DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Policy and Procedures Documents for the State Plane Coordinate System of 2022

AGENCY: National Geodetic Survey (NGS), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of proposed change to the State Plane Coordinate System; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NOAA’s National Geodetic Survey (NGS) will establish the State Plane Coordinate System of 2022 (SPCS2022) as part of the transition to the 2022 Terrestrial Reference Frames (TRFs). SPCS2022 is the successor to previous versions referenced to the North American Datums of 1983 and 1927. Like its predecessors, SPCS2022 will be a system of conformal map projections for the entire National Spatial Reference System (NSRS). It will provide surveyors, engineers, and other geospatial professionals with a practical means for accessing and using the NSRS. NGS has developed draft policy and procedures that propose defining characteristics and requirements for SPCS2022. These documents also provide mechanisms for user input on initial design of SPCS2022 and subsequent changes. The aim is for SPCS2022 to meet the needs of NGS customers for the future NSRS. To achieve that goal, NGS is inviting written comments on the draft SPCS2022 policy.

In addition, NGS seeks feedback on purposively “special purpose” zones. Dates: Comments will be accepted until Friday, August 31, 2018.

DATES: Comments should be submitted in writing to NGS Feedback, NOAA/NOS/National Geodetic Survey, 1315 East-West Hwy, Rm. 9340 N/NGS1, Silver Spring, MD 20910; or via Email to: NGS.Feedback@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Dennis, SPCS2022 Project Manager, NOAA/NOS/National Geodetic Survey, 1315 East-West Hwy, Rm. 9340 N/NGS1, Silver Spring, MD 20910; or Email: Michael.Dennis@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SPCS was originally established in the 1930s. Since that time it has evolved, and there has been substantial variability in how it was defined, maintained, and used. The history and current status of SPCS is discussed in NOAA Special Publication NOS NGS 13 ([https://geodesy.noaa.gov/library/pdfs/NOAA_SP_NOS_NGS_0013_v01_2018-03-06.pdf](https://geodesy.noaa.gov/library/pdfs/NOAA_SP_NOS_NGS_0013_v01_2018-03-06.pdf)). This publication may prove a useful companion in reviewing the draft SPCS2022 policy and procedures by providing context and insight into the development of SPCS and the existing NGS policies pertaining to it. Further information is available on the NGS State Plane Coordinate System web page: [https://geodesy.noaa.gov/SPCS/index.shtml](https://geodesy.noaa.gov/SPCS/index.shtml).


Specifically, the Director seeks comments regarding:

1. Usage of current SPCS in your organization, how your organization expects to use SPCS2022, and whether it will facilitate migration to the 2022 TRFs.
2. Whether the proposed default SPCS2022 definitions will impose a hardship or be beneficial to your organization.
3. Whether there is insufficient or excessive flexibility in the characteristics of SPCS2022 that can be established through user input.
4. Whether the deadlines are acceptable and realistic for making requests or proposing characteristics for SPCS2022.
5. Whether including “special purpose” zones as part of SPCS2022 would be beneficial, problematic, or irrelevant to your organization.

NGS notes that the draft SPCS2022 policy and procedures do not currently include a “special purpose” zone option, in part, because it would create areas where zones partially overlap other zones. Special purpose zones would, however, provide contiguous coverage for regions that are not adequately covered by SPCS2022, primarily those that fall within two or more SPCS2022 zones. These zones would be for major urbanized areas, large American Indian reservations, or federal applications covering large geographic areas. Examples for each category are:

- **Major urbanized areas:** New York City, Chicago, Los Angeles, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Kansas City, Denver, Portland, and many others cross zone (and often state) boundaries.
- **Large American Indian reservations:** The Navajo Nation is about the same area as West Virginia and falls within five existing SPCS zones (and three states).
- **Regional federal applications:** The Atlantic coast from the Florida-Georgia border to the Maine-Canada border is a region that spans 14 existing SPCS zones but could be covered by a single zone.

Although these types of zones were included as a possibility in the 1977 policy, none were created as part of the SPCS. NGS seeks to determine whether it is appropriate to include special purpose zones as part of SPCS2022, or support special purpose zones in some other manner, if at all.


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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DoD–2018–0S–0020]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, DoD.

ACTION: Information collection notice.
SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the White House Communications Agency announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: 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; the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by June 18, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:


Mail: Department of Defense, Office of the Chief Management Officer, Directorate for Oversight and Compliance, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Mailbox #24, Suite 08D09B, Alexandria, VA 22350–1700.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title, for this Federal Register document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at http://www.regulations.gov as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the White House Communications Agency (WHCA/ WACC/ESB), ATTN: Kevin A. Gifford, 2743 Defense Boulevard SW, Washington, DC 20373–5815 or call (202) 757–5667.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Basic Employee and Security Tracking Systems (BEAST); OMB Control Number 0704–0507.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary to obtain, track, and record the personnel security data, training information, and travel history within the White House Military Office (WHMO) and White House Communications Agency (WHCA).

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Annual Burden Hours: 38.

Number of Respondents: 150.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 150.

Average Burden per Response: 15 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondents are DoD contractors, retired military members who have departed the agency, and agency visitors. The data collected is used for security background checks, training records, and also to encompass the historical travel records of members of the agency. This data collection is essential in maintaining the integrity of the agency’s personnel, training, and travel programs.

Dated: April 12, 2018.

Shelly E. Finke, Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 16–48]

Arms Sales Notification


ACTION: Arms sales notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of an arms sales notification.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pamela Young, (703) 697–9107, pamela.a.young14.civ@mail.mil or Kathy Valadez, (703) 697–9217, kathy.a.valadez.civ@mail.mil; DSCA/DSA–RAN.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This 36(b)(1) arms sales notification is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of Public Law 104–164 dated July 21, 1996. The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 16–48 with attached Policy Justification.

Dated: April 12, 2018.

Shelly E. Finke, Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.