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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Department of Education (ED) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (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 Director of the Information Resources Group, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. 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. ED invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

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: January 25, 1996.
Gloria Parker,
Director, Information Resources Group.

Office of Educational Research and Improvement

Type of Review: Revision.
Title: Federal-State Cooperative system for the collection of data from public libraries and their outlets, state library agencies and public library administrative entities.
Frequency: Annually.
Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:
Responses: 57.
Burden Hours: 1710.

Abstract: The National Education Statistics Act of 1994 mandates the collection of data on the condition and progress of education in the U.S. NCES is to fulfill this duty by "acquiring, compiling, and dissemination statistics on the condition of education . . . including data on libraries." The Public Library Survey is a national census of public libraries which provide a national census of libraries for each state and each individual library.

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

Type of Review: Extension.
Title: SE Caseload Report.
Frequency: Annually.
Affected Public: State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting Burden and Recordkeeping:
Responses: 82
Burden Hours: 164

Abstract: Vocational Rehabilitation; disabled persons. This form serves to collect data on severely disabled clients served by State supported employment services programs, as required by secs. 636 and 13 of the Rehabilitation Act, as amended. The RSA commissioner must collect and report data on supported employment clients served under title I and title VI, Part C, of the Act, and submit an annual report to the President and Congress within 120 days each FY. The affected public will be 82 State agencies.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Implementation of Remediation Technologies at the INEL

AGENCY: Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Environmental Management through the Idaho Operations Office intends to negotiate and award on a noncompetitive basis, Grant No. DE-FG07-96ID13420 to the University of Idaho, Idaho Water Institute (Primary Grantee). The final definitive award has an estimated overall total value of \$1.5 Million, to be funded 100% by DOE. The efforts under the grant will include several proposed cooperative research projects at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory (INEL) to further evaluate and assess geologic, hydrogeologic and geochemical/biochemical characteristics that may enhance remediation efforts and/or assist future siting of waste storage facilities. These projects will involve research scientists from the University of Idaho, Boise State University, Idaho State University, and the Idaho Geological Survey in cooperation with the INEL's Prime Contractor, Lockheed Idaho Technologies Company (LITCO).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dallas L. Hoffer, Contract Specialist, (208) 526-0014; U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, 850 Energy Drive, Mail Stop 1221, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401-1563.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The anticipated sole-source award is justified in accordance with 10 CFR 600.7(i), as follows:

(C) The applicant is a unit of (state) government and the activity to be supported is related to performance of a government function within the subject jurisdiction, thereby precluding DOE provision of support to another entity, and (D) The applicant has exclusive domestic capability to perform the activity successfully, based upon unique equipment, proprietary data, technical expertise, or other such unique qualifications. The Statutory Authority for the new award are Public Laws 95-224 and 97-258.

Procurement Request Number: 07-96ID13420.000

Dated: January 24, 1996.

R. Jeffrey Hoyles,

Director, Procurement Services Division.

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