techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

Type of Information Collection Request: Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Reconciliation of State Invoice and Prior Quarter Adjustment Statement; *Form No.:* HCFA–304A; *Use:* In response to a need for improved data exchange between drug labelers and States, HCFA, in conjunction with outside consultants, developed the Reconciliation of State Invoice (ROSI), form HCFA–304, and the Prior Quarter Adjustment Statement (PQAS), form HCFA–304A. The ROSI is to to be used by Drug Labelers when responding to State invoices of current quarter utilization data only and functions as a reconciliation report to assure accurate rebate payments. The PQAS is used by labelers to report only on prior quarter actions/payments. Prior quarter activity includes changes to utilization data submitted by States, revisions to previously disputed units, and prior period adjustments (URA changes). Both forms assist in reducing disputes by standardizing data exchange and improving communication between Drug labelers and States. *Frequency:* Quarterly; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; *Number of Respondents:* 365; *Total Annual Responses:* 1,460; *Total Annual Hours:* 132,120.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, or to obtain the supporting statement and any related forms, E-mail your request, including your address and phone number, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786–1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 30 days of this notice directly to the OMB Desk Officer designated at the following address: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Allison Eydt, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Dated: November 24, 1997.

John P. Burke III,

HCFA Reports Clearance Officer, HCFA, Office of Information Services, Information Technology Investment Management Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following proposal for the collection of information. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

Type of Information Collection Request: New Collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Survey of Primary Care givers for the District of Columbia's Managed Care Demonstration for Disabled and Special Needs Children and Supporting Statute Section 1115(a) of the Social Security Act; *Form No.:* HCFA–R–212; *Use:* This survey will collect information from primary Care givers of Disabled and Special Needs Children about household composition, access to care, health status, functional status, home care, family care giving burden, satisfaction, and out-of-pocket expenditures on disabled and special needs children living in the District of Columbia who are enrolled in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program. This instrument is designed to support a series of analytic studies, which will eventually provide HCFA, Assistant Secretary of Planning and Evaluation (ASPE), and States with information to consider when developing managed care systems for disabled and special needs children. *Frequency:* Semi-Annually; *Affected Public:* Individuals or Households; *Number of Respondents:* 1,789; *Total Annual Responses:* 3,578; *Total Annual Hours:* 2,900.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, or any related forms, E-mail your request, including your address and phone number, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786–1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 30 days of this notice directly to the OMB Desk Officer designated at the following address: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Allison Eydt, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Dated: December 30, 1997.

John P. Burke III,

HCFA Reports Clearance Officer, HCFA, Office of Information Services, Information Technology Investment Management Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Dietary Supplements Information Needs Assessment Survey

In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Office of the Director, the Office of Dietary Supplements will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects to be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval.

This notice regards a request for emergency OMB processing for a collection of information entitled ''Dietary Supplements Information Needs Assessment Survey'' in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.13(d) of the OMB guidelines. We are requesting OMB clearance by February 28, 1998, Use of normal clearance procedures is reasonably likely to prevent or disrupt the collection of information for this survey. We are, therefore, requesting a waiver of the requirement to submit a 60-day **Federal Register** notice requesting public comment prior to submission for OMB clearance.

New Proposed Collection: Dietary Supplements Information Needs Assessment Survey

This survey will assess the availability of and need for dietary supplements information services in the United States. The primary objectives

are to determine the number and nature of information requests about dietary supplements received by major nutrition, medical, health and botanical organizations in the United States, and to assess their interest in a centralized information center to deal with information requests pertaining to dietary supplements. *Frequency of Response:* One time. *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions, and Federal Government. *Type of Respondents:* Organizations. The annual reporting burden is as follows: *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 180. *Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1. *Average Burden Hours Per Response:* 25. *Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours Requested:* 45. *The annualized cost to respondents is estimated at:* $1800. There are no Capital Costs to report. There are no Operating or Maintenance Costs to report.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical ability; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Direct Comments to OMB

Written comments and\or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the: Office of Management and Budget, Office of Regulatory Affairs, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for NIH.

