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[Docket ID: DOD-2010-OS-0174]

Submission for OMB review; comment request

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by [insert 30 days from publication of this notice in the Federal Register].

TITLE, FORM, AND OMB NUMBER: Department of Defense Focus Groups of Employers; OMB Control Number 0704-TBD.

TYPE OF REQUEST: New

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 150

RESPONSES PER RESPONDENT: 1

ANNUAL RESPONSES: 150

AVERAGE BURDEN PER RESPONSE: 1.5 hours

ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS: 225 hours

NEEDS AND USES: The Department of Defense Focus Groups of Employers are designed to identify ways of supporting employers when Guard and Reserve employees are absent due to military duties and targeting such support, explore the characteristics of duty-related absences (such as frequency and duration) that have the greatest impact on employers, characterize the attitudes of employers toward Guard and Reserve employees, and examine knowledge of and compliance

with Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) and other ESGR

programs. The Department of Defense Focus Groups of Employers are intended to complement information gathered through the Department of Defense National Survey of Employers. The Department of Defense will use these data to inform decisions related to the management of Guard and Reserve.

AFFECTED PUBLIC: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government; State, local or tribal government organizations.

FREQUENCY: One-time.

RESPONDENT'S OBLIGATION: Voluntary.

OMB DESK OFFICER: Ms. Jasmeet Sehra

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Ms. Sehra at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

You may also submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by the following method:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this Federal Register document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

DOD CLEARANCE OFFICER: Ms. Patricia Toppings

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Ms. Toppings at WHS/ESD/Information Management Division, 4800 Mark Center Drive, 2nd Floor, East Tower, Suite 02G09, Alexandria, VA 22350-3100.

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