DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Board of Visitors, United States Military Academy (USMA)

AGENCY: Department of the Army, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of open Federal Advisory Committee combined meeting: In-person and virtual.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army is publishing this notice to announce the Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the U.S. Military Academy Board of Visitors (Board). This meeting is open to the public. For additional information about the Board, please visit the committee’s website at https://www.westpoint.edu/about/superintendent/board-of-visitors.

DATES: The United States Military Academy Board of Visitors will conduct an in-person and Microsoft Office 365 Teams virtual meeting from 09:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., November 19, 2021.

ADDRESSES: The U.S. Military Academy Board of Visitors meeting will be a combined in-person and Microsoft Office 365 Teams virtual meeting. The in-person meeting will be held at West Point in Jefferson Hall’s Haig Room. The meeting may be virtually accessed via Microsoft Office 365 Teams. To participate in the meeting, see the Meeting Accessibility section for instructions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Deada K. Ghostlaw, the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for the committee, in writing at: Secretary of the General Staff. ATTN: Deada K. Ghostlaw, 646 Swift Road, West Point, NY 10996; by email at: deada.ghostlaw@westpoint.edu or BoV@westpoint.edu; or by telephone at (845) 938-4200.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: The USMA BoV provides independent advice and recommendations to the President of the United States on matters related to morale, discipline, curriculum, instruction, physical equipment, fiscal affairs, academic methods, and any other matters related to the Academy that the Board decides to consider.

Purpose of the Meeting: This is the 2021 Annual Meeting of the USMA BoV. Members of the Board will be provided updates on Academy issues. Agenda: Board Business; Strategy Update: Develop Leaders of Character; Cultivate a Culture of Character Growth: Build Diverse and Effective Teams; Modernize, Sustain, and Secure; and Strengthen Partnerships.

Availability of Materials for the Meeting: A copy of the agenda or any updates to the agenda for the November 19, 2021 meeting will be available in person, or through MS Office 365 Teams. The final version will be available in person, or at the Microsoft Office 365 Teams virtual meeting. All materials will be posted to the website after the meeting.

Meeting Accessibility: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended and 41 CFR 102–3.140 through 102–3.165, and seating, for members of the public who wish to attend the meeting in person, is on a space available basis; and is open through Microsoft Office 365 Teams to the public from time in 8:45 a.m.–11:30 p.m. Persons desiring to attend the meeting are required to submit their name, organization, email and telephone contact information to Mrs. Deada K. Ghostlaw at deada.ghostlaw@westpoint.edu not later than Wednesday, November 9, 2021; please indicate at that time whether attendance is in person or virtually, or via MS Office 365 Teams. Specific instructions for Microsoft Office 365 Teams participation in the meeting, will be provided by reply email. The meeting agenda will be available to those attending the meeting virtually prior to the meeting on the Board’s website at: https://www.westpoint.edu/about/superintendent/board-of-visitors.

Public’s Accessibility to the Meeting and Special Accommodations: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102–3.140 through 102–3.165 and subject to the availability of space, this meeting is open to the public. In-person seating is on a first to arrive basis; individuals requiring any special accommodations related to the in-person or virtual public meeting or seeking additional information about the procedures should contact Mrs. Ghostlaw, the committee DFO, at the email address or telephone number listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section, at least seven (7) business days prior to the meeting. Where appropriate, arrangements can be made. Attendees are requested to submit their name, affiliation, and daytime phone number seven business days prior to the meeting to Mrs. Ghostlaw, via electronic mail, the preferred mode of submission, at the address listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section. Because the committee meeting will be held in a Federal Government facility on a military post, pursuant to Army Regulation 190–13, security screening is required of the meeting public wishing to attend the meeting in person. A government photo ID is required to enter post. In order to enter the installation, members of the public must first go to the Visitor Control Center in the Visitor Center and go through a background check before being allowed access to the installation. Members of the public then need to park in Buffalo Soldier Field parking lot and ride the north-bound Central Post Area (CPA) shuttle bus to Thayer Road, get off at the Thayer Road Extension and walk up the road to the Guard Station; a member of the USMA staff will meet members of the public wishing to attend the meeting at 08:30 a.m. and escort them to the meeting location. Please note that all vehicles and persons entering the installation are subject to search and/or an identification check. Any person or vehicle refusing to be searched will be denied access to the installation. Members of the public should allow at least an hour for security checks and the shuttle ride. The United States Military Academy, Jefferson Hall, is fully handicap accessible. Wheelchair access is available on the south (Main) entrance of the building. For additional information about public access procedures, contact Mrs. Ghostlaw, the committee’s Designated Federal Officer, at the email address or telephone number listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section.

