

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**GENERAL SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION****NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND
SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[OMB Control No. 9000–0167; Docket 2013–0077; Sequence 5]

**Federal Acquisition Regulation;
Information Collection American
Recovery and Reinvestment Act-
Reporting Requirements—One-Time
Reporting for First-Tier Subcontractors**

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, with changes, 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 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act-Reporting Requirements—One Time Reporting for First-tier Subcontractors.

DATES: Submit comments on or before November 4, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments identified by Information Collection 9000–0167, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act-Reporting Requirements—One Time Reporting for First-tier Subcontractors, 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 9000–0167, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act-Reporting Requirements—One Time Reporting for First-tier Subcontractors”. Follow the instructions provided at the “Submit a Comment” screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and “Information Collection 9000–0167, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act-Reporting Requirements—One Time Reporting for First-tier Subcontractors” on your attached document.

- Fax: 202–501–4067.

- Mail: General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (MVCB), 1800 F Street NW., Washington, DC 20405. ATTN: Hada Flowers/IC 9000–0167, American

Recovery and Reinvestment Act-Reporting Requirements—One Time Reporting for First-tier Subcontractors.

Instructions: Please submit comments only and cite Information Collection 9000–0167, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act-Reporting Requirements—One Time Reporting for First-tier Subcontractors, in all correspondence related to this collection. Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503. 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. Curtis E. Glover, Sr., Procurement Analyst, Acquisition Policy Division, at telephone 202–501–1448 or via email to Curtis.glover@gsa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**A. Purpose**

In accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) subpart 4.15 and the applicable clause at FAR 52.204–11, which implements the statutory requirements section 1512(c) of Division A of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Pub. L. 111–5) (Recovery Act), as a condition of receipt of funds, contractors that receive awards (or modifications to existing awards) funded, in whole or in part by the Recovery Act, shall include the one-time reporting elements for which the burden is imposed only on the first-tier subcontractor. The information shall include, but is not limited to:

- a. Unique identifier (DUNS Number) for the subcontractor receiving the award and for the subcontractor’s parent company, if the subcontractor has a parent company;

- b. Subcontractor’s physical address including street address, city, state, and country. Also include the nine-digit zip code and congressional district if applicable; and

- c. Subcontract primary performance location including street address, city, state, and country. Also include the nine-digit zip code and congressional district if applicable.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

This information collection reflects a downward adjustment from what was published in the **Federal Register** on September 24, 2010, at 75 FR 58390, for the number of respondents required to comply with the requirements of FAR

subpart 4.15 and the associated FAR clause at 52.204–11, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act—Reporting Requirements. This change is primarily a result of the lower amount of Recovery Act funds available for award.

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2010, the Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS) indicated that there were 33,041 Recovery Act prime contract awards, including modifications (21,767 awarded to small businesses), to 8896 unique vendors. In FY 2012, FPDS indicates that there were 6,312 Recovery Act prime contract awards, including modifications (3,156 awarded to small businesses), to 2,247 unique vendors. This change represents a decrease of approximately 75 percent from FY 2010. The number of first-tier subcontractors estimated to participate in Recovery Act awards is 4,494. This was derived by estimating two first-tier subcontractors for each prime contractor. It was determined that the FY 2012 FPDS data regarding the number of unique vendors combined with the assumption of two first-tier subcontractors for each prime contractor was a sufficient baseline for estimating the number of respondents (first-tier subcontractors) per year that would need to comply with the applicable clause associated with this information collection (4,494).

In discussions with subject matter experts, it was determined that an estimated number of responses per respondent of two, was sufficient to reflect the lower amount of Recovery Act funds available for award. Additionally, it is estimated that the burden hours per response is 15 minutes (.25), which reflects no change from what was published **Federal Register** on September 24, 2010, at 75 FR 58390. No public comments were received in prior years that have challenged the validity of the Government’s estimate.

Respondents: 4,494.

Responses Per Respondent: 2.0.

Total Annual Responses: 8,988.

Hours per Response: .25.

Total Burden Hours: 2,247.

C. Public Comments

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.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals: Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (MVCB), 1800 F Street NW., Washington, DC 20405, telephone 202-501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0167, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act—Reporting Requirements—One Time Reporting for First-tier Subcontractors, in all correspondence.

Dated: August 29, 2013.

