

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**A. Purpose**

The Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994 included Title VIII, entitled Commercial Items. The title made numerous additions and revisions to both the civilian agency and Armed Service acquisition statutes to encourage and facilitate the acquisition of commercial items and services by Federal Government agencies.

The proposed revisions include a new form, Standard Form XXXX, Solicitation/Contract/Order for Commercial Items. The form would replace several existing "cover page" forms on solicitations, orders, and contracts for commercial items and services. It is designed to facilitate incorporation of the contract clauses required for commercial items in solicitations, orders, and contracts. The new form would substitute for those "cover page" forms on a one-for-one basis, and is not intended to impose any additional burden on firms that do business with the Federal Government. The net effect of the entirety of the proposed revisions (including the new form) is likely to reduce the burden on Government contractors.

Information will be used by Federal agencies to facilitate the acquisition of commercial items and services.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 45 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat, 18th & F Streets, NW., Room 4037, Washington, DC 20405, and to the FAR Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

The annual reporting burden is estimated as follows: Respondents, 500,000; responses per respondent, 20; total annual responses, 10,000,000; preparation hours per response, .75; and total response burden hours, 7,500,000.

OBTAINING COPIES OF PROPOSALS:

Requester may obtain copies of OMB applications or justifications from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (VRS), Room 4037, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB clearance

9000-0136 regarding Standard Form XXXX, Solicitation/Contract/Order for Commercial Items, FAR case 94-790, in all correspondence.

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[OMB Control No. 9000-0013; FAR Case 94-721]**Clearance Request for Cost or Pricing Data and Exemption Information**

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0013).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. 3501), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning Cost or Pricing Data and Exemption Information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Fayson, Office of Federal Acquisition Policy, GSA (202) 501-4755.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**A. Purpose**

FAR case 94-721 implements Sections 1201 through 1210 and Sections 1251 and 1252 of the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994 (the Act). It was published as a proposed rule on January 6, 1995 (60 FR 2282). Highlights include making TINA requirements for civilian agencies substantially the same as those for the Department of Defense (increasing the threshold for submission of "cost or pricing data" to \$500,000 and adding penalties for defective pricing). Provisions are also included that increase the threshold for cost or pricing data submission every 5 years beginning October 1, 1995. New exceptions are added to the requirement for the submission of "cost or pricing data" for commercial items; approval levels for waivers are changed, and prohibitions are placed on acquiring "cost or pricing data" when an exception applies. The coverage includes a clear explanation of

adequate price competition as required by the Act.

Also, FAR coverage has been included that addresses (1) "information other than cost or pricing data", (2) exemptions based on established catalog or market price, (3) inter-divisional transfers of commercial items at price, and (4) price competition when only one offer has been received.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 4 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat, 18th & F Streets NW., Room 4037, Washington, DC 20405, and to the FAR Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

The annual reporting burden is estimated as follows: Respondents, 14,633; responses per respondent, 6; total annual responses, 87,798; preparation hours per response, 3.89; and total response burden hours, 341,534.

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Requester may obtain copies of OMB applications or justifications from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (VRS), Room 4037, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0013, Cost or Pricing Data and Exemption Information, FAR case 94-721, Truth in Negotiations Act and Related Changes, in all correspondence.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**National Assessment Governing Board; Meeting**

AGENCY: National Assessment Governing Board; Education.

ACTION: Notice of partially closed meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the National Assessment Governing Board. This notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required under section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend.

DATES: August 3–5, 1995.

TIME: August 3, 1995—Executive Committee, 10 A.M.–1:30 P.M. (closed), 2 P.M.–3 P.M. (open); Achievement Levels Committee, 4 P.M.–6 P.M. (closed); Subject Area Committee #2, 4 P.M.–8 P.M. (closed); Nominations Committee, 6 P.M.–8 P.M. (closed). August 4, 1995—Full Board, 9 A.M.–10 A.M. (open); Design and Methodology Committee, Reporting and Dissemination Committee, and Subject Area Committee #1, 10 A.M.–12 Noon (open); Full Board, 12 Noon–2:30 P.M. (closed); 2:30 P.M.–5 P.M. (open); and 6:30 P.M.–8:30 P.M. (closed). August 5, 1995—Full Board, 9 A.M.–11:45 A.M. (open), 11:45 A.M.—until adjournment, approximately 12 Noon (closed).