Written Comments or Statements: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.105(j) and 102–3.140 and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the public or interested organizations may submit written comments or statements to the Board about its mission and/or the topics to be addressed in this combined in-person/Microsoft Office 365 Teams virtual public meeting. Written comments or statements should be submitted to Mrs. Ghostlaw, the committee DFO, via electronic mail, the preferred mode of submission, at the address listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section in the following formats: Adobe Acrobat or Microsoft Word. The comment or statement must include the author’s name, title, affiliation, address, and daytime telephone number. Written comments or statements being submitted in response to the agenda set forth in this notice must be received by the committee DFO at least seven (7) business days prior to the meeting so that they may be made available to the Board for its consideration prior to the meeting. Written comments or statements received after this date may not be provided to the Board until its next meeting. Please note that because the Board operates under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act,
as amended, all written comments will be treated as public documents and will be made available for public inspection.

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.140d, the committee is not obligated to allow a member of the public to speak or otherwise address the committee during the meeting. However, the committee Designated Federal Official and Chairperson may choose to invite certain submitters to present their comments verbally during the open portion of this meeting or at a future meeting. The Designated Federal Officer, in consultation with the committee Chairperson, may allot a specific amount of time for submitters to present their comments verbally.

James W. Satterwhite, Jr.,
Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Defense Acquisition Regulations System

[Docket Number DARS–2021–0022; OMB Control Number 0704–0231]

Information Collection Requirement; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 237, Service Contracting, and Related Clauses and Forms

AGENCY: Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments regarding a proposed extension of an approved information collection requirement.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, DoD announces a proposed extension of a public information collection requirement and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. DoD invites comments on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of DoD, 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. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved this information collection requirement for use through February 28, 2022. DoD proposes that OMB extend its approval for three additional years.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by December 28, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by OMB Control Number 0704–0231, using any of the following methods:

○ Federal eRulemaking Portal: https://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

○ Email: osd.dfas@mail.mil. Include OMB Control Number 0704–0231 in the subject line of the message.

Comments received generally will be posted without change to https://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Associated Form, and OMB Number: Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 237, Service Contracting, associated DFARS Clauses at DFARS 252.237–7023, DD Form 2062, and DD Form 2063; OMB Control Number 0704–0231.

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

Respondent’s Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Number of Respondents: 2,737.

Responses per Respondent: 1.5, approximately.

Annual Responses: 4,019.

Average Burden per Response: 1.5, approximately.

Annual Burden Hours: 6,051.

Frequency: On occasion.

Needs and Uses: This information collection is used for the following purposes—

a. The information collected pursuant to DFARS solicitation provision 252.237–7060(c) is used to verify that the offeror is properly licensed in the state or other political jurisdiction where the offeror operates its professional practice.

b. DFARS 252.237–7011, the DD Form 2062, Record of Preparation and Disposition of Remains (Outside CONUS), and the DD Form 2063, Record of Preparation and Disposition of Remains (Within CONUS), are used to verify that the deceased’s remains have been properly cared for by the mortuary contractor.

c. The written plan required by DFARS solicitation provision 252.237–7024, submitted by contractors concurrently with the proposal or offer, allows the contracting officer to assess the offeror’s capability to continue providing contractually required services to support the DoD component’s mission-essential functions in the event of a crisis.

The information collected pursuant to DFARS contract clause 252.237–7023 allows the contracting officer to provide approval of updates to the contractor’s plan provided under DFARS clause 252.237–7024, to ensure that the contractor can continue to provide services in support of the DoD component’s mission-essential functions during crisis situations.

Summary of Information Collection

DFARS 237.270(d)(1) prescribes the use of the provision at DFARS 252.237–7000. Notice of Special Standards, in solicitations for the acquisition of audit services. The provision requires the apparently successful offeror to submit evidence that it is properly licensed in the state or political jurisdiction it operates its professional practice.

DFARS 237.7003(a)(8) prescribes the use of the clause at 252.237–7011, Preparation History, in all mortuary service solicitations and contracts. The information collected is used to verify that the remains have been properly cared for and that the DD Forms 2062 and 2063 are generally used for this purpose.

DFARS 237.7063(b) prescribes the use of the provision at 252.237–7024, Notice of Continuation of Essential Contractor Services, in solicitations and contracts required to acquire services that are in support of mission-essential functions, and that include the clause at 252.237–7023. The provision requires the offeror to submit a written plan demonstrating its capability to continue to provide the contractually required services to support a DoD component’s mission-essential functions during crisis situations.

DFARS 237.7063(a) prescribes the use of the clause at DFARS 252.237–7023, Continuation of Essential Contractor Services, in solicitations and contracts for services in support of mission-essential functions. The clause requires the contractor to maintain and update its written plan as necessary to ensure that they can continue to provide services to support the DoD component’s mission-essential functions during crisis situations.

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