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**Agency:** Department of the Air Force  
**Subject:** DAA-AFU-2017-0002

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## INTRODUCTION

### Schedule Overview

Air Force Costs

### Additional Background Information

This schedule covers records relating to Air Force cost estimates of major weapons systems and other substantial acquisitions. The records are currently unscheduled.

### Overall Recommendation

I recommend approval of the attached schedule.

## APPRAISAL

### Item 0001: Air Force Costs

Cost analysis reports, data, assessments, worksheets, and other records used to estimate the cost of major weapons systems, components, and infrastructure.

**Proposed disposition:** Temporary

**Appropriateness of Proposed Disposition:** Appropriate

### **Appraisal Justification:**

Has little or no research value.

These are records relating to estimating the cost of major Air Force weapons systems and other major acquisitions. These records have little or no research value because they don't provide the important cost information about major Air Force acquisitions. The important information is provided by records of actual expenditures rather than estimated costs. Detailed expenditure information for individual Air Force acquisitions of more than \$10,000 is captured for 1975 to 2006 in the Defense Contract Action Data System (DCADS), which covers Department of Defense agencies only. After 2006, detailed expenditure information for individual Air Force acquisitions of \$25,000 or more is included in the Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS), which covers all Federal agencies. Both DCADS and FPDS are scheduled as permanent (see below).

Captured elsewhere in permanent records. As indicated above, there are two permanent electronic information systems that capture the important information about the cost of major Air Force acquisitions, including weapons systems. These two electronic information systems are:

- Defense Contract Action Data System (DCADS). **Authority: NC1-330-78-12, item 1a.**
- Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS). **Authority: N1-137-96-1, item 1.** This item will be superseded by permanent item 0003 in pending schedule DAA-0269-2016-0006, which is expected to be approved by NARA on or before September 30, 2018.

**Adequacy of Proposed Retention Period:**

Adequate for legal rights and accountability.

**Media Neutrality:** Approved.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Noble".

RICHARD NOBLE  
Appraiser