

government determine the capabilities available in the commercial marketplace. The government will maximize its use of commercial products and services in meeting Government requirements.

It is the policy of the System to promote competition in the acquisition process.

The System must perform in a timely, high quality, and cost-effective manner.

All members of the Team are required to employ planning as an integral part of the overall process of acquiring products or services. Although advance planning is required, each member of the Team must be flexible in order to accommodate changing or unforeseen mission needs. Planning is a tool for the accomplishment of tasks, and application of its discipline should be commensurate with the size and nature of a given task.

- **Minimize Administrative Operating Costs**

In order to ensure that maximum efficiency is obtained, rules, regulations, and policies should be promulgated only when their benefits clearly exceed the costs of their development, implementation, administration, and enforcement. This applies to internal administrative processes, including reviews, and to rules and procedures applied to the contractor community.

The System must provide uniformity where it contributes to efficiency or where fairness or predictability is essential. The System should also, however, encourage innovation, and local adaptation where uniformity is not essential.

- **Conduct Business With Integrity, Fairness, and Openness**

An essential consideration in every aspect of the System is maintaining the public's trust. Not only must the System have integrity, but the actions of each member of the Team must reflect integrity, fairness and openness. The foundation of integrity within the System is a competent, experienced, and well-trained, professional workforce. Accordingly, each member of the Team is responsible and accountable for the wise use of public resources as well as acting in a manner which maintains the public's trust. Fairness and openness require open communication among team members, internal and external customers, and the public.

To achieve efficient operations, the System must shift its focus from "risk avoidance" to one of "risk management." The cost to the taxpayer of attempting to eliminate all risk is

prohibitive. The Executive Branch will accept and manage the risk associated with empowering local procurement officials to take independent action based on their professional judgment.

- **Fulfill Public Policy Objectives**

The System must support the attainment of public policy goals adopted by the Congress and the President. In attaining these goals, and in its overall operations, the process shall ensure the efficient use of public resources.

Acquisition Team

The purpose of defining the Federal Acquisition Team (Team) in the Acquisition Guiding Principles is to ensure that participants in the System are identified—beginning with the customer and ending with the contractor of the product or service. By identifying the team members in this manner, teamwork, unity of purpose and open communication among the members of the Team in sharing the vision and achieving the goal of the System are encouraged. Individual team members will participate in the acquisition process at the appropriate time.

Role of the Acquisition Team

Government members of the Team must be empowered to make acquisition decisions within their areas of responsibility, including selection, negotiation, and administration of contracts consistent with the Guiding Principles. In particular, the Contracting Officer must have the authority, to the maximum extent practicable and consistent with law, to determine the application of rules, regulations, and policies, on a specific contract.

The authority to make decisions and the accountability for the decisions made will be delegated to the lowest level within the System, consistent with law.

The Team must be prepared to perform the functions and duties assigned. The government is committed to provide training, professional development, and other resources necessary for maintaining and improving the knowledge, skills, and abilities for all Government participants on the Team, both with regard to their particular area of responsibility within the System, and their respective role as a team member. The contractor community is encouraged to do likewise.

The System will foster cooperative relationships between the government and its contractors consistent with its

overriding responsibility to the taxpayers.

The FAR outlines procurement policies and procedures that are used by members of the acquisition team. If a policy or procedure, or a particular strategy or practice is in the best interest of the Government and is not specifically addressed in the FAR, nor prohibited by law (statute or case law), Executive Order or other regulation, Government members of the Team should not assume it is prohibited. Rather, absence of direction should be interpreted as permitting the Team to innovate and use sound business judgment that is otherwise consistent with law and within the limits of their authority.

Steven Kelman,

Administrator.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Notice of Request for Reclearance of Form RI 38-115

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (title 44, U.S. Code, chapter 35), this notice announces a request for reclearance of an information collection. Form RI 38-115, Representative Payee Report, is designed to collect information about how the benefits paid to a representative payee have been used or conserved for the benefit of the incompetent annuitant.

Approximately 12,200 RI 38-115 forms are completed annually. The form requires an estimated 60 minutes to complete. The total annual burden is 12,200 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Doris R. Benz on (703) 908-8564.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received on or before February 21, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to:

Lorraine E. Dettman, Chief, Operations Support Division, Retirement and Insurance Group, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW., Room 3349, Washington, DC 20415;

and

Joseph Lackey, OPM Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and

Budget, New Executive Office
Building NW., Room 10235,
Washington, DC 20503.

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION CONTACT:
Mary Beth Smith-Toomey, Chief, Forms
Analysis & Design Section, (202) 606-
0623.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Lorraine A. Green,
Deputy Director.

