

*Performance on This Goal Will be Evaluated According to the Following Criteria*

- OSTP is successful in achieving this goal if coordination of the key R&D policies, programs, and budgets of the Federal S&T agencies is improved, appropriate agencies work together to implement cross-cutting priorities and programs, and international aspects (e.g., domestic and international implications of domestic and international programs) are suitably addressed.

- OSTP is minimally effective in achieving this goal if some R&D policies, programs, and budgets of the Federal S&T agencies are coordinated, some agencies work together to implement some cross-cutting priorities and programs, and international aspects are recognized.

**Goal 3: Promote Partnerships**

Catalyze and promote effective partnerships among Federal, State, and local governments, other countries, the private sector, and the academic and scientific communities.

*Performance on This Goal Will be Evaluated According to the Following Criteria:*

- OSTP is successful in achieving this goal if the partnerships it catalyzes and promotes are grounded in S&T, have the potential to contribute substantially to achieving national goals, involve the appropriate parties, including Federal government involvement in partnership implementation, and are tracked to their successful conclusion.

- OSTP is minimally effective in achieving this goal if the partnerships it catalyzes are grounded in S&T, have the potential to contribute to achieving national goals, and involve most appropriate parties, including Federal government involvement in partnership implementation.

**Goal 4: Assess and Report**

Evaluate and report on the scale, quality, and effectiveness of the Federal effort in S&T.

*Performance on This Goal Will be Evaluated According to the Following Criteria*

- OSTP is successful in achieving this goal if the assessments and reports it prepares or participates in are factually accurate, cover the full range of relevant scientific, technical, and policy issues, and are written to be understood by decisionmakers who may not have scientific or technical training.

- OSTP is minimally effective in achieving this goal if the assessments

and reports it prepares or participates in are factually accurate and cover the full range of relevant scientific, technical, and policy issues.

**Verification and Validation**

OSTP has asked PCAST to assess OSTP's performance.

The President appoints members to PCAST, which provides independent advice to the President on the Federal government's S&T policies and programs. PCAST will have complete discretion in formulating its assessment, and PCAST's independent views on how well OSTP has achieved or made progress toward the performance goal will be made available to the public.

Dated: June 14, 1999.

**Barbara Ann Ferguson,**

*Administrative Officer, Office of Science and Technology Policy.*

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

**Public Information Collection(s) Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval**

June 10, 1999.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted on or before July 19, 1999. If

you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all comments to Judy Boley, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1-C804, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554 or via the Internet to [jboley@fcc.gov](mailto:jboley@fcc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information or copies of the information collection(s), contact Judy Boley at 202-418-0214 or via the Internet at [jboley@fcc.gov](mailto:jboley@fcc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*OMB Control Number:* 3060-XXXX.  
*Title:* Broadcast Auction Form Exhibits.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Type of Review:* New collection.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, state, local or tribal government.

*Number of Respondents:* 1,380.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 0.5 hours to 2 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion reporting requirement.

*Total Annual Burden:* 690 hours.

*Total Annual Cost:* \$138,000.

*Needs and Uses:* Commission rules require that auction participants submit exhibits disclosing ownership, bidding agreements and engineering data. These data are used by Commission staff to ensure that applicants are qualified to participate in Commission auctions and to ensure that license winners are entitled to receive the new entrant bidding credit, if possible. Exhibits regarding joint bidding agreements are designed to prevent collusion. Submission of engineering data for non-table services enables the Commission to determine which applications are mutually exclusive.

*OMB Control Number:* 3060-XXXX.

*Title:* MDS and ITFS Two-Way Transmissions—Report and Order.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Type of Review:* New collection.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, state, local or tribal government.

*Number of Respondents:* 115,953.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 1 hour to 41 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion reporting requirement, recordkeeping requirement, third party disclosure requirement.

*Total Annual Burden:* 214,892 hours.

*Total Annual Cost:* \$3,619,032.

*Needs and Uses:* The rules adopted in the Report and Order in MM Docket 97-217, allow two-way operations for MDS

and ITFS will simplify two-way licensing and provide greater flexibility in the use of the allotted spectrum to licensees. These changes will eliminate market entry barriers for small entities. The Commission will use this information to ensure that MDS and ITFS applicants, conditional licensees and licensees have considered properly the potential for harmful interference from their facilities.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Magalie Roman Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed continuing information collections. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), this notice seeks comments concerning FEMA Form 85-3, National Defense Executive Reserve Personal Qualifications Statement. The form is used by Federal departments and agencies to recruit members for the National Defense Executive Reserve (NDER) program.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.** The NDER program was established by the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended. Under Executive Order 12919, National Defense Industrial Resources Preparedness, June 3, 1994, Part VI, Section 601, the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency coordinates the NDER program activities of departments and agencies that have NDER units. The NDER is composed of persons of recognized expertise from industry, organized labor, professional groups, and academia to serve in executive positions in the Federal Government during the event of an national emergency. FEMA may activate an NDER unit in whole or in part, upon the written determination that an national emergency affecting the national security or defense preparedness of the United States exists,

and that the activation of the units is necessary to carry out the emergency program functions of departments or agencies.

#### *Collection of Information*

**Title:** The National Defense Executive Reserve Personal Qualifications Statement.

**Type of Information Collection:** Revision of a currently approved collection.

**OMB Number:** 3067-0001.

**Form Numbers:** FEMA Form 85-3, National Defense Executive Reserve Personal Qualification Statement.

**Abstract:** The NDER is a Federal government program coordinated by FEMA. To become a member of the NDER, individuals with the requisite qualifications must complete an FEMA Form 85-3, National Defense Executive Reserve Personal Qualification Statement. FEMA Form 85-3 is an application form that is used by Federal departments and agencies to fill NDER vacancies and to ensure that individuals are qualified to perform in the assigned emergency positions. FEMA reviews the application forms to ensure that the candidate meets all basic membership qualifications for the Executive Reservist; ensures that applicants are not already serving in a Federal department or agency sponsored unit; and in some cases, determines the Federal department or agency best suited for the applicant.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or Households.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 25 hours.

**Estimated Cost:** None.

**Comments:** Written comments are solicited to (a) evaluate whether the proposed data collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses. Comments should be received within 60 days of the date of this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons should submit written comments to Muriel B. Anderson, FEMA Information

Collections Officer, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW, Room 316, Washington, DC 20472. Telephone number (202) 646-2625. FAX number (202) 646-3524 or e:mail [muriel.anderson@fema.gov](mailto:muriel.anderson@fema.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact Margaret B. Roberts, Program Manager, Preparedness, Training and Exercises Directorate, (202) 646-3564 for additional information. Contact Ms. Anderson at (202) 646-2625 for copies of the proposed collection of information.

Dated: June 7, 1999.

**Reginald Trujillo,**

*Director, Program Services Division,  
Operations Support Directorate.*

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## FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Emergency Management Agency, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the proposed collection of information. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), this notice seeks comments concerning the Capability Assessment for Readiness (CAR) which collects data on the capabilities of States to effectively respond to major disasters and emergencies.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The CAR program was established based on the requirement recognized by both the U.S. Congress and FEMA that an assessment of State capabilities was needed to determine the States' readiness to effectively respond to major disasters, and secondarily that FEMA financial assistance to the States is being effectively utilized. The answers to these questions are provided in the CAR assessment that involves detailed programmatic questions on mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery activities.

Section 313 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Public Law 93-288, as amended) requires the President to "conduct annual review of activities of Federal agencies and State and local governments in major disaster and