

identification, amount of indebtedness and recovery efforts as a result of the match.

**F. Individual notice and opportunity to contest:** Due process procedures will be provided by NSF to those individuals matched (hits) consisting of the NSF's verification of debt; a minimum of 30-day written notice to the debtor explaining the debtor's rights; opportunity for the debtor to examine and copy NSF's documentation relating to the debt; provision for debtor to seek the NSF's review of the debt (or in the case of the salary offset provision, opportunity for a hearing before an individual who is not under the supervision or control of the agency); and opportunity for the individual to enter into a written agreement satisfactory to the NSF for repayment. Only when all of the steps have been taken will the NSF disclose, pursuant to a routine use, to effect an administrative or salary offset. Unless the individual notifies NSF within 30 days from the date of the notice, NSF will infer that the data provided the individual is accurate and correct and will take the next step, as authorized by law, to recoup the delinquent debt.

**G. Inclusive dates of the matching program:** This computer matching program is subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget and Congress. If the mandatory 30 day period for public comment has expired and if no objections are raised by either Congress or the Office of Management and Budget within 40 days of being notified of the proposed match, the computer matching program becomes effective and the respective agencies may begin the exchange of data at a mutually agreeable time and will be repeated on an six month basis. By agreement between NSF and DoD, the matching program will be in effect and continue for 18 months with an option to extend for 12 additional months unless one of the parties to the agreement advises the other by written request to terminate or modify the agreement.

**H. Address for receipt of public comments or inquiries:** Director, Defense Privacy Office, 1941 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 920 Arlington, VA 22202-4502. Telephone (703) 607-2943. [FR Doc. 00-6174 Filed 3-13-00; 8:45 am]

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 15, 2000.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) title; (3) summary of the collection; (4) description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: March 9, 2000.

**William E. Burrow,**

*Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

### Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

*Type of Review:* Regular.

*Title:* Goals 2000, Parental Information and Resource Center's Annual/Final Performance Report.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:* Responses: 58; Burden Hours: 226.

*Abstract:* Recipients of grants under the Parental Assistance Program must submit an annual performance report that establishes substantial progress toward meeting their project objective to receive a continuation award.

Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address [Vivian.Reese@ed.gov](mailto:Vivian.Reese@ed.gov), or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

For questions regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements, contact, Jackie Montague at 202-708-5359. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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### State Vocational Rehabilitation Unit In-Service Training; Notice reopening the closing date for transmittal of applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2000

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* The deadline date for transmittal of applications is reopened from December 17, 1999 to March 28, 2000.

On October 21, 1999 we published in the **Federal Register** (64 CFR 56775) a notice inviting applications for new awards for FY 2000 under the State Vocational Rehabilitation Unit In-Service Training program. The regulations for this program state that each State agency is eligible to receive an award under the In-Service Training program. The purpose of this notice is to reopen the deadline date for transmittal of applications to allow all eligible applicants an opportunity to apply for funds under this program. Applicants who submitted applications under the prior notice need not submit a new application, unless they wish to do so.

*Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:* May 30, 2000.

*For Applications Contact:* Education Publications Center (ED Pubs), P.O. Box 1398, Jessup, MD 20794-1398.

Telephone (toll free); 1-877-433-7827. FAX: (301) 470-1244. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call (toll free): 1-877-576-7734. You may also contact ED Pubs via its Web site (<http://www.ed.gov/pubs/edpubs.html>) or its E-mail address ([edpubs@inet.ed.gov](mailto:edpubs@inet.ed.gov)). If you request an application from ED Pubs, be sure to identify this competition as follows: CFDA number 84.265A.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain a copy of the application package in an alternate format by contacting the Grants and Contracts Services Team, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3317, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2550. Telephone: (202) 205-9817. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339. However, the Department is not able to reproduce in an alternate format the standard forms included in the application package.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Beverly Steburg, U.S. Department of Education, Region IV, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Suite 18T91, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Telephone: (404) 562-6336. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain this document in an alternate format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to the contact person listed in the preceding paragraph.

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**Program Authority:** 29 U.S.C. 772.

Dated: March 8, 2000.

**Curtis L. Richards,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of General Counsel Federalism; Intergovernmental Consultation

**AGENCY:** Office of the General Counsel, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of statement of policy.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) is publishing a statement of policy on intergovernmental consultation in the development of regulations that have federalism implications. This statement of policy implements provisions in President Clinton's Executive Order on Federalism that require Federal agencies to consult with State and local governments in the development of regulatory policies that may have substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This policy is effective March 14, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael W. Bowers, Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., GC-74, Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-2902.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The President issued Executive Order 13132, "Federalism," on August 4, 1999 (64 FR 43255, Aug. 10, 1999). Section 6(a) of the Order requires each covered Federal agency to have "an accountable process to ensure meaningful and timely input by State and local officials in the development of regulatory policies that have federalism implications." The term "State and local officials" is defined in section 1(d) of the Order to mean "elected officials of State and local governments or their representative national organizations." "Regulatory policies that have federalism implications" refers to actions that have "substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various

levels of government." E.O. 13132, section 1(a).

On October 28, 1999, the Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, within the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), issued to heads of executive departments and agencies guidance for implementing Executive Order 13132. Pursuant to section 6 of the Order, the Administrator requested that each agency federalism official submit a description of the agency's consultation process to OMB by January 31, 2000. The General Counsel, who is the DOE federalism official, has submitted this statement of policy to OMB.

The intergovernmental consultation procedures required by Executive Order 13132 and by the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-4) are similar. For that reason, DOE has modeled this statement of policy on its final policy statement on intergovernmental consultation under the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995, which DOE published on March 18, 1997 (62 FR 12820). This will permit DOE to use the same basic consultation process for development of a regulation that both contains a significant Federal intergovernmental mandate and has federalism implications.

The intergovernmental consultation process required by Executive Order 13132 expands and supersedes the consultation procedures under Executive Order 12875, "Enhancing the Intergovernmental Partnership" (58 FR 58093, Oct. 28, 1993). E.O. 13132 section 10(b). However, Executive Order 13132 supplements, but does not supersede, the requirements in Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs" (3 CFR, 1982 Comp., p. 197). E.O. 13132 section 10(a). Executive Order 12372 directs Federal agencies, to the extent permitted by law, to rely on State and local processes for consultation with elected State and local government officials that would provide the non-Federal funds for, or that would be directly affected by, proposed Federal assistance or direct Federal development.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on February 11, 2000.

**Mary Anne Sullivan,**  
*General Counsel.*

DOE adopts the following Statement of Policy: