$2.50. Special packaging is also required for these shipments. According to DG Supplies Inc., a supplier of infectious and diagnostic goods packaging, frozen infectious shippers are estimated to cost

\$177.05 per package for specimen shipments requiring refrigeration or dry ice. Therefore, mailing costs average \$314.55 per shipment, for a total cost to all the respondents of \$1,100,025. The postage cost for a depository seeking recognition is estimated to be \$4.05, sent to the USPTO by priority mail through the United States Postal Service. Therefore, the USPTO estimates that the total non-hour respondent cost burden in the form of postage costs amounts to \$1,100,929.

Item	Responses (a)	Postage costs (\$) (b)	Total non-hour cost burden (a) × (b)
Deposited Materials .....	3,500	\$314.55	\$1,100,925.00
Depository Approval .....	1	4.05	4.00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>3,501</b>	.....	<b>1,100,929.00</b>

The USPTO estimates that the total non-hour respondent cost burden for this collection in the form of capital start-up costs (\$8,750,000) and mailing costs (\$1,100,929) amounts to \$9,850,929.

**IV. Request for Comments**

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 (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: October 19, 2006.

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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 is 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 right of first refusal of employment. A request for public comments was published in the **Federal Register** at 71 FR 38137 on July 5, 2006. 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 November 24, 2006.

**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 (VIR), Room 4035 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Michael Jackson, Contract Policy Division, GSA, at (202) 208-4949.

**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 (VIR), 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: October 3, 2006.

**Ralph De Stefano,**

Director, Contract Policy Division.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

### NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0075]

#### Federal Acquisition Regulation; Submission for OMB Review; Government Property

**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 (9000-0075).

**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 Government Property. A request for public comments was published in the **Federal Register** at 71 FR 40999, on July 19, 2006. No public 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 November 24, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeritta Parnell, Contract Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-4082.

**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 (VIR), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### A. Purpose

“Property,” as used in Part 45, means all property, both real and personal. It includes facilities, material, special tooling, special test equipment, and agency-peculiar property. Government property includes both Government-furnished property and contractor-acquired property.

Contractors are required to establish and maintain a property system that will control, protect, preserve, and maintain all Government property because the contractor is responsible and accountable for all Government property under the provisions of the contract including property located with subcontractors.

The contractor's property control records shall constitute the Government's official property records and shall be used to—

- (a) Provide financial accounts for Government-owned property in the contractor's possession or control;
- (b) Identify all Government property (to include a complete, current, auditable record of all transactions);
- (c) Locate any item of Government property within a reasonable period of time.

This clearance covers the following requirements:

- (a) FAR 45.307-2(b) requires a contractor to notify the contracting officer if it intends to acquire or fabricate special test equipment.
- (b) FAR 45.502-1 requires a contractor to furnish written receipts for Government property.
- (c) FAR 45.502-2 requires a contractor to submit a discrepancy report upon receipt of Government property when overages, shortages, or damages are discovered.
- (d) FAR 45.504 requires a contractor to investigate and report all instances of loss, damage, or destruction of Government property.

(e) FAR 45.505-1 requires that basic information be placed on the contractor's property control records.

(f) FAR 45.505-3 requires a contractor to maintain records for Government material.

(g) FAR 45.505-4 requires a contractor to maintain records of special tooling and special test equipment.

(h) FAR 45.505-5 requires a contractor to maintain records of plant equipment.

(i) FAR 45.505-7 requires a contractor to maintain records of real property.

(j) FAR 45.505-8 requires a contractor to maintain scrap and salvage records.

(k) FAR 45.505-9 requires a contractor to maintain records of related data and information.

(l) FAR 45.505-10 requires a contractor to maintain records for completed products.

(m) FAR 45.505-11 requires a contractor to maintain records of transportation and installation costs of plant equipment.

(n) FAR 45.505-12 requires a contractor to maintain records of misdirected shipments.

(o) FAR 45.505-13 requires a contractor to maintain records of property returned for rework.

(p) FAR 45.505-14 requires a contractor to submit an annual report of Government property accountable to each agency contract.

(q) FAR 45.508-2 requires a contractor to report the results of physical inventories.

(r) FAR 45.509-1(a)(3) requires a contractor to record work accomplished in maintaining Government property.

(s) FAR 45.509-1(c) requires a contractor to report the need for major repair, replacement and other rehabilitation work.

(t) FAR 45.509-2(b)(2) requires a contractor to maintain utilization records.

(u) FAR 45.606-1 requires a contractor to submit inventory schedules.

(v) FAR 45.606-3(a) requires a contractor to correct and resubmit inventory schedules as necessary.

(w) FAR 52.245-2(a)(3) requires a contractor to notify the contracting officer when Government-furnished property is received and is not suitable for use.

(x) FAR 52.245-2(a)(4) requires a contractor to notify the contracting officer when government-furnished property is not timely delivered and the contracting officer will make a determination of the delay, if any, caused the contractor.

(y) FAR 52.245-2(b) requires a contractor to submit a written request