

With Corporations with Delinquent Taxes or a Felony Conviction. FAR provision 52.209–11, Representation by Corporations Regarding Delinquent Tax Liability or a Felony Conviction under any Federal Law, and its equivalent for commercial acquisitions at FAR 52.212–3(q), require offerors to represent whether the offeror is a corporation that—

- Has any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability; and
- Was convicted of a felony criminal violation under a Federal law within the preceding 24 months.

FAR provision 52.209–12, Certification Regarding Tax Matters, require offerors proposing a total contract price that will exceed \$5.5 million (including options) to certify that, to the best of the offeror's knowledge and belief, it—

- Has filed all Federal tax returns required during the three years preceding the certification;
- Has not been convicted of a criminal offense under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; and
- Has not, more than 90 days prior to certification, been notified of any unpaid Federal tax assessment for which the liability remains unsatisfied, unless the assessment is the subject of an installment agreement or offer in compromise that has been approved by the Internal Revenue Service and is not in default, or the assessment is the subject of a non-frivolous administrative or judicial proceeding.

6. FAR 52.209–13, Violations of Arms Control Treaties or Agreements with the United States. Unless the offeror is providing evidence of a waiver or determination in accordance with paragraph (b)(2) of the FAR provision at 52.209–13, Violation of Arms Control Treaties or Agreements—Certification, paragraph (b)(1) of the provision requires offerors to certify that—

- The offeror does not engage and has not engaged in any activity that contributed to or is a significant factor in the President's or Secretary of State's determination that a foreign country is in violation of its obligations undertaken in any arms control, nonproliferation, or disarmament agreement to which the United States is a party, or is not adhering to its arms control, nonproliferation, or disarmament commitments in which the United States is a participating state. The determinations are described in the

most recent unclassified annual report provided to Congress pursuant to section 403 of the Arms Control and Disarmament Act (22 U.S.C. 2593a); and

- No entity owned or controlled by the offeror is an entity organized under the laws of such country, that engages or has engaged in any activity that contributed to or is a significant factor in the President's or Secretary of State's determination that a foreign country is in violation of its obligations undertaken in any arms control, nonproliferation, or disarmament agreement to which the United States is a party, or is not adhering to its arms control, nonproliferation, or disarmament commitments in which the United States is a participating state.

Contracting officers use the collected information described above to determine an offeror's responsibility for contract award.

### C. Annual Burden

*Respondents:* 1,802,621.

*Total Annual Responses:* 1,953,229.

*Total Burden Hours:* 547,110.

### D. Public Comment

A 60-day notice was published in the **Federal Register** at 86 FR 71500, on December 16, 2021. No comments were received.

*Obtaining Copies:* Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the GSA Regulatory Secretariat Division, by calling 202–501–4755 or emailing [GSARegSec@gsa.gov](mailto:GSARegSec@gsa.gov). Please cite OMB Control No. 9000–0198, Certain Federal Acquisition Regulation Part 9 Requirements.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

### NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000–0027; Docket No. 2022–0053; Sequence No. 4]

### Information Collection; Value Engineering Requirements

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

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations, DoD, GSA, and NASA invite the public to comment on an extension concerning value engineering requirements. DoD, GSA, and NASA invite comments on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of Federal Government acquisitions, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. OMB has approved this information collection for use through April 30, 2022. DoD, GSA, and NASA propose that OMB extend its approval for use for three additional years beyond the current expiration date.

**DATES:** DoD, GSA, and NASA will consider all comments received by April 19, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** DoD, GSA, and NASA invite interested persons to submit comments on this collection through <https://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions on the site. This website provides the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field or attach a file for lengthier comments. If there are difficulties submitting comments, contact the GSA Regulatory Secretariat Division at 202–501–4755 or [GSARegSec@gsa.gov](mailto:GSARegSec@gsa.gov).

*Instructions:* All items submitted must cite OMB Control No. 9000–0027, Value Engineering Requirements. Comments received generally will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided. To confirm receipt of your comment(s), please check [www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), approximately two-to-three days after submission to verify posting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Zenaida Delgado, Procurement Analyst, at telephone 202–969–7207, or [zenaida.delgado@gsa.gov](mailto:zenaida.delgado@gsa.gov).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### A. OMB Control Number, Title, and Any Associated Form(s)

9000–0027, Value Engineering Requirements.

