

**ACTION:** Notice.

In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) announces the following proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of 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 through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by November 7, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Department of Defense Education Activity 4040 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203, ATTN: Ms. Judith L. Williams.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposal information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address or call at (703) 696-4471 ext. 1968.

**Title and OMB Control Number:** "Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) High School Program Objective Memorandum (POM) Longitudinal Study" and OMB Control Number [to be determined].

**Needs and Uses:** The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) operates 224 schools, including 56 high schools, in 21 districts located in 14 foreign countries, seven states, Guam, and Puerto Rico. To evaluate the Quality High School Initiative developed at the DoDEA High School Symposium in October 2001, contact with all DoDEA high school students and their sponsors who have left DoDEA high schools is necessary. All students in grades 9-12 who leave DoDEA high schools for any reason (*i.e.*, Permanent Change of Station (PCS), graduation, *etc.*) and their sponsors will be contacted 3-5 months after their departure by a telephone survey. Four telephone surveys will be used; one for students who leave DoDEA high schools for any reason

other than graduation and one for their sponsors; one for DoDEA high school graduates and one for their sponsors. The collected data will be used to determine if quality educational programs are provided to all DoDEA high school students regardless of where the DoDEA high school is located. There is no existing data that is sufficiently comprehensive in terms of meeting the need for this information requirement.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households.

**Annual Burden Hours:** 3,250 hours.

**Number of Respondents:** 13,000.

**Responses Per Respondent:** 1.

**Average Burden Per Response:** 15 minutes.

**Frequency:** On occasion.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Summary of Information Collection**

Beginning in fiscal year 2003, funds from a \$114.5 million High School Program Objective Memorandum (POM) are available to support the Quality High School Initiative developed at the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) High School Symposium held in October 2001. This money is made available through the Office of the Secretary of Defense. The High School POM runs from FY 2003-2008. The Quality High School Initiative will be evaluated to determine if quality educational programs are provided to all DoDEA high school students regardless of where the high school is located. The study entails the development of data collection methods and procedures, as well as the analysis of data, to document the use of resources and the impact on student achievement in grades 9-12. The study will use a telephonic interview technique to determine the success of the initiative in helping students prepare for educational experiences after leaving Department of Defense (DoD) schools either through graduation, permanent change of station of the sponsor, or for any other reason. Four surveys have been developed: One for all DoDEA sponsors and one for students who leave DoDEA for any reason other than graduation; one for DoDEA sponsors of graduates and one for students who graduate. These four telephone surveys include questions on transition, curriculum, courses, activities, counselors, teachers, administrators, and summary issues.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****GENERAL SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATION****NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND  
SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[OMB Control No. 9000-0132]

**Federal Acquisition Regulation;  
Submission for OMB Review;  
Contractors' Purchasing Systems  
Reviews**

**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 (9000-0132).

**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 contractors' purchasing systems reviews. A request for public comments was published in the **Federal Register** at 68 FR 37467 on June 24, 2002. 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 8, 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:**