

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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U.S. Climate Change Science Program Synthesis and Assessment Product Prospectuses

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration publishes this notice to announce the availability of draft Prospectuses for three of the U.S. Climate Change Science Program (CCSP) Synthesis and Assessment Products (Products) for public comment. These draft Prospectuses address the following CCSP Topics:

Product 2.1 Scenarios of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Atmospheric Concentrations and Review of Integrated Scenario Development and Application;

Product 2.2 North American Carbon Budget and Implications for the Global Carbon Cycle; and

Product 3.1 Climate Models and Their Uses and Limitations: Climate Sensitivity, Feedbacks, and Uncertainties.

After consideration of comments received on the draft Prospectuses, the final Prospectuses along with the comments received will be published on the CCSP web site.

DATES: Comments must be received by March 7, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The draft Prospectuses are posted on the CCSP Program Office web site. The web addresses to access the draft Prospectuses are:

Product 2.1 (emissions scenarios): www.climate-science.gov/Library/sap/sap2-1/sap2-1prospectus-draft.htm

Product 2.2 (North American carbon budget):

www.climate-science.gov/Library/sap/sap2-2/sap2-2prospectus-draft.htm

Product 3.1 (climate models): www.climate-science.gov/Library/sap/sap3-1/sap3-1prospectus-draft.htm.

Detailed instructions for making comments on the draft Prospectuses are provided with each Prospectus. Comments should be prepared in accordance with these instructions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard H. Moss, Ph.D., Director, Climate Change Science Program Office (202) 419-3476.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CCSP was established by the President in 2002

to coordinate and integrate scientific research on global change and climate change sponsored by 13 participating departments and agencies of the U.S. Government. The CCSP is charged with preparing information resources that support climate-related discussions and decisions, including scientific synthesis and assessment analyses that support evaluation of important policy issues. The Prospectuses addressed by this notice provide a topical overview and describe plans for scoping, drafting, reviewing, producing, and disseminating three of 21 final synthesis and assessment Products that will be produced by the CCSP.

Dated: January 31, 2005.

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Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, Director, Climate Change Science Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Suspension of the Price Evaluation Adjustment for Small Disadvantaged Businesses**

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of 1-year suspension of the price evaluation adjustment for small disadvantaged businesses.

SUMMARY: The Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy has suspended the use of the price evaluation adjustment for small disadvantaged businesses (SDBs) in DoD procurements, as required by 10 U.S.C. 2323(e)(3), because DoD exceeded its 5 percent goal for contract awards to SDBs in fiscal year 2004. The suspension will be in effect for 1 year and will be reevaluated based on the level of DoD contract awards to SDBs achieved in fiscal year 2005.

DATES: *Effective Date:* February 24, 2005.

Applicability Date: This suspension applies to all solicitations issued during the period from February 24, 2005, to February 23, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Susan Schneider, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, OUSD(AT&L)DPAP(P), 3015 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3015, telephone (703) 614-4840; facsimile (703) 614-1254.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the authority granted in 10 U.S.C. 2323(e), DoD has previously granted SDBs a 10 percent price preference in certain acquisitions. This price

preference is implemented in Subpart 19.11 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation. Section 801 of the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 (Pub. L. 105-261) amended 10 U.S.C. 2323(e)(3) to prohibit DoD from granting such a price preference for a 1-year period following a fiscal year in which DoD achieved the 5 percent goal for contract awards established in 10 U.S.C. 2323(a). Since, in fiscal year 2004, DoD exceeded this 5 percent goal, use of this price preference in DoD acquisitions must be suspended for a 1-year period, from February 24, 2005, to February 23, 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

[OMB Control Number 0704-0259]

Information Collection Requirement; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Types of Contracts

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 requirement for use through June 30, 2005. DoD proposes that OMB extend its approval for use through June 30, 2008.

DATES: DoD will consider all comments received by April 5, 2005.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by OMB Control Number 0704-0259, using any of the following methods:

- *Defense Acquisition Regulations Web site:* <http://emissary.acq.osd.mil/dar/dfars.nsf/pubcomm>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *E-mail:* dfars@osd.mil. Include OMB Control Number 0704-0259 in the subject line of the message.
- *Fax:* (703) 602-0350.
- *Mail:* Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Attn: Robin Schulze, OUSD(AT&L)DPAP(DAR), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Crystal Square 4, Suite 200A, 241 18th Street, Arlington, VA 22202-3402.

All comments received will be posted to <http://emissary.acq.osd.mil/dar/dfars.nsf>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robin Schulze, (703) 602-0326. The information collection requirements addressed in this notice are available electronically on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/dfars/index.htm>. Paper copies are available from Robin Schulze, OUSD(AT&L)DPAP(DAR), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title and OMB Number: Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 216, Types of Contracts, and related clauses at DFARS 252.216-7000, Economic Price Adjustment-Basic Steel, Aluminum, Brass, Bronze, or Copper Mill Products; DFARS 252.216-7001, Economic Price Adjustment-Nonstandard Steel Items, and DFARS 252.216-7003, Economic Price Adjustment-Wage Rates or Material Prices Controlled by a Foreign Government; OMB Control Number 0704-0259.

Needs and Uses: The clauses at DFARS 252.216-7000, 252.216-7001, and 252.216-7003 require contractors with fixed-price economic price adjustment contracts to submit information to the contracting officer regarding changes in established material prices or wage rates. The contracting officer uses this information to make appropriate adjustments to contract prices.

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

Annual Burden Hours: 1,592.

Number of Respondents: 204.

Responses Per Respondent:

Approximately 2.

Annual Responses: 395.

Average Burden Per Response: 4.03 hours.

Frequency: On occasion.

Summary of Information Collection

Each clause requires the contractor to submit certain information that the contracting officer uses to adjust contract prices:

a. Paragraph (c) of the clause at DFARS 252.216-7000 requires the contractor to notify the contracting officer of the amount and effective date of each decrease in any established price. Paragraph (d) of the clause permits the contractor to submit a written request to the contracting officer for an increase in contract price.

b. Paragraph (f)(2) of the clause at DFARS 252.216-7001 requires the contractor to furnish a statement identifying the correctness of the established prices and employee hourly earnings that are relevant to the computation of various indices. Paragraph (f)(3) of the clause requires the contractor to make available all records used in the computation of labor indices upon the request of the contracting officer.

c. Paragraph (b)(1) of the clause at DFARS 252.216-7003 permits the contractor to provide a written request for contract adjustment based on increases in wage rates or material prices that are controlled by a foreign government. Paragraph (c) of the clause requires the contractor to make available its books and records that support a requested change in contract price.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0059]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Information Collection; North Carolina Sales Tax Certification

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for an extension to an existing OMB clearance.

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 North Carolina sales tax certification. The clearance currently expires May 31, 2005.

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 April 5, 2005.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry Olson, Contract Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-3221.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

The North Carolina Sales and Use Tax Act authorizes counties and incorporated cities and towns to obtain each year from the Commissioner of Revenue of the State of North Carolina a refund of sales and use taxes indirectly paid on building materials, supplies, fixtures, and equipment that become a part of or are annexed to any building or structure in North Carolina. However, to substantiate a refund claim for sales or use taxes paid on purchases of building materials, supplies, fixtures, or equipment by a contractor, the Government must secure from the contractor certified statements setting forth the cost of the property purchased from each vendor and the amount of sales or use taxes paid. Similar certified statements by subcontractors must be obtained by the general contractor and furnished to the Government. The information is used as evidence to establish exemption from State and local taxes.