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**Notice of Request for a Revised
Clearance of Form RI 92-19**

AGENCY: Office of Personnel
Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (title
44, U.S.C. chapter 35), this notice
announces a request for a revised
clearance of an information collection.
Form RI 92-19, Application for Deferred
or Postponed Retirement (FERS), will be
used by separated employees to apply
for either a deferred or postponed FERS
annuity benefit.

Approximately 1,272 forms are
completed annually. We estimate that
the form requires approximately 60
minutes to complete. The estimated
annual burden is 1,272 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact
Doris R. Benz on (703) 908-8564.

DATES: Comments on this proposal
should be received on or before
February 21, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments
to:

Daniel A. Green, FERS Division,
Retirement and Insurance Group, U.S.
Office of Personnel Management,
1900 E Street, NW., Room 4429,
Washington, DC 20415;

and

Joseph Lackey, OPM Desk Officer,
Office of Information and Regulatory
Affairs, Office of Management and
Budget, New Executive Office
Building NW., Room 10235,
Washington, DC 20503.

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION CONTACT:
Mary Beth Smith-Toomey, Chief, Forms
Analysis & Design Section (202) 606-
0623.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Lorraine A. Green,
Deputy Director.

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**PACIFIC NORTHWEST ELECTRIC
POWER AND CONSERVATION
PLANNING COUNCIL**

**Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife
Program; Extension of Deadline**

January 11, 1995.

AGENCY: Pacific Northwest Electric
Power and Conservation Planning
Council (Northwest Power Planning
Council).

ACTION: Extension of deadline for
submission of recommendations for
amendments to the Columbia River
Basis Fish and Wildlife Program
(measures for resident fish, wildlife and
other matters).

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Pacific
Electric Power Planning and
Conservation Act (the Northwest Power
Act, 16 U.S.C. section 839, et seq.) the
Pacific Northwest Electric Power and
Conservation Planning Council
(Council) extends the deadline for
submitting recommendations for
amendments to the resident fish,
wildlife and other non-anadromous fish
measures in the Columbia River Basin
Fish and Wildlife Program (program),
from January 13, 1995 to January 27,
1995.

BACKGROUND: In August, 1994, the
Council invited fish and wildlife
agencies, Indian tribes and others to
submit recommendations for
amendments to the resident fish,
wildlife and other sections of the
program not specifically related to
anadromous fish. At the request of
interested parties, the council has
extended the deadline for submitting
such recommendations several times.
Recently, the Council received
additional requests to extend the
deadline.

SUBMISSION OF RECOMMENDATIONS: The
Council hereby extends the deadline for
submitting recommendations for
amendments to the program's resident
fish, wildlife and other non-anadromous
fish measures from January 13, 1995 to
January 27, 1995. Recommendations
must be submitted by 5 p.m. Pacific
time on January 27, 1995, to Rick
Applegate, Director, Fish and Wildlife
Division, Northwest Power Planning
Council, 851 S.W. Sixth Avenue,
Portland, Oregon 97204-1348. The form
of such recommendations has been
addressed in prior notices.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Contact the Council's Public Affairs
Division, 851 S.W. Sixth Avenue, Suite

1100, Portland, Oregon 97204 or (503)
222-5161, toll free 1-800-222-3355.

Edward W. Sheets,
Executive Director.

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POSTAL SERVICE

**Verification Procedures for Second-
Class Publications**

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Proposed procedure.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service proposes
to revise its procedures for determining
whether authorized second-class
publications continue to meet the
applicable eligibility requirements and
whether the proper amount of postage is
paid on the mailings of these
publications. Under the revised
procedures, the Postal Service will
conduct a postage payment review of all
publications at least once a year at the
time of mailing of one of the issues of
the publications to be reviewed. A
separate eligibility review will be
scheduled only in certain instances. To
facilitate the eligibility review, the
publisher of an authorized second-class
publication will be required to provide
circulation data to the Postal Service
before the review is undertaken.

DATES: Comments must be received on
or before February 21, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should
be mailed or delivered to the Manager,
Business Mail Acceptance, U.S. Postal
Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW,
Washington, DC 20260-6808. Copies of
all written comments will be available
for inspection and photocopying
between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday
through Friday, in room 8530 at the
above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Edward Mayhew, (212) 613-8747.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In
accordance with its statutory
responsibilities, the Postal Service must
ensure that authorized second-class
publications continue to meet the
second-class eligibility requirements
and that these publications pay the
proper amount of postage on mailings.
See 39 U.S.C. 404, 3685.

Verifications of publications are one
of the means used to achieve these
goals. Currently, the Postal Service
schedules a second-class publication for
review every 1 to 3 years, depending on
the number of original entries
authorized at the post office conducting
the review. The review procedure
includes verification of the accuracy of