

4. Describe how the number of AmeriCorps*VISTA members requested is appropriate for the project goals/objectives, and how the skills requested are appropriate for the assignment(s).

b. Strengthening Communities

The proposed project must:

1. Describe how the project will develop a sustainable capacity in the local community to effectively support the long-term self-sufficiency of the community. Project services should provide assistance oriented towards long-term solutions.

2. Demonstrate collaboration with organizations which provide supportive services to enhance project outcomes.

3. Be designed to generate public and/or private sector resources, and to promote local, part-time volunteer service at the community level.

4. Describe in measurable terms the anticipated self-sufficiency outcomes at the conclusion of the project, including outcomes related to the sustainability of the project activities.

c. Member Development

The proposed project must:

1. Clearly state how AmeriCorps*VISTA members will be trained, supervised, and supported to ensure the achievement of program goals and objectives as stated in the project work plan.

2. Describe how AmeriCorps*VISTA assignments are designed to utilize the full-time AmeriCorps*VISTA members' time to the maximum extent.

II. Organizational Capacity

The proposed project must:

1. Ensure that resources needed to achieve project goals and objectives are available.

2. Have the management and technical capability to implement the project successfully.

3. Have a track record or experience in dealing with the issues addressed by the proposed project.

4. Have systems for the evaluation and monitoring of project activities. Applicants must describe the methods that will be used to track progress toward the stated objectives, and the procedures that will provide the feedback needed to make adjustments and improve program quality.

III. Budget/Cost-Effectiveness

The proposed project must:

1. Include a budget that adequately supports the program design.

2. Include a budget that adheres to budget guidance provided with the application.

3. Describe how the applicant organization is committing resources necessary for program implementation.

H. Application Review

Proposal Evaluation

To ensure fairness to all applicants, the Corporation reserves the right to take action, up to and including disqualification, in the event that an application fails to comply with any requirements specified in this Notice.

The following weights will be used in judging the elements described above.

1. Program Design (60%) in the following order of importance:
 - a. Responsiveness to Strengthening Communities Criteria
 - b. Responsiveness to Getting Things Done Criteria
 - c. Responsiveness to Member Development Criteria
2. Organizational Capacity (25%).
3. Budget (15%).

I. Geographic Diversity

After evaluating the overall quality of the proposal and its responsiveness to the criteria noted above, the Corporation will take into consideration whether funded projects are in areas of high concentration of low-income residents, including for example those in empowerment zones, and enterprise communities.

J. Technical Assistance

An informal, technical assistance conference call will be scheduled on Monday, April 10, 2000, at 4 p.m. E.S.T. All applicants must pre-register by faxing the names, organization and phone number of up to two members planning to participate. This information should be faxed to Michael Wagner at 202-565-2789. Questions may be submitted in advance of the meeting via fax to the above number.

K. Program Authority

Corporation authority to make these grants and approve projects is authorized under Title I, Part A of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, as amended (Pub. L. 93-113).

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*Coordinator of National Service Programs,
Corporation for National and Community
Service.*

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ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Interagency Offset Steering Committee is seeking information that will assist the Committee in developing strategies for discussions/consultations with other countries on reducing or eliminating the adverse effects of offsets in defense trade. Offsets by their nature are market distorting and result in inefficient business practices. Interested parties are involved to submit written comments, opinions, data, information, or recommendations relative to this objective, including information that will help the Committee more accurately assess the effects of offsets in defense trade. If sufficient interest is demonstrated, a public hearing might be scheduled in the future.

DATES: Comments must be received no later than May 8, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments to Domenico C. Cipicchio, Deputy Director, Defense Procurement, Foreign Contracting, OUSD (AT&L), 3060 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3060.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan M. Hildner, Procurement Analyst, Defense Procurement, Foreign Contracting, OUSD(AT&L), 3060 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3060, (703) 697-9352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with Section 123 of the Defense Production Act as amended in 1992 (Public Law 102-588, October 28, 1992), an Interagency Offset Steering Committee has been conducting a series of discussions with its allies on defense offsets. The Committee is chaired by the Department of Defense and includes representatives from the Departments of Commerce, State and Labor and the Office of the United States Trade Representative. The Committee plans to hold discussions with all 21 countries with which we have a reciprocal procurement Memorandum of Understanding. These countries include: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, Federal Republic of Germany, Greece, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, and the United Kingdom. The Committee is interested in data and recommendations that will support these discussions and aid in strategy development with respect to reducing or eliminating offsets in defense trade. Interested parties are invited to submit written comments to assist the Committee in its deliberations and discussions.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Offsets in Defense Trade

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

All materials should be submitted with 5 copies. Material that is business confidential information will be exempted from public disclosure as provided for by 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4) (Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) rules). Anyone submitting business confidential information should clearly identify the business confidential portion of the submission and also provide a non-confidential submission, which can be placed in the public file. Comments not marked business confidential may be subject to disclosure under FOIA.

Michele P. Peterson,

Executive Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

[OMB Control Number 0704-0216]

Information Collection Requirement; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Bonds and Insurance

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments regarding a proposed extension of an approved information collection requirement.

SUMMARY: In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), DoD announces the proposed extension of a public information collection requirement and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. DoD invites comments on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of DoD, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved this information collection for use through May 31, 2001. DoD proposes that OMB approve an extension of the information collection requirement, to expire 3 years after the approval date.

DATES: DoD will consider all comments received by May 22, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should submit written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection to: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Attn: Ms. Amy Williams, PDUSD (AT&L) DP (DAR), IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062. Telefax (703) 602-0350.

E-mail comments submitted via the Internet should be addressed to: dfar@acq.osd.mil.

Please cite OMB Control Number 0704-0216 in all correspondence related to this issue. E-mail comments should cite OMB Control Number 0704-0216 in the subject line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Amy Williams, (703) 602-0288. The information collection requirement addressed in this notice is available electronically via the Internet at: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dp/dars/dfars.html>.

Paper copies are available from Ms. Amy Williams, PDUSD (AT&L) DP (DAR), IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 228, Bonds and Insurance, and related clauses at 252.228; OMB Control Number 0704-0216.

Needs and Uses: DoD uses the information obtained through this collection to determine the allowability of a contractor's costs of providing war-hazard benefits to its employees; to determine the need for an investigation regarding an accident that occurs in connection with a contract; and to determine whether a contractor performing a service or construction contract in Spain has adequate insurance coverage.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

Annual Burden Hours: 859.

Number of Respondents: 49.

Responses Per Respondents: 1.

Annual Responses: 49.

Average Burden Per Response: 17.53 hours.

Frequency: On occasion.

Summary of Information Collection

The clause at DFARS 252.228-7000, Reimbursement for War-Hazard Losses, requires the contractor to provide notice and supporting documentation to the contracting officer regarding claims or potential claims for costs of providing war-hazard benefits to contractor employees.

The clause at DFARS 252.228-7005, Accident Reporting and Investigation

Involving Aircraft, Missiles, and Space Launch Vehicles, requires the contractor to report promptly to the administrative contracting officer all pertinent facts relating to each accident involving an aircraft, missile, or space launch vehicle being manufactured, modified, repaired, or overhauled in connection with the contract.

The clause at DFARS 252.228-7006, Compliance with Spanish Laws and Insurance, requires the contractor to provide the contracting officer with a written representation that the contractor has obtained the required types of insurance in the minimum amounts specified in the clause, when performing a service or construction contract in Spain.

Michele P. Peterson,

Executive Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 22, 2000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) title; (3) summary of the collection; (4)