

SUPPORTING STATEMENT – PART A

Taxes Assessed by the Government of Afghanistan: 0704-TBD

A. JUSTIFICATION

1. Need for the Information Collection

Section 1216 of the FY 2014 NDAA requires the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to Congress on the total taxes assessed during FY 2013 by the Government of Afghanistan on all Department of Defense assistance.

2. Use of the Information

The information provided by the companies regarding taxes assessed by Afghanistan will be provided by the Secretary of Defense to Congress as a requirement of section 1216 of the NDAA 2014. Decisions will then be made by the Secretary of Defense regarding the withholding from the funds appropriated for such assistance for fiscal year 2014 to the extent that the Secretary of Defense certifies that such taxes have not been reimbursed by the Government of Afghanistan to the Department of Defense or the grantee, contractor, or subcontractor concerned.

3. Use of Information Technology

The companies will provide their tax-related information to DoD in whatever mode is most convenient for them.

4. Non-duplication

No other collection exists where these data are available.

5. Burden on Small Business

No undue burden is being imposed on small businesses.

6. Less Frequent Collection

This is a one-time collection. A report to Congress will be submitted pursuant to section 1216 of the NDAA 2014.

7. Paperwork Reduction Act Guidelines

There are no special circumstances that require the collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with the guidelines delineated in title 5, CFR 1320.5(d)(2).

8. Consultation and Public Comments

This collection is being submitted as an Emergency Information Collection Request. The use of normal procedures under title 5, CFR, Part 1320, is likely to delay or disrupt the collection of the information and impede the Department's ability to meet the requirements in section 1216 of NDAA 2014. A notice was published in the Federal Register calling for public comment on August 18, 2014. Comments will be accepted through September 1, 2014.

9. Gifts or Payment

None.

10. Confidentiality

No assurance of confidentiality is provided. The information the Respondent provides will be protected to the extent permitted by law. PII will not be collected electronically or otherwise, and the record will not be retrievable by PII. Therefore, a SORN and PIA are not required.

11. Sensitive Questions

No sensitive questions are being asked.

12. Respondent Burden, and its Labor Costs

a. Estimation of Respondent Burden

There are approximately 192 vendors who will provide information for this collection. Each vendor will respond one time and it will take approximately 4 hours on average to provide the necessary information. The total respondent burden comes to 768 hours (192 x 4).

b. Labor Cost of Respondent Burden

Assuming an average hourly labor rate of \$25.00, the labor cost to provide the information would sum to \$19,200 (768 hours x \$25).

13. Respondent Costs Other Than Burden Hour Costs

- a. No capital and start-up costs are anticipated.
- b. No operation and maintenance costs are anticipated.

14. Cost to the Federal Government

We estimate that it will take approximately 16 hours to process all of the 192 submissions, compile the information, and write the report to Congress. At the hourly rate of \$43.09 for a GS 13, Step 1 in the DC locality areas, the cost to the government would be \$690 (16 hours x \$43.09 = \$689).

15. Reasons for Change in Burden

This is an existing collection and information had been collected without a current OMB Control Number. An Interim Report was sent to Congress on 06/05/14. That report stated that information collection was not complete but a revised report would be sent to Congress in August (a specific date in August was not cited). No information collection results were reported in the Interim Report. However, the component did not send a revised report to Congress in August, so that report is late. The component is now in the process of coordinating this revised report, which they are referring to as a Partial Report, and which will include only the information that had been collected prior to the start of preparing the PRA package for this submission: in other words, that information collection was done without an OMB Control Number. The component expects to send that report to Congress this month - September.

No additional information collection has been conducted because the component is waiting for the Emergency Clearance to be approved. Once it has been approved and an OMB Control Number has been assigned, the component will finish information collection, mainly with Army, will prepare a Final Report which will include the OMB Control Number, and will submit that final report to Congress.

16. Publication of Results

A report will be prepared for Congress pursuant to section 1216 of the NDAA 2014.

17. Non-Display of OMB Expiration Date

No request of non-display of the expiration date of the OMB approval is being requested.

18. Exceptions to "Certification for Paperwork Reduction Submissions"

No exemptions are being requested.