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*Acting Director.*

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Concept Release Concerning the Regulation of Noncompetitive Transactions Executed on or Subject to the Rules of a Contract Market

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Extension of comment period on Concept Release.

**SUMMARY:** The Commodity Futures Trading Commission has issued a Concept Release concerning the regulation of noncompetitive transactions executed on or subject to the rules of a contract market. The Commission has solicited comments on a broad range of questions concerning the oversight of transactions involving (i) the exchange of futures contracts for, or in connection with, cash commodities, (ii) other noncompetitive transactions, and (iii) the use of execution facilities for noncompetitive transactions. The Concept Release was initially published for comment on January 26, 1998 (63 FR 3708) with comments on the release due by March 27, 1998. In response to a request from the Coffee, Sugar and Cocoa Exchange, Inc., the Commission has determined to extend the comment period on this release for an additional 30 days. The extended deadline for comments on the Concept Release is April 27, 1998.

Any person interested in submitting written data, views, or arguments on the Concept Release should submit their views and comments by the specified date to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20581. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to facsimile number (202) 418-5521, or by electronic mail to [secretary@cftc.gov](mailto:secretary@cftc.gov).

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before April 27, 1998.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Rebecca Creed, Attorney, Division of Trading and Markets, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1150 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581. Telephone: (202) 418-5493.

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**Edward W. Colbert,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service announces the 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 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 through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by May 19, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service—Finance Deputate, ATTN: Mr. Faafiti Malufau, 1931 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22240-5291.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address, or call Mr. Faafiti Malufau, 703-607-5061.

*Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number:* Application for Former Spouse Payments From Retired Pay (DD Form 2293).

*Needs and Uses:* Under 10 U.S.C. 1408, state courts may divide military retired pay as property or order alimony and child support payments from the retired pay. The former spouse may apply to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) for direct

payment of these monies by using the DD Form 2293. This information collection is needed to provide DFAS the basic data needed to process the request.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households

*Annual Burden Hours:* 5130 hours

*Number of Respondents:* 20,520

*Responses Per Respondent:* 1

*Average Burden Per Response:* 15 minutes

*Frequency:* On occasion

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Summary of Information Collection

The respondents of this information collection are spouses or former spouses of military members. The applicant submits a DD Form 2293 to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS). The information from the DD Form 2293 is used by DFAS in processing the applicant's request as authorized under 10 U.S.C. 1408. The DD Form 2293 was devised to standardize applications for payment under the Act. Information on the form is also used to determine the applicant's current status and contains statutory required certifications the applicant/former spouse must make when applying for payments.

Dated: March 16, 1998.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

### NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0137]

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request Entitled Simplified Acquisition Procedures/FACNET

**AGENCY:** 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.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 34), 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 Simplified Acquisition Procedures/FACNET. The clearance currently expires on April 30, 1998.

**DATES:** Comments may be submitted on or before May 19, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Linda Nelson, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-1900.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, should be submitted to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat, 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4037, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0137, Simplified Acquisition Procedures/FACNET, in all correspondence.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**A. Purpose**

Title IX of the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994 (the Act) amended the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 401, *et seq.*) by adding new sections regarding the establishment of a program for the development and implementation of a Federal Acquisition Computer Network (hereinafter referred to as FACNET) which allows electronic interchange of procurement information between the private sector and the Federal Government and among Federal agencies. Specific functions of FACNET are set forth under Section 30 of the Act.

Regulatory coverage of FACNET is included under FAR Subpart 4.5—Electronic Commerce in Contracting. FAR section 4.503 requires contractors to provide registration information to the Central Contractor Registration in order to conduct business through electronic commerce (EC) with the Federal Government. Contractor registration information is collected electronically as a prerequisite for conducting EC with the Federal Government. The process for collection of contractor information uses the Federal Implementation Conventions ANSI X12, Trading Partner Profile, in accordance with the Federal Information Processing Standards 161 (FIPS). These standards are published by the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST). The information required to be submitted as part of contractor registration is the same as that currently provided by the SF 129, Solicitation Mailing List Application; the SF 3881, ACH vendor/Miscellaneous Payment Enrollment

Form for paper transactions. In addition, information pertaining to a contractor assignment of commercial and Government entity (CAGE) code (where applicable); electronic data interchange (EDI) capabilities, including ANSI X12 transaction set and version number status for production, testing, sending and receiving; and the registrant's value added network (VAN) or value added service (VAS) electronic communications number also needs to be provided as part of the registration process. Requiring information consistent with the existing forms that Government contractors are familiar with simplifies the process of gathering current, factual data to input into the Registration System. The additional information is information contractors should have readily available when they have established EC/EDI capability.

The information submitted by contractors will permit the Central Contractor Registration to establish a central repository for all vendors doing business with the Federal Government, information that is accessible by all Government contracting activities.

**B. Annual Reporting Burden**

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

The annual reporting burden is estimated as follows: Respondents, 100,000; responses per respondent, 1; total annual responses, 100,00; preparation hours per response, .25; and total response burden hours, 25,000.

**C. Annual Recordkeeping Burden**

The annual recordkeeping burden is estimated as follows: Recordkeepers, 100,000; hours per recordkeeper, .25; and total recordkeeping burden hours, 25,000.

**Obtaining Copies of Proposals:** Requester may obtain a copy the justification from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRs), Room 4037, 1800 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0137, Simplified Acquisition Procedures/FACNET, in all correspondence.

Dated: March 16, 1998.

**Sharon A. Kiser,**  
FAR Secretariat.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Defense Intelligence Agency, Science and Technology Advisory Board Closed Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense, Defense Intelligence Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of Subsection (d) of Section 10 of Public Law 92-463, as amended by Section 5 of Public Law 94-409, notice is hereby given that a closed meeting of the DIA Science and Technology Advisory Board has been scheduled as follows:

**DATES:** 7 April 1998 (800am to 1600pm).

**ADDRESSES:** The Defense Intelligence Agency, Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C. 20340-5100.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Maj. Michael W. Lamb, USAF, Executive Secretary, DIA Science and Technology Advisory Board, Washington, D.C. 20340-1328 (202) 231-4930.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The entire meeting is devoted to the discussion of classified information as defined in Section 552b(c)(1), Title 5 of the U.S. Code and therefore will be closed to the public. The Board will receive briefings on and discuss several current critical intelligence issues and advise the Director, DIA, on related scientific and technical matters.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice to amend a system of records.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the Secretary of Defense proposes to amend a system of records notice in its inventory of record systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended. The amendments are needed to update the current notice.

**DATES:** The amendment will be effective on April 20, 1998, unless comments are received that would result in a contrary determination.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to OSD Privacy Act Coordinator, Records