LOCATION: The Ritz-Carlton Hotel—Pentagon City, 1250 South Hayes Street, Arlington, Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Ann Wilmer, Operations Officer, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20002–4233, Telephone: (202) 357–6938.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Assessment Governing Board is established under section 412 of the National Education Statistics Act of 1994 (Title IV of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994) (Pub. L. 103–382).

The Board is established to formulate policy guidelines for the National Assessment of Educational Progress. The Board is responsible for selecting subject areas to be assessed, developing assessment objectives, identifying appropriate achievement goals for each grade and subject tested, and establishing standards and procedures for interstate and national comparisons.

On August 3, the Executive Committee of the National Assessment Governing Board will meet in closed session from 10 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. The Committee will meet to discuss the development of cost estimates for NAEP and future contract initiatives. Public disclosure of this information would likely have an adverse financial effect on the NAEP program. The discussion of this information would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of

a proposed agency action if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemption 9(B) of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

Beginning at 2 P.M. until adjournment, 3 P.M., the Executive Committee will meet in open session to hear an update on the NAGB planning initiative activities and to discuss the special provisions for testing students with disabilities and with limited English proficiency.

Also on August 3, there will be closed meetings of the Achievement Levels Committee from 4 P.M. to 6 P.M., SAC #2 from 4 P.M.–8 P.M., and the Nominations Committee from 6 P.M.–8 P.M. The Achievement Levels Committee will be examining and discussing unreleased NAEP data (cut scores, percent of students at or above the levels, and test items) in the process of making their decisions about the 1994 levels in history and geography. The discussion will include references to specific items from the assessments, the disclosure of which might significantly frustrate implementation of the NAEP. This session must be closed to the public because reference may be made to data which may be misinterpreted, incorrect, or incomplete. Premature disclosure of this data might significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. Such matters are protected by exemption 9(B) of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

SAC #2 will be considering test items for inclusion in the 1996 assessments of mathematics and science. The review and subsequent discussions will include references to specific items for these assessments, the disclosure of which might significantly frustrate implementation of the NAEP. Premature disclosure of this data might significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. Such matters are protected by exemption 9(B) of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

The Nominations Committee will review and discuss the qualifications of nominees for filling potential vacancies in Board membership. The review and subsequent discussions of this information relate solely to the internal rules and practices of an agency and will disclose information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemptions (2) and (6) of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

On August 4, the full Board will convene in open session from 9 A.M. to 10 A.M. The agenda for this session of the full Board meeting includes

approval of the agenda, the Executive Director's Report, and update on NAEP activities. Between 10 A.M. and 12 noon, there will open meetings of the following subcommittees: Design and Methodology, Reporting and Dissemination, and Subject Area Committee #1. The Design and Methodology Committee will hear updates on below state assessments, the 1996 NAEP assessment design, and the Technical Review Panel studies planned for 1996 and beyond.

Agenda items for the Reporting and Dissemination Committee include consideration of Board policy on public access to NAEP background and cognitive questions; plans for release of NAEP reports; and testing of students with disabilities and limited English proficiency.

Subject Area Committee #1 will hear a progress report from the contractor on the plans for the civics assessment.

Beginning at 12 noon, until 2:30 P.M., the full Board will meet in closed session. The Board will hear a report on the 1994 achievement levels in history and geography which will include references to specific items from the assessment. This portion of the meeting must be closed because reference may be made to data which may be misinterpreted, incorrect, or incomplete. Premature disclosure of these data might significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. Such matters are protected by exemption 9(B) of Section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

The meeting will be open from 2:30 P.M. until 5 P.M. when the Board will hear an update on the civics framework, NAGB Planning Initiative and presentations by authors of commissioned papers.

At 6:30 P.M., until 8:30 P.M., the Board will reconvene in closed session to consider candidates for nomination to the Board. Discussion of the candidates' qualifications relates solely to the internal rules and practices of an agency and will disclose information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemptions (2) and (6) of Section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

On August 5, at 9 A.M., the full Board will reconvene. The Board will meet in open session from 9 A.M. through adjournment, approximately 12 noon. The agenda for the open session includes a presentation by Kati Haycock of the American Association for Higher Education on Using NAEP Data and reports from the Board's standing

subcommittees—Subject Area #1, Subject Area #2, Achievement Levels, Reporting and Dissemination, Design and Methodology, and the Executive Committee.

The Board will hear the Nominations Committee report during the closed session, beginning at 11:45 A.M. to approximately 12:00 noon, and consider the recommendations of candidates for Board membership. Discussion of the candidates' qualifications relates solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency and will disclose information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemptions (2) and (6) of the Section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

Summaries of the activities of the closed sessions and related matters, which are informative to the public and consistent with the policy of section 5 U.S.C. 552b, will be available to the public within 14 days after the meeting. Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., from 8:30 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Dated: July 12, 1995.

