

locations for new Community Outreach Offices?

While the Office welcomes and values all comments from the public in response to this request, the comments submitted do not commit the Office to any further actions related to the comments, and the Office may not respond to any or every submitted comment. The Office nonetheless will consider all written submissions.

Any and all decisions made regarding the future locations of the COOs will be consistent with the criteria outlined in the UAIA and the goals and mission of the USPTO.

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Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Acquisition Regulations System

[Docket Number DARS-2026-0364; OMB Control Number 0704-0332]

Information Collection Requirement; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS), DoD Mentor-Protégé Program

AGENCY: Defense Acquisition Regulations System; Department of Defense (DoD).

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

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, DoD announces the proposed extension of a public information collection requirement and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. DoD invites comments on: 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; the accuracy of DoD'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. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved this information collection for use under Control Number 0704-0332 through November 30, 2026.

DoD proposes that OMB approve an extension of the information collection requirement, to expire three years after the approval date.

DATES: DoD will consider all comments received by October 16, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by OMB Control Number 0704-0332, using either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Email:* osd.dfars@mail.mil. Include OMB Control Number 0704-0332 in the subject line of the message.

Comments received generally will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joy Dishaw, at 703-509-3255.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title and OMB Number: Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Appendix I, Mentor-Protégé Program; OMB Control Number 0704-0332.

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

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

Frequency: On occasion.

Number of Respondents: 96.

Responses per Respondent: 1.9, approximately.

Annual Responses: 180.

Average Burden per Response: 2.33 hours, approximately.

Annual Burden Hours: 420.

Needs and Uses: Section 831 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 1991 (Pub. L. 101-510) required DoD to establish the DoD Pilot Mentor-Protégé Program. Section 856 of the NDAA for FY 2023 transferred section 831 of the NDAA for FY 1991 to 10 U.S.C. 4902 and authorized the DoD Mentor-Protégé Program (the "Program") on a permanent basis. Congress requires DoD to collect certain information from program participants in section 861, paragraph (b)(2), of Public Law 114-92. Thus, the need for this information collection is to comply with existing laws.

DoD has incorporated these information collection requirements into the DFARS in Appendix I, section I-112. Program participants agree to comply with these information collection requirements when they execute their mentor-protégé agreements, receiving the program's benefits in consideration.

This information is necessary to ensure that participants are fulfilling

their obligations under the mentor-protégé agreements and furthering the purpose of the Mentor-Protégé Program as required by section 18(d)(7) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(7)). In accordance with 10 U.S.C. 4902, DoD uses the information to decide whether to approve continuation of the agreement. In addition, the information is necessary for program managers to direct developmental assistance to the most appropriate small business concerns and to ensure the program meets the Congressionally-mandated goal of enhancing the defense industrial base.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP26-530-000; CP26-533-000]

Venture Global CP2 LNG, LLC, Venture Global CP Express, LLC; Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed CP2 LNG Expansion Project, and Notice of Public Scoping Sessions

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental document that will discuss the environmental effects of the CP2 LNG Expansion Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Venture Global CP2 LNG, LLC and Venture Global CP Express, LLC (Applicants) in Cameron Parish, Louisiana and Jasper County, Texas. The Commission will use this environmental document in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public interest.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies regarding the project. As part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process, the Commission takes into account concerns the public may have about proposals and the environmental effects that could result from its action whenever it considers the issuance of an authorization. This gathering of public input is referred to as "scoping." The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis