

supply of industrial resources essential to national defense. The DPA Amendments of 1992 provide for the testing, qualification, and use of industrial resources manufactured or developed with assistance provided under Title III of the DPA.

FAR 34.1 and 52.234-1 require contractors, upon the direction of the contracting officer, to test Title III industrial resources for qualification, and provide the test results to the Defense Production Act Office. The FAR coverage also expresses Government policy to pay for such testing and provides definitions, procedures, and a contract clause to implement the policy. This information is used by the Defense Production Act Office, Title III Program, to determine whether the Title III industrial resource has been provided an impartial opportunity to qualify.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 6.

Responses Per Respondent: 3.

Total Annual Responses: 18.

Hours Per Response: 100.

Total Burden Hours: 1,800.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals:

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVA), Room 4035, 1800 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0133, Defense Production Act Amendments in all correspondence.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0075]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Submission for OMB Review; Government Property

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

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0075).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44

U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning Government Property. A request for public comments was published in the **Federal Register** at 68 FR 37467 on June 24, 2003. No comments were received.

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 October 6, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments, including suggestions for reducing this burden 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeritta Parnell, Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-4082.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

"Property," as used in Part 45, means all property, both real and personal. It includes facilities, material, special tooling, special test equipment, and agency-peculiar property. Government property includes both Government-furnished property and contractor-acquired property.

Contractors are required to establish and maintain a property system that will control, protect, preserve, and maintain all Government property because the contractor is responsible and accountable for all Government property under the provisions of the contract including property located with subcontractors.

The contractor's property control records shall constitute the Government's official property records and shall be used to—

(a) Provide financial accounts for Government-owned property in the contractor's possession or control;

(b) Identify all Government property (to include a complete, current, auditable record of all transactions);

(c) Locate any item of Government property within a reasonable period of time.

This clearance covers the following requirements:

(a) FAR 45.307-2(b) requires a contractor to notify the contracting officer if it intends to acquire or fabricate special test equipment.

(b) FAR 45.502-1 requires a contractor to furnish written receipts for Government property.

(c) FAR 45.502-2 requires a contractor to submit a discrepancy report upon receipt of Government property when overages, shortages, or damages are discovered.

(d) FAR 45.504 requires a contractor to investigate and report all instances of loss, damage, or destruction of Government property.

(e) FAR 45.505-1 requires that basic information be placed on the contractor's property control records.

(f) FAR 45.505-3 requires a contractor to maintain records for Government material.

(g) FAR 45.505-4 requires a contractor to maintain records of special tooling and special test equipment.

(h) FAR 45.505-5 requires a contractor to maintain records of plant equipment.

(i) FAR 45.505-7 requires a contractor to maintain records of real property.

(j) FAR 45.505-8 requires a contractor to maintain scrap and salvage records.

(k) FAR 45.505-9 requires a contractor to maintain records of related data and information.

(l) FAR 45.505-10 requires a contractor to maintain records for completed products.

(m) FAR 45.505-11 requires a contractor to maintain records of transportation and installation costs of plant equipment.

(n) FAR 45.505-12 requires a contractor to maintain records of misdirected shipments.

(o) FAR 45.505-13 requires a contractor to maintain records of property returned for rework.

(p) FAR 45.505-14 requires a contractor to submit an annual report of Government property accountable to each agency contract.

(q) FAR 45.508-2 requires a contractor to report the results of physical inventories.

(r) FAR 45.509-1(a)(3) requires a contractor to record work accomplished in maintaining Government property.