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

ACTIONS: Notice of request for comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Regulatory Secretariat Division 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 patents. A notice was published in the Federal Register at 81 FR 43607 on July 5, 2016. No comments were received.

DATES: Submit comments on or before [Insert date 30 days after publication in the Federal Register].

ADDRESSES: Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for GSA, Room 10236, NEOB, Washington, DC
20503. Additionally submit a copy to GSA by any of the following methods:


Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal by searching for “9000-0096; Patents”. Select the link “Submit a Comment” that corresponds with “Information Collection 9000-0096, Patents”. Follow the instructions provided at the “Submit a Comment” screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and “Information Collection 9000-0096, Patents” on your attached document.

- Mail: General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat Division (MVCB), IC 9000-0096, 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405.

Instructions: Please submit comments only and cite Information Collection 9000-0096, Patents, in all correspondence related to this collection. Comments received generally will be posted without change to http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided. To confirm receipt of your comment(s), please check www.regulations.gov, approximately two to three days after submission to verify posting (except allow 30 days for posting of comments submitted by mail).
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Charles Gray, Procurement Analyst, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, at 703-795-6328 or email charles.gray@gsa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

The patent coverage in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) subpart 27.2 requires the contractor to report each notice of a claim of patent or copyright infringement that came to the contractor’s attention in connection with performing a Government contract (FAR 27.202-1 and 52.227-2).

The contractor is also required to report all royalties anticipated or paid in excess of $250 for the use of patented inventions by furnishing the name and address of licensor, date of license agreement, patent number, brief description of item or component, percentage or dollar rate of royalty per unit, unit price of contract item, and number of units (FAR 27.202-5, 52.227-6, and 52.227-9).

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Number of Respondents: 107.
Responses per Respondent: 1.
Total Annual Responses: 107.
Hours per Response: 1.17.
Estimated Total Burden Hours: 126.
Frequency: On Occasion.

Affected Public: Businesses or other-for-profit entities and not-for-profit institutions.

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 Division (MVCB), 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405, telephone 202-501-4755.
Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0096, Patents, in all correspondence.

**Dated: October 5, 2016.**

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