

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Notice of Availability of a Finding of No Significant Impact for the Transport of Polychlorinated Biphenyl-Containing Items From Japan and Wake Island to the United States

AGENCY: Defense Logistics Agency.

ACTION: Notice of a finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: The Defense Logistics Agency announces the availability of the Final Environmental Assessment and the Finding of No Significant Impact for the Transport of Polychlorinated Biphenyl-Containing Items from Japan and Wake Island to the United States. The final environmental assessment evaluates the environmental impacts of the transport to the United States, from military bases in Japan and Wake Island, of approximately seven million pounds of obsolete electrical equipment and related materials (including liquids and packaging materials) containing polychlorinated biphenyls. Treatment and disposal will be conducted in accordance with Environmental Protection Agency approved methods. The environmental assessment determined that neither transportation alternative (shipment by water or shipment by air) is likely to result in an accidental release of polychlorinated biphenyls or have a significant impact on the environment or public safety. The No Action alternative was not adopted, as it was not considered a feasible solution for continuing accumulations of this material. As a result, the Finding of No Significant Impact concludes that the proposed action does not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and an environmental impact statement is not required. DLA plans to use a combination of both transportation alternatives.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jack Hooper at (703) 767-5121.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 28, 2002, a **Federal Register** notice invited public comment on the draft environmental assessment for a period of 30 days. Two comments were received and were considered. The comments and DLA's responses are summarized in Appendix G of the final environmental assessment. The final environmental assessment and the Finding of No Significant Impact are available at the Defense Logistics Agency, Attention: Mr. Jack Hooper, DLA-CP, 8725 John J. Kingman Road, STOP 6220, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-

6221 and on the World Wide Web at <http://www.dla.mil/ea082802.asp>.

Dated: December 13, 2002.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[OMB Control No. 9000-0145]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Information Collection; Use of Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) as Primary Contractor Identification

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 (9000-0145).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), 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 use of data universal numbering system (DUNS) as primary contractor identification. This OMB clearance expires on March 31, 2003.

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 February 18, 2003.

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

burden to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVA), 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Laura Smith, Acquisition Policy Division, GSA, (202) 208-7279.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**A. Purpose**

The Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number is the nine-digit identification number assigned by Dun and Bradstreet Information Services to an establishment. The Government uses the DUNS number to identify contractors in reporting to the Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS). The FPDS provides a comprehensive mechanism for assembling, organizing, and presenting contract placement data for the Federal Government. Federal agencies report data on all contracts in excess of \$25,000.00 to the Federal Procurement Data Center which collects, processes, and disseminates official statistical data on Federal contracting. Contracting officers insert the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) provision 52.204-6, Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number in solicitations they expect will result in contracts in excess of \$25,000.00. This provision requires offerors to submit their DUNS number with their offer. If the offeror does not have a DUNS number, the provision provides instructions on obtaining one.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 35,694.

Responses Per Respondent: 4.00.

Annual Responses: 142,776.

Hours Per Response: .0200.
(Averaged)

Total Burden Hours: 2,852.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals: Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVA), Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0145, Use of Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) as Primary Contractor Identification, in all correspondence.

Dated: December 11, 2002.

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