



**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**

**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[OMB Control No. 9000-0007; Docket No. 2024-0053; Sequence No. 19]

**Submission for OMB Review; Subcontracting Plans**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Regulatory Secretariat Division has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a previously approved information collection requirement regarding subcontracting plans.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*.]**

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for this information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** *FARPolicy@gsa.gov* or call 202-969-4075.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**A. OMB control number, Title, and any Associated Form(s):**

9000-0007, Subcontracting Plans.

**B. Need and Uses**

This clearance covers the information that offerors and contractors must submit to comply with the requirements in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 52.219-9, Small Business Subcontracting Plans, regarding subcontracting plans as follows:

1. Subcontracting plan. In accordance with section 8(d) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(d)), contractors receiving a contract that is expected to exceed, or a contract modification that causes a contract to exceed, \$750,000 (\$1.5 million for construction of a public facility) and has subcontracting possibilities, shall submit an acceptable subcontracting plan that provides maximum practicable opportunities for small business, veteran-owned small business, service-disabled veteran-owned small business, HUBZone small business, small disadvantaged business, and women-owned small business concerns. Specific elements required to be included in the plan are specified in section 8(d) of the Small Business Act and implemented in FAR subpart 19.7 and the clause at FAR 52.219-9.

2. Summary Subcontract Report (SSR). In conjunction with the subcontracting plan requirements, contractors with subcontracting plans must submit an annual summary of subcontracts awarded as prime and subcontractors for each specific Federal Government agency. Contractors submit the information in an SSR through the Electronic Subcontracting Reporting System (eSRS). This is required for all contractors with subcontracting plans regardless of the type of plan (i.e., commercial or individual).

3. Individual Subcontract Report (ISR). In conjunction with the subcontracting plan requirements, contractors with individual subcontracting plans must submit semi-annual reports of their small business subcontracting progress. Contractors submit the information through eSRS in an ISR, the electronic equivalent of the Standard Form (SF) 294, Subcontracting Report for Individual Contracts. Contractors with contracts that are not reported in the Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS), in accordance with FAR 4.606(c)(5), do not submit ISRs in eSRS; instead, they will continue to use the SF 294 to submit the information to the agency.

4. Written explanation for not using a small business subcontractor as specified in the proposal or subcontracting plan. Section 1322 of the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010 (Jobs Act), Public Law 111-240, amends the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(6)) to require, as

part of a subcontracting plan, that a prime contractor make a good faith effort to utilize a small business subcontractor during performance of a contract to the same degree the prime contractor relied on the small business in preparing and submitting its bid or proposal. If a prime contractor does not utilize a small business subcontractor as described above, the prime contractor is required to explain, in writing, to the contracting officer the reasons why it is unable to do so.

**C. Annual Burden**

Respondents: 30,365.

Total Annual Responses: 49,296.

Total Burden Hours: 112,704.

**D. Public Comment**

A 60-day notice was published in the *Federal Register* at 89 FR 97004, on December 6, 2024. Comments were received from a respondent; however, they did not change the estimate of the burden.

Comment: The respondent recommended removing the requirement for subcontracting plans in Federal contracting. The respondent stated that the "process of creating, maintaining, and reporting subcontracting plans imposes significant administrative burdens without a corresponding benefit that cannot already be achieved through existing reporting mechanisms."

Response: The respondent's input is appreciated.

Subcontracting plans and subcontracting plan reporting are required by section 8(d) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(d)). Therefore, changes to the information collected would require a change to the underlying statute.

**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. 9000-0007, Subcontracting Plans.

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