

notices are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notices also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing to the Reserve Bank indicated for that notice or to the offices of the Board of Governors. Comments must be received not later than December 19, 2018.

*A. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City* (Dennis Denney, Assistant Vice President) 1 Memorial Drive, Kansas City, Missouri 64198-0001:

1. *Jane Chance, Fowler, Kansas, Trustee of the Lynn and Jane Chance Revocable Trust*; to acquire voting shares of FSB Bankshares, Inc., and thereby indirectly acquire Fowler State Bank, Fowler, Kansas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, November 28, 2018.

**Yao-Chin Chao,**

*Assistant Secretary of the Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

#### NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0149; Docket No. 2018-0003; Sequence No. 16]

#### Submission for OMB Review; Subcontract Consent and Contractors' Purchasing System Review

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Regulatory Secretariat Division will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a previously approved information collection requirement concerning consent to subcontract, advance notification, and Contractors' purchasing system review.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before January 2, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this

burden to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for GSA, Room 10236, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503.

Additionally submit a copy to GSA by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* This website provides the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field or attach a file for lengthier comments. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions on the site.

- *Mail:* General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat Division (MVCB), 1800 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20405. ATTN: Ms. Mandell/IC 9000-0149, Subcontract Consent and Contractors' Purchasing System Review.

*Instructions:* All items submitted must cite Information Collection 9000-0149, Subcontract Consent and Contractors' Purchasing System Review.

Comments received generally will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided. To confirm receipt of your comment(s), please check [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), approximately two to three days after submission to verify posting (except allow 30 days for posting of comments submitted by mail).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Mahruba Uddowla, Procurement Analyst, at telephone 703-605-2868, or email [mahruba.uddowla@gsa.gov](mailto:mahruba.uddowla@gsa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### A. Purpose

This information collection requirement, OMB Control No. 9000-0149, currently titled "Subcontract Consent," is proposed to be retitled "Subcontract Consent and Contractors' Purchasing System Review," due to consolidation with currently approved information collection requirement OMB Control No. 9000-0132, Contractors' Purchasing System Review.

This clearance covers the information that a contractor must submit to comply with the requirements in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 52.244-2, Subcontracts, regarding consent to subcontract, advance notification, and Contractors' purchasing system review as follows:

1. *Consent to subcontract.* This is the contracting officer's written consent for the prime contractor to enter into a particular subcontract. In order for the contracting officer responsible for consent to make an informed decision, the prime contractor must submit adequate information to ensure that the

proposed subcontract is appropriate for the risks involved and consistent with current policy and sound business judgment. The review allows the Government to determine whether the contractor's purchasing policies and practices are efficient and adequately protect the Government's interests.

If the contractor has an approved purchasing system, consent is required for subcontracts specifically identified by the contracting officer in the subcontracts clause of the contract. The contracting officer may require consent to subcontract if the contracting officer has determined that an individual consent action is required to protect the Government adequately because of the subcontract type, complexity, or value, or because the subcontract needs special surveillance. These can be subcontracts for critical systems, subsystems, components, or services.

If the contractor does not have an approved purchasing system, consent to subcontract is required for cost-reimbursement, time-and-materials, labor-hour, or letter contracts, and also for unpriced actions under fixed-price contracts that exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.

2. *Advance notification.* Prime contractors must provide contracting officers notification before the award of any cost-plus-fixed-fee subcontract, or certain fixed-price subcontracts. This requirement for advance notification is driven by statutory requirements in 10 U.S.C. 2306 and 41 U.S.C. 3905.

3. *Contractors' Purchasing System Review.* The objective of a contractor purchasing system review (CPSR), is to evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness with which a contractor spends Government funds and complies with Government policy when subcontracting.

Paragraph (i) of FAR clause 52.244-2 specifies that the Government reserves the right to review the contractor's purchasing system as set forth in FAR subpart 44.3. FAR 44.302 requires the administrative contracting officer (ACO) to determine the need for a CPSR based on, but not limited to, the past performance of the contractor, and the volume, complexity and dollar value of subcontracts. If a contractor's sales to the Government (excluding competitively awarded firm-fixed-price and competitively awarded fixed-price with economic price adjustment contracts and sales of commercial items pursuant to Part 12) are expected to exceed \$25 million during the next 12 months, the ACO will perform a review to determine if a CPSR is needed. Sales include those represented by prime contracts, subcontracts under

Government prime contracts, and modifications. Generally, a CPSR is not performed for a specific contract. The head of the agency responsible for contract administration may raise or lower the \$25 million review level if it is considered to be in the Government's best interest. Once an initial determination has been made to conduct a review, at least every three years the ACO shall determine whether a purchasing system review is necessary. If necessary, the cognizant contract administration office will conduct a purchasing system review.

A CPSR provides the administrative contracting officer (ACO) a basis for granting, withholding, or withdrawing approval of a contractor's purchasing system. An approved purchasing system allows the contractor more autonomy in subcontracting actions. Without an approved purchasing system more Government oversight is necessary, and Government consent to subcontract is required. Generally, a CPSR is not performed for a specific contract. Rather, CPSRs are conducted on contractors based on the factors identified above.