Roy Truby,

Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board.

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Office of Postsecondary Education

Notice of Deadline for Submission of Institutional Agreement for Participation in the Federal Perkins Loan Program Expanded Lending Option

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of deadline for submission of institutional agreement for participation in the Federal Perkins Loan Program Expanded Lending Option.

SUMMARY: This notice establishes the deadline for submission of the "Institutional Agreement For Participation In the Federal Perkins Loan Program Expanded Lending Option (ELO)" (ELO Participation Agreement) by those eligible institutions that elect to participate in the Federal Perkins Loan Program ELO in the 1995-96 award year (the period from July 1, 1995 through June 30, 1996).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Perkins Loan Program provides low-interest loans to financially needy students attending institutions of higher education to help them pay their educational costs. The ELO is available for the 1995-96 award year for institutions of higher education that participate in the Federal Perkins Loan Program.

To be eligible to participate in the Federal Perkins Loan Program ELO for 1995-96, an institution must have had a Federal Perkins Loan cohort default rate of 15 percent or less as of June 30, 1994, and must have participated in the Federal Perkins Loan Program for the two previous award years (1993-94 and 1994-95). In addition, an institution must enter into a special ELO Participation Agreement with the Secretary. An institution that elects to participate in the ELO must complete, sign, date and submit the ELO Participation Agreement by the closing date to obtain approval.

Institutions that become Federal Perkins Loan Program ELO participants will be required to increase the Institutional Capital Contribution (ICC) to at least a dollar-for-dollar match with any portion of the 1995-96 award year Federal Capital Contribution (FCC) received. Only new FCC received on or after July 1, 1995, would be matched at the increased rate. Institutions would not match funds received prior to July 1, 1995, at the higher rate. Institutions receiving no new FCC for the 1995-96 award year may still elect to participate in the Federal Perkins Loan Program ELO.

Institutions that become Federal Perkins Loan Program ELO participants may make loans to eligible students at higher maximum annual and aggregate limits than is the case with nonparticipating institutions. ELO participating institutions that do not ultimately make any loans at the higher ELO levels for the 1995-96 award year must still honor the ELO Participation Agreement to deposit in the Federal Perkins Loan Program Fund an ICC at least equal to the 1995-96 award year FCC deposited into the Fund. All other administrative procedures would remain the same as for institutions not participating in the Federal Perkins Loan Program ELO.

DATES: *Closing Date for Transmittal of ELO Participation Agreement:* To ensure participation in the Federal Perkins Loan Program ELO in the 1995-96 award year, an eligible institution that elects to participate must submit its ELO Participation Agreement by August 16, 1995.

ELO Participation Agreement Delivered By Mail: An ELO Participation Agreement delivered by mail must be addressed to the U.S. Department of Education, Student Financial Assistance Programs, Institutional Financial Management Division, Campus-Based Financial Operations Branch, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 4714, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-5458.

An institution must show proof of mailing its ELO Participation Agreement by the closing date. Proof of mailing consists of one of the following: (1) A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service, (2) a legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark, (3) a dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier, or (4) any other proof of mailing acceptable to the U.S. Secretary of Education.

If an ELO Participation Agreement is sent through the U.S. Postal Service, the Secretary does not accept either of the following as proof of mailing: (1) A private metered postmark, or (2) a mail Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark. Before relying on this method, an institution should check with its local post office. An institution is encouraged to use certified or at least first-class mail.

ELO Participation Agreement Delivered by Hand and Commercial Delivery Services: An ELO Participation Agreement delivered by hand must be delivered to the U.S. Department of Education, Student Financial Assistance Programs, Institutional Financial Management Division, Campus-Based Financial Operations Branch, 7th and D Streets, S.W., Room 4714 Regional Office Building 3, Washington D.C. Hand-delivered ELO Participation Agreements will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. daily (Eastern Daylight Time), except Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays. An ELO Participation Agreement that is hand-delivered will not be accepted after 4:30 p.m. on the closing date.

Applicable Regulations: The following regulations apply to this program:

Student Assistance General Provisions, 34 CFR part 668.
Federal Perkins Loan Program, 34 CFR part 674.
Federal Work-Study Program, 34 CFR part 675.
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program, 34 CFR part 676.
Institutional Eligibility Under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 34 CFR part 600.