Karlos Morgan,

Acting Director, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, Office of Government-wide Acquisition Policy, Office of Acquisition Policy, Office of Government-wide Policy.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[Notice-FTR-2013-04; Docket No. 2013-0002; Sequence 25]

Maximum Per Diem Rates for the Continental United States (CONUS)

AGENCY: Office of Government-wide Policy (OGP), General Services Administration (GSA).

ACTION: Notice of GSA Per Diem Bulletin FTR 14-01, Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Continental United States (CONUS) per diem rates.

SUMMARY: The General Services Administration's (GSA) Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 per diem review has resulted in lodging and meal allowance changes for certain locations within the Continental United States (CONUS) to provide for reimbursement of Federal employees' expenses covered by per diem. The standard lodging per diem rate will increase to \$83. The meals and incidental expense tiers remain unchanged for FY 2014 and range from \$46-\$71. GSA identified two new non-standard areas (NSAs): Big Spring, TX (Howard County); and Pearsall, TX (Frio, La Salle, and Medina Counties). The City of Hershey, PA, is now a separate NSA from Harrisburg, PA. In addition, Pasco, WA (Franklin County) and Richland, WA (Benton County) have been merged into a single NSA. Finally, Hendry County, FL is now included with the Palm Beach County, FL NSA.

The CONUS per diem rates prescribed in Bulletin 14-01 may be found at www.gsa.gov/perdiem. GSA bases the

lodging rates on the average daily rate that the lodging industry reports to an independent organization. If a lodging rate or a per diem rate is insufficient to meet necessary expenses in any given location, Federal executive agencies can request that GSA review that location. Please review numbers five and six of GSA's per diem Frequently Asked Questions at (www.gsa.gov/perdiemfaqs) for more information on the special review process.

In addition, the Federal Travel Regulation allows for actual expense reimbursement as provided in §§ 301-11.300 through 301-11.306.

DATES: This notice is effective September 5, 2013.

Applicability Date: Travel performed on or after October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For clarification of content, contact Ms. Jill Denning, Office of Government-wide Policy, Office of Asset and Transportation Management, at 202-208-7642, or by email at travelpolicy@gsa.gov. Please cite Notice of GSA Per Diem Bulletin FTR 14-01.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: GSA issues and publishes the CONUS per diem rates, formerly published in Appendix A to 41 CFR Chapter 301, solely on the Internet at www.gsa.gov/perdiem. This process, implemented in 2003, ensures more timely changes in per diem rates established by GSA for Federal employees on official travel within CONUS. Notices published periodically in the **Federal Register**, such as this one, now constitute the only notification of revisions in CONUS per diem rates to agencies.

Dated: August 30, 2013.

Craig J. Flynn,

Director, Travel and Relocation Policy, Office of Government-wide Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Sole Source Cooperative Agreement Award to the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)

AGENCY: Office of Policy and Planning, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notification of a Sole Source Cooperative Agreement Award to the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) for a grant

titled: "Technical Assistance to Obtain Local Health Department and Community Input for National Health Security-related Activities".

Statutory Authority: Public Health Service Act, Section 1703(a), 42 U.S.C. 300u-2(a).

Estimated Amount of Award: \$1,500,000 USD.

Project Period: September 30, 2013 to September 29, 2016.

SUMMARY: ASPR requires collaboration with local health departments and officials to ensure that local governments, communities, private sector entities, non-governmental organizations, academia, and individuals can optimally coordinate their respective national health security roles and responsibilities to achieve community health resilience and strengthen health care, public health, and emergency management systems. This project aims to improve collaboration between ASPR and the local health departments (LHDs) to enhance national health security, foster community health resilience, and strengthen health care, public health, and emergency management systems.

One of the overarching goals of both the National Health Security Strategy (2009) and the ASPR Strategic Plan 2011-2015 is to build community health resilience. ASPR seeks to partner with LHDs and health officials which play a critical role in building community health resilience by employing and evaluating localized public health strategies, such as preparing local communities to withstand and recover from public health emergencies and disasters, and engaging local health departments and health care organizations to build healthcare coalitions. The project will foster better approaches for building community health resilience.

LHDs and health officials are intimately familiar with the communities and populations that they serve and are an essential partner in carrying out the mission of ASPR. ASPR seeks to engage LHDs and health officials as well as other appropriate local stakeholders in bi-directional communications to evaluate the effectiveness of, and ensure that, ASPR's strategies, policies, and programmatic activities are informed by and support the needs of local communities. The project will foster collaboration with local health officials to achieve, for example, national health security and strengthen local emergency preparedness, response, and recovery systems and capabilities, and build