## B. Need and Uses

This clearance covers the information that contractors must submit to comply with the following Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) requirements:

- FAR 52.248–1, Value Engineering; 52.248–2, Value Engineering-Architect-Engineer; and 52.248–3, Value Engineering-Construction.

These clauses require contractors submitting Value Engineering Change Proposals (VECP's) to the Government to provide such details as: (1) A description of the differences between the existing contract requirement and the proposed requirement, and the comparative advantages and disadvantages of each; (2) a list and analysis of contract requirements that must be changed if the VECP is accepted; (3) a detailed cost estimate showing anticipated reductions associated with the VECP; (4) a statement of the time a modification accepting the VECP must be issued to achieve maximum cost reduction, and the effect on contract completion time; and (5) identification of any previous submissions of the VECP; the agencies and contract numbers involved and previous Government actions, if known.

The Government will use the collected information to evaluate the VECP and, if accepted, to arrange for an equitable sharing plan.

## C. Annual Burden

*Respondents:* 109.

*Total Annual Responses:* 218.

*Total Burden Hours:* 3,270.

*Obtaining Copies:* Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the GSA Regulatory Secretariat Division by calling 202–501–4755 or emailing [GSARegSec@gsa.gov](mailto:GSARegSec@gsa.gov). Please cite OMB Control No. 9000–0027, Value Engineering Requirements.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

#### Request for Information: AHRQ's Proposed Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Trust Fund Strategic Framework

**AGENCY:** Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for information.

**SUMMARY:** The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) is seeking input from the public on its proposed strategic framework for AHRQ's Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Trust Fund investments.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by April 19, 2022. AHRQ will not respond individually to responders but will consider all comments submitted by the deadline.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit all responses via email to: [PCORTF@ahrq.hhs.gov](mailto:PCORTF@ahrq.hhs.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Karin Rhodes, MD, Chief Implementation Officer, Email: [PCORTF@ahrq.hhs.gov](mailto:PCORTF@ahrq.hhs.gov), Telephone: 301–427–1364 or 240–463–0872.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** AHRQ is authorized under 42 U.S.C. 299b–37 to broadly disseminate patient-centered outcomes research (PCOR) findings, including incorporation of PCOR findings into health information technology focused on clinical decision support, and to train researchers in the methods used to conduct PCOR. PCOR compares the impact of two or more preventive, diagnostic, treatment, or healthcare delivery approaches on health outcomes, including those that are meaningful to patients. AHRQ's work under 42 U.S.C. 299b–37 is funded by the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Trust Fund (PCORTF), 26 U.S.C. 9511, which was established in 2010 and reauthorized in 2019. To learn more about the PCORTF, please visit: <https://www.ahrq.gov/pcor/potential-of-the-pcortf/index.html>.

In response to the reauthorization of the PCORTF, AHRQ has developed a proposed strategic framework to guide future planning and evaluation of AHRQ's PCORTF investments (the strategic framework). The strategic framework is consistent with AHRQ's broader goal of improving the quality, safety, equity, and value of healthcare delivery.

The proposed strategic framework identifies five priorities for improving healthcare delivery that are aligned with AHRQ's mission and that have the potential to improve outcomes that patients care about. These priorities are interrelated, and all contribute to achieving the proposed strategic framework's overall vision of *equitable whole-person care across the lifespan*. The proposed strategic framework is consistent with AHRQ's Congressional authorization for investments from the PCORTF and is aligned with national health priorities.

The AHRQ PCORTF strategic framework includes a mission, vision, high-level priorities, desired outcomes, and cross-cutting strategies for advancing the desired outcomes. This framework is expected to describe and inform the portfolio of AHRQ PCORTF investments. AHRQ will use this broad framework to guide long-range planning and to guide the development of projects and investments.

AHRQ PCORTF-funded projects will be connected to components and sub-components of the strategic framework. Use of the strategic framework is intended to ensure that AHRQ's investments are coherently connected and advance the overall vision of *advancing equitable whole-person care across the lifespan*. The final strategic framework will also provide a basis for creating an evaluation framework, measuring the success of individual projects, and identifying the overall impact of AHRQ's PCORTF investments.

AHRQ is seeking public comment on the proposed strategic framework for AHRQ's PCORTF investments.

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