

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; issuance of permit.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that a permit has been issued to Robin Baird, Ph.D., Cascadia Research, 218½ W. 4th Avenue, Olympia, WA 98501, to conduct research on marine mammals in the Atlantic Ocean.

**ADDRESSES:** The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427-8401; fax (301) 713-0376;

Northeast Region, NMFS, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930; phone (978) 281-9328; fax (978) 281-9394; and

Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, Saint Petersburg, FL 33701; phone (727) 824-5312; fax (727) 824-5309.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Laura Morse or Carrie Hubbard, (301) 427-8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On February 17, 2012, notice was published in the *Federal Register* (77 FR 9627) that a request for a permit to conduct research on 27 species of cetaceans in U.S. and international waters of the Atlantic Ocean from Virginia to Southern Florida had been submitted by the above-named applicant. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Authorized taking includes harassment of 27 species of cetaceans through vessel approach for sighting surveys, photographic identification, behavioral research, opportunistic sampling (sloughed skin, fecal material, and prey remains), and dart and/or suction-cup tagging. Import and export of marine mammal prey specimens, sloughed skin, fecal, and breath samples obtained is authorized. The permit is valid until May 11, 2017.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a final determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Dated: May 15, 2012.

**Tammy C. Adams,**

*Acting Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

#### NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

**[OMB Control No. 9000-0154; Docket 2012-0076; Sequence 11]**

#### **Federal Acquisition Regulation; Submission for OMB Review; Davis Bacon Act-Price Adjustment (Actual Method)**

**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, the Regulatory Secretariat 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 the Davis-Bacon Act price adjustment (actual method). A notice was published in the *Federal Register* at 77 FR 13328, on March 6, 2012. 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 federal Acquisition Regulations (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 June 20, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments identified by Information Collection 9000-0154, Davis Bacon Act-Price

Adjustment (Actual Method), by any of the following methods:

- *Regulations.gov:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal by searching the OMB control number. Select the link "Submit a Comment" that corresponds with "Information Collection 9000-0154, Davis Bacon Act-Price Adjustment (Actual Method)". Follow the instructions provided at the "Submit a Comment" screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and "Information Collection 9000-0154, Davis Bacon Act-Price Adjustment (Actual Method)" on your attached document.

- *Fax:* 202-501-4067.

- *Mail:* General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (MVCB), 1275 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20417. ATTN: Hada Flowers/IC 9000-0154, Davis Bacon Act-Price Adjustment (Actual Method).

*Instructions:* Please submit comments only and cite Information Collection 9000-0154, Davis Bacon Act-Price Adjustment (Actual Method), in all correspondence related to this collection. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Edward Loeb, Procurement Analyst, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, GSA, (202) 501-0650, or via email [Edward.loeb@gsa.gov](mailto:Edward.loeb@gsa.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **A. Purpose**

Government contracting officers may include FAR clause 52.222-32, Davis-Bacon Act—Price Adjustment (Actual Method) in fixed-price solicitations and contracts, subject to the Davis-Bacon Act under certain conditions. The conditions are that the solicitation or contract contains option provisions to extend the term of the contract and the contracting officer determines that the most appropriate method to adjust the contract price at option exercise is to use a computation method based on the actual increase or decrease from a new or revised Department of Labor Davis-Bacon Act wage determination.

The clause requires that a contractor submit at the exercise of each option to extend the term of the contract, a statement of the amount claimed for incorporation of the most current wage determination by the Department of Labor, and any relevant supporting data, including payroll records that the contracting officer may reasonably require. The information is used by

Government contracting officers to establish the contract price adjustment for the construction requirements of a contract, generally if the contract requirements are predominantly services subject to the Service Contract Act.

## B. Annual Reporting Burden

*Respondents:* 842.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 842.

*Hours per Response:* 40.

*Total Burden Hours:* 33,680.

*Obtaining Copies of Proposals:*

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (MVCB), 1275 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20417, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0154, Davis-Bacon Act—Price Adjustment (Actual Method), in all correspondence.

Dated: May 15, 2012.

**Laura Auletta,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

### NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0149; Docket 2012-0076; Sequence 15]

### Federal Acquisition Regulation; Information Collection; Subcontract Consent

**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 (9000-0149).

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Regulatory Secretariat 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 subcontract consent. This OMB Clearance expires August 31, 2012.

*Public comments are particularly invited on:* Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the Federal

Acquisition Regulation (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 July 20, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments identified by Information Collection 9000-0149, Subcontract Consent, by any of the following methods:

- *Regulations.gov:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal by searching the OMB control number. Select the link "Submit a Comment" that corresponds with "Information Collection 9000-0149, Subcontract Consent". Follow the instructions provided at the "Submit a Comment" screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and "Information Collection 9000-0149, Subcontract Consent" on your attached document.

- *Fax:* 202-501-4067.

- *Mail:* General Services

Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (MVCB), 1275 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20417. ATTN: Hada Flowers/IC 9000-0149, Subcontract Consent.

*Instructions:* Please submit comments only and cite Information Collection 9000-0149, Subcontract Consent, in all correspondence related to this collection. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Karlos Morgan, Procurement Analyst, Contract Policy Division, GSA, (202) 501-2364 or via email at [karlos.morgan@gsa.gov](mailto:karlos.morgan@gsa.gov).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### A. Purpose

The objective of consent to subcontract, as discussed in FAR Part 44, is to evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness with which the contractor spends Government funds, and complies with Government policy when subcontracting. The Government requires a contractor to provide certain information (e.g., subcontractor's name, type of subcontract, price, description of

supply or services, etc.) reasonably in advance of placing a subcontract to ensure that the proposed subcontract is appropriate for the risks involved and consistent with current policy and sound business judgment. The information provides the Government a basis for granting, or withholding consent to subcontract.

## B. Annual Reporting Burden

*Number of Respondents:* 4,252.

*Responses per Respondent:* 3.61.

*Total Responses:* 15,349.

*Average Burden Hours per Response:* .87.

*Total Burden Hours:* 13,353.

*Obtaining Copies of Proposals:*

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (MVCB), 1275 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20417, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0149, Subcontract Consent, in all correspondence.

**Laura Auletta,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

### NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0076; Docket 2012-0076; Sequence 12]

### Federal Acquisition Regulation; Information Collection; Novation/Change of Name Requirements

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

**ACTION:** Notice of request for comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Regulatory Secretariat 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 Novation/Change of Name Requirements.

*Public comments are particularly invited on:* Whether this collection of