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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Learn and Serve America: Higher Education supports efforts to make service an integral part of the education and life experiences of students in the nation's colleges and universities. Through this grant program, the Corporation supports a diversity of service-learning initiatives that involve a wide array of students, communities, and institutions of higher education. The Corporation expects every applicant to articulate program objectives in each of the following three impact areas:

1. Community Impact—Engaging students in meeting the educational, public safety, human, and environmental needs of communities.
2. Participant Impact—Enhancing students' academic learning, their sense of social responsibility, and their civic skills through service-learning.
3. Institutional Impact—Increasing the number, quality, and sustainability of opportunities for students to serve by strengthening infrastructure and building capacity within and across the nation's institutions of higher education. Approximately \$3.5 million to support new grants may be awarded to individual institutions of higher education (as defined in the Higher Education Act of 1965), consortia of institutions of higher education, and nonprofit organizations or public agencies, including states, working in partnership with one or more institutions of higher education are eligible to apply.

Application Assistance

The Corporation will provide application assistance via a series of conference calls during February and March. During these calls, Corporation staff will answer questions related to the application guidelines. These calls will not serve as an opportunity for prospective applicants to obtain individual feedback on proposal ideas. If you would like to participate in a conference call, please call (202) 606-5000 ext. 117. The Corporation staff will assume that conference call participants have read the application guidelines thoroughly.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 12501 et seq.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

OMB Clearance Request for Subcontractor Payments

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

ACTION: Notice to new request for OMB clearance.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. 3501), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve a new information collection requirement concerning Subcontractor Payments.

DATES: Comments may be submitted on or before April 3, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Mr. Peter Weiss, FAR Desk Officer, OMB, room 10236, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Fayson, Office of Federal Acquisition Policy, GSA (202) 501-4755.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

This is a request for review and approval of a new information collection requirement. Part 28 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) contains guidance related to obtaining financial protection against damages under Government contracts (e.g., use of bonds, bid guarantees, insurance, etc.). FAR Part 32 provides guidance related to contract financing and payment. FAR Part 52 contains the texts of solicitation provisions and contract clauses. The proposed rule amends FAR 28 and 32 to implement a new statutory requirement for information to be provided by the Federal Government and Federal contractors relating to payment bonds furnished under construction contracts which are subject to the Miller Act (40 U.S.C. 270a-270d). This new collection requirement is mandated by Section 806 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1992 and 1993 (Public Law 102-190), as amended by Sections 2091 and 8105 of the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994 (Public Law 103-355). Sections 2091 and 8105 require the Federal Acquisition Regulations Council

publish, for Federal-wide applicability, regulations that were previously required to be published by the Secretary of Defense for applicability to the Department of Defense. The following reflects the transfer, with minor changes, of the existing Department of Defense's implementation of these statutory requirements to the Federal Acquisition Regulation. A new clause at 52.228-00, Subcontractor Requests for Bonds, implements Sections 806(a) (2) and (3) of Public Law 102-190, which specify that, upon the request of a prospective subcontractor or supplier offering to furnish labor or material for the performance of a construction contract for which a payment bond has been furnished to the United States pursuant to the Miller Act, the contractor shall promptly provide a copy of such payment bond to the requestor.

In conjunction with performance bonds, payment bonds are used in Government construction contracts to secure fulfillment of the contractor's obligations under the contract and to assure that the contractor makes all payments, as required by law, to persons furnishing labor or material in performance of the contract. The proposed rule will provide prospective subcontractors and suppliers a copy of the payment bond furnished by the contractor to the Governor for the performance of a Federal construction contract subject to the Miller Act. It is expected that prospective subcontractors and suppliers will use this information to determine whether to contract with that particular prime contractor. This information has been and will continue to be available from the Government. The requirement for contractors to provide a copy of the payment bond upon request to any prospective subcontractor or supplier under the Federal construction contract is contained in Sections 806(a)(2) and (3) of Public Law 102-190, as amended by Sections 2091 and 8105 of Public Law 103-355.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.50 hours 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. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat, 18th & F Streets, NW., room