Dated: December 18, 1997.

Bernadette M. Marriott,

Director, Office of Dietary Supplements.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (DHHS)

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

National Library of Medicine (NLM); Opportunity for a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement for Development and Commercialization of Computer Software for Data Mining, Data Warehousing and Data Visualization

AGENCY: Lister Hill National Center for Biomedical Communications, NLM, NIH, DHHS.

ACTION: Advertisement.

SUMMARY: The Lister Hill National Center for Biomedical Communications (LHNCBC), an R&D division of the National Library of Medicine (NLM), seeks a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with a commercial software developer experienced in developing and marketing sophisticated information systems products. A collaborator is sought with an established presence in the field of statistical or machine learning technology-based information systems for management of medical practice, medical administration, drug design, fraud detection, criminal investigation, market analysis or other high volume applications which utilize large, complex data bases. Firms interested in collaborating on new approaches to data mining, data visualization and data warehousing are particularly encouraged to inquire.

The collaborator must have experience developing cutting-edge computer-based technology into commercial software application products. A record of success in software development, marketing, installation and support is required.

The term of the CRADA will be up to five (5) years.

DATES: Interested parties should notify this office in writing of their interest in filing a formal proposal no later than ninety (90) days from the date of this announcement, and then will have an additional thirty (30) days to submit a formal proposal.

ADDRESSES: Inquiries and proposals regarding this opportunity should be addressed to Irma Robins, M.B.A., J.D. Phone (301) 435–3104, FAX (301) 402–2117, Technology Development and Commercialization Branch, National Cancer Institute, 6120 Executive Blvd., Suite 450, Rockville, MD 20852. Inquiries regarding obtaining patent license(s) needed for participation in the CRADA opportunity may be addressed to John Fahner-Vihtelic, Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health, 6011 Executive Blvd., Suite 325, Rockville, MD 20852, Phone (301) 496–7735 (ext. 285); FAX: (301) 402–0220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A CRADA is the anticipated joint agreement to be entered into by LHNCBC pursuant to the Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986 as amended by the National Technology Transfer Act (Pub. L. 104–113 (Mar. 7, 1996)) and by Executive Order 12591 of April 10, 1987. The Computer Science Branch, LHNCBC, NLM, has developed COEV, a unique prototype of an advanced framework for multidimensional data mining and analysis. COEV synergistically combines different methods of statistical analysis, neural networks, decision trees and genetic algorithms to the resolution of data queries. COEV automatically determines the optimal methods and data representations to apply at each step of inquiry and, as a result, can provide outcomes that are significantly more accurate than can be achieved by use of any one methodology alone. COEV uses an evolutionary learning technology to improve predictive outcomes with continued use. COEV is designed to advance the accuracy, flexibility, speed and ease of use of advanced data analysis technologies. COEV is the subject of pending United States and foreign patent applications filed by the Government.

COEV requires further R&D and testing to make it a practical system for widespread use. LHNCBC, NLM seeks a CRADA to leverage the capabilities of the technical experts at LHNCBC, NLM and the expertise and resources of a private sector collaborator in order to enhance the prototype's reliability, efficiency and ease of use, and thereby to make it a successful commercial product. Under a CRADA, the LHNCBC, NLM can offer a selected collaborator access to designs, prototypes and technical expertise. The collaborator may contribute designs, prototypes, data, technical expertise, personnel, services and property. The collaborator has the option of contributing funding to the collaboration. The LHNCBC cannot contribute funding. The CRADA partner may elect an option to an exclusive or non-exclusive license to Government intellectual property rights arising under the agreement and may qualify as a co-inventor of new technology developed under the CRADA.

COEV currently runs in a UNIX operating system environment. It is written in common LISP and utilizes a