

and should cite 5 U.S.C 601, *et seq.* (FAR case 2002–018), in correspondence.

### C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act (Pub. L. 104–13) applies because the proposed rule contains information collection requirements. Accordingly, the FAR Secretariat has submitted a request for approval of a new information collection requirement concerning Central Contractor Registration to the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*

#### Annual Reporting Burden

The paperwork burden analysis takes into account the burden required for current registrants to keep the information current, complete and accurate and the burden required for new registrants to review instructions, search existing data sources, gather and maintain the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour per response for new and current registrants.

The annual reporting burden is estimated as follows:

*Respondents:* 54,199.

*Responses per respondent:* 1.

*Total annual responses:* 54,199.

*Preparation hours per response:* 1.

*Total response burden hours:* 54,199.

### D. Request for Comments Regarding Paperwork Burden

Submit comments, including suggestions for reducing this burden, not later than June 2, 2003, to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVA), 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the FAR, and 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.

Requesters may obtain a copy of the justification from the General Services

Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVA), Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501–4755. Please cite OMB Control Number 9000–00XX, Central Contractor Registration, in all correspondence.

### List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 2, 4, 13, 32, and 52

Government procurement.

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Therefore, DoD, GSA, and NASA propose amending 48 CFR parts 2, 4, 13, 32, and 52 as set forth below:

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR parts 2, 4, 13, 32, and 52 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 40 U.S.C. 486(c); 10 U.S.C. chapter 137; and 42 U.S.C. 2473(c).

### PART 2—DEFINITIONS OF WORDS AND TERMS

2. Amend section 2.101(b) by adding, in alphabetical order, the definitions “Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database”, “Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number”, “Data Universal Numbering System +4 (DUNS+4) number”, and “Registered in the CCR database” to read as follows:

#### 2.101 Definitions.

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(b) \* \* \*

*Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database* means the primary Government repository for contractor information required for the conduct of business with the Government.

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*Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number* means the 9-digit number assigned by Dun and Bradstreet Information Services to identify unique business entities.

*Data Universal Numbering System +4 (DUNS+4) number* means the DUNS number assigned by Dun and Bradstreet plus a 4-character suffix that may be assigned by a business concern. This 4-character suffix may be assigned at the discretion of the business concern to establish additional CCR records for identifying alternative Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) accounts (*see* Subpart 32.11) for the same concern.

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*Registered in the CCR database* means that—

(1) The contractor has entered all mandatory information, including the DUNS number or the DUNS+4 number, into the CCR database; and

(2) The Government has validated mandatory data fields and has marked the record “Active”.

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### PART 4—ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

3. Amend section 4.603 by revising paragraph (a)(1) to read as follows:

#### 4.603 Solicitation provisions.

(a)(1) The contracting officer shall insert the provision at 52.204–6, Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number, in solicitations that—

(i) Are expected to result in a requirement for the generation of an SF 279, Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS)—Individual Contract Action Report (*see* 4.602(c)), or a similar agency form; and

(ii) Do not contain the clause at 52.204–XX, Central Contractor Registration.

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4. Add subpart 4.11 to read as follows:

#### Subpart 4.11—Central Contractor Registration

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4.1100 Scope.

4.1101 Definitions.

4.1102 Policy.

4.1103 Procedures.

4.1104 Solicitation provision and contract clauses.

#### 4.1100 Scope.

This subpart prescribes policies and procedures for requiring contractor registration in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database, a part of the Business Partner Network (BPN) to—

(a) Increase visibility of vendor sources (including their geographical locations) for specific supplies and services; and

(b) Establish a common source of vendor data for the Government.

#### 4.1101 Definitions.

As used in this subpart—

*Agreement* means basic agreement, basic ordering agreement, or blanket purchase agreement.

*Business Partner Network* means an integrated electronic infrastructure the Government uses to manage (*i.e.*, collect, validate, access and maintain) the information it needs to transact business with its contractors.

#### 4.1102 Policy.

(a) Prospective contractors shall be registered in the CCR database prior to award of a contract or agreement, except for—

(1) Purchases that use a Governmentwide commercial purchase card as the purchasing mechanism;