The cognizant ACO is responsible for granting, withholding, or withdrawing approval of a contractor's purchasing system and for promptly notifying the contractor of same (FAR 44.305-1).

Related administrative requirements are as follows: FAR 44.305-2(c) requires that when recommendations are made for improvement of an approved system, the contractor shall be requested to reply within 15 days with a position regarding the recommendations. FAR 44.305-3(b) requires when approval of the contractor's purchasing system is withheld or withdrawn, the ACO shall within 10 days after completing the in-plant review (1) inform the contractor in writing, (2) specify the deficiencies that must be corrected to qualify the system for approval, and (3) request the contractor to furnish within 15 days a plan for accomplishing the necessary actions. If the plan is accepted, the ACO shall make a follow-up review as soon as the contractor notifies the ACO that the deficiencies have been corrected.

#### B. Public Comment

A notice was published in the **Federal Register** at 83 FR 42651, on August 23, 2018. No comments were received.

#### C. Annual Reporting Burden

The burden estimates provided in the notice published in the **Federal Register** at 83 FR 42651, on August 23, 2018, have been adjusted to reflect current, relevant data and appropriate methodology.

#### 1. Consent to subcontract.

*Respondents:* 2,053.

*Responses per Respondent:* 3.

*Total Annual Responses:* 6,159.

*Hours per Response:* 3.

*Total Burden Hours:* 18,477.

#### 2. Advance notification.

*Respondents:* 1,336.

*Responses per Respondent:* 3.

*Total Annual Responses:* 4,008.

*Hours per Response:* 0.25.

*Total Burden Hours:* 1,002.

#### 3. Contractors' Purchasing System Review.

*Respondents:* 240.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Total Annual Responses:* 240.

*Hours per Response:* 160.

*Total Burden Hours:* 38,400.

#### 4. Summary.

*Respondents:* 3,629.

*Total Annual Responses:* 10,407.

*Total Burden Hours:* 57,879.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

*Obtaining Copies:* Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat Division (MVCB), 1800 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20405, telephone 202-501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0149, Subcontract Consent and Contractors' Purchasing System Review, in all correspondence.

Dated: November 27, 2018.

**Janet Fry,**

*Director, Federal Acquisition Policy Division,  
Office of Governmentwide Acquisition Policy,  
Office of Acquisition Policy, Office of  
Governmentwide Policy.*

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### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[Notice-PBS-2018-14; Docket No. 2018-0002; Sequence No. 33]

#### Notice of Availability of a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the New U.S. Land Port of Entry in Madawaska, Maine and Madawaska-Edmundston International Bridge Project

**AGENCY:** Public Buildings Service (PBS), General Services Administration (GSA); Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations, the

GSA Public Buildings Service NEPA Desk Guide, and the FHWA Policy Guide, GSA, PBS, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and MaineDOT, in cooperation with the U.S. Coast Guard and in coordination with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), announce the availability of a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) assessing the potential impacts of a proposed new U.S. Land Port of Entry (LPOE) in Madawaska, Maine and an International Bridge project between Madawaska and Edmundston, New Brunswick, Canada (the "Proposed Action").

**DATES:** The GSA, FHWA, and MaineDOT will host a public hearing on Wednesday, December 12, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Madawaska High School gymnasium at 135 7th Avenue, Madawaska, Maine 04756, at 6:30 p.m. EST (Eastern Standard Time). The evening of the public hearing will consist of an open house to view displays beginning at 6:00 p.m., a brief presentation beginning at 6:30 p.m., followed by an opportunity to provide comments on the contents of the DSEIS. Interested parties are encouraged to attend and provide written comments by Thursday, January 31, 2019.

Written comments can be submitted by the following methods:

- *Regulations.gov:* <http://www.regulations.gov> (<http://www.regulations.gov>). Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal by searching the Notice number or "New U.S. Land Port of Entry in Madawaska, Maine and Madawaska-Edmundston International Bridge Project." Select the link "Comment Now" that corresponds with "Notice of Availability of a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the New U.S. Land Port of Entry in Madawaska, Maine and Madawaska-Edmundston International Bridge Project" on your attached document.

- *Postal Mail or Email:* Ms. Alexas Kelly, Project Manager, GSA, 10 Causeway Street, 11th Floor, Boston, MA 02222, or [alexandria.kelly@gsa.gov](mailto:alexandria.kelly@gsa.gov).

- *Postal Mail:* Ms. Cheryl Martin, Assistant Division Administrator, FHWA, Edmund S. Muskie Federal Building, 40 Western Avenue, Room 614, Augusta, ME 04330.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Alexas Kelly, Project Manager, GSA, New England Region, by phone at 617-549-8190 or by email at [alexandria.kelly@gsa.gov](mailto:alexandria.kelly@gsa.gov). Please also call this number if special assistance is needed to attend and participate in the public hearing.