

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 62 FR 66057, published on December 17, 1997). Also see 62 FR 67623, published on December 29, 1997.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

February 4, 1998.

Commissioner of Customs,
Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on December 19, 1997, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in El Salvador and exported during the periods January 1, 1998 through March 26, 1998 and January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998.

Effective on February 11, 1998, you are directed to increase the guaranteed access level for Categories 352/652 to 12,000,000 dozen for the period January 1, 1998 through March 26, 1998.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that this action falls within the foreign affairs exception of the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

General Services Administration

National Aeronautics and Space Administration

[OMB Control No. 9000-0012]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request Entitled Termination Settlement Proposal Forms—FAR (Standard Forms 1435 through 1440)

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

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0012).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44

U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning Termination Settlement Proposal Forms—FAR (Standard Forms 1435 through 1440). The clearance currently expires on May 31, 1998.

DATES: Comments may be submitted on or before April 13, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Klein, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-3775.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, should be submitted to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat, 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4037, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0012, Termination Settlement Proposal—FAR (SF's 1435 through 1440), in all correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Klein, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-3775.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

The termination settlement proposal forms (Standard Forms 1435 through 1440) provide a standardized format for listing essential cost and inventory information needed to support the terminated contractor's negotiation position. Submission of the information assures that a contractor will be fairly reimbursed upon settlement of the terminated contract.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2.5 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.

The annual reporting burden is estimated as follows: Respondents, 600; responses per respondent, 1; total annual responses, 600; preparation hours per response, 2.5; and total response burden hours, 15,000.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals

Requester may obtain a copy of the justification from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRS), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4037,

Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0012, Termination Settlement Proposal Forms—FAR (SF's 1435 through 1440), in all correspondence.

Dated: February 5, 1998.

Sharon A. Kiser,

FAR Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Availability of Government Owned Inventions for Licensing

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability of government owned inventions for licensing.

SUMMARY: The inventions listed below are assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Navy and are made available for licensing by the Department of the Navy.

ADDRESSES:

Patents—Copies of patents cited are available from the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231, for \$3.00 each. Requests for copies of patents must include the patent number.

Patent applications—Copies of patent applications cited are available from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS), Springfield, Virginia 22161 for \$6.95 each (\$10.95 outside North American Continent). Requests for copies of patent applications must include the patent application serial number. Claims are deleted from the copies of patent applications sold to avoid premature disclosure.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. R.J. Erickson, Staff Patent Attorney, Office of Naval Research (Code OCCC), Arlington, VA 22217-5660, telephone (703) 696-4001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *The following patents are available for licensing:*

Patent 5,595,635: APPARATUS FOR MEASURING LEAD CONTENT OF WATER; filed 8 September 1995; patented 21 January 1997.

Patent 5,600,335: HIGH-POWER BROADBAND ANTENNA; filed 21 December 1994; patented 4 February 1997.

Patent 5,600,340: WIDEBAND OMNI-DIRECTIONAL ANTENNA; filed 13 April 1995; patented 4 February 1997.

Patent 5,600,440: LIQUID CRYSTAL INTERFEROMETER; filed 5 July 1995; patented 4 February 1997.

Patent 5,602,403: ION IMPLANTATION BURIED GATE INSULATOR FIELD EFFECT TRANSISTOR; filed 1 March 1991; patented 11 February 1997.

Patent 5,602,751: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SPECTRUM ANALYSIS BY COMPLEX CUMULANTS; filed 28 February 1995; patented 11 February 1997.

Patent 5,610,598: MISSILE TELEMETRY DATA INTERFACE CIRCUIT; filed 18 March 1996; patented 11 March 1997.

Patent 5,612,929: SPECTRAL PROCESSOR AND RANGE DISPLAY UNIT; filed 27 December 1995; patented 18 March 1997.

Patent 5,615,632: UNDERWATER VEHICLE AND A FIN ASSEMBLY THEREFOR; filed 7 February 1996; patented 1 April 1997.

Patent 5,615,847: SUBMARINE LAUNCHED UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE; filed 11 September 1995; patented 1 April 1997.

Patent 5,617,352: NON-VOLATILE, BIDIRECTIONAL, ELECTRICALLY PROGRAMMABLE INTEGRATED MEMORY ELEMENT IMPLEMENTED USING DOUBLE POLYSILICON; filed 13 December 1995; patented 1 April 1997.

Patent 5,617,869: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR LOCATING FLOW BLOCKAGE IN A THREE-DIMENSIONAL OBJECT; filed 16 June 1995; patented 8 April 1997.

Patent 5,619,079: EMI LINE FILTER; filed 28 July 1995; patented 8 April 1997.

Patent 5,619,432: DISCRIMINATE REDUCTION DATA PROCESSOR; filed 5 April 1995; patented 8 April 1997.

Patent 5,619,945: DRAG REDUCTION POLYMER EJECTION SYSTEM FOR UNDERWATER VEHICLE; filed 16 January 1996; patented 15 April 1997.

Patent 5,623,096: ORTHOGONAL SHEAR STRESS MEASUREMENT PROBE ASSEMBLY FOR BOUNDARY LAYER FLOW; filed 19 June 1995; patented 22 April 1997.

Patent 5,623,524: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MEASURING THE DEPTH OF AN UNDERWATER TARGET; filed 1 March 1967; patented 22 April 1997.

Patent 5,625,146: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DETERMINING AXIAL MODULUS; filed 18 December 1995; patented 29 April 1997.

Patent 5,625,320: DIFFERENTIAL PREAMPLIFIER AND PRE-EMPHASIS NETWORK; filed 7 October 1994; patented 29 April 1997.

Patent 5,625,605: OPTIC BUNDLE TOWED ARRAY; filed 13 September 1983; patented 29 April 1997.

Patent 5,626,166: TEMPERATURE CONTROL VALVE WITHOUT MOVING PARTS; filed 7 February 1996; patented 6 May 1997.

Patent 5,627,339: ENERGETIC COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING NO VOLATILE SOLVENTS; filed 28 March 1996; patented 6 May 1997.

Patent 5,627,521: PERSONAL MICROWAVE AND RADIO FREQUENCY DETECTOR; filed 9 May 1994; patented 6 May 1997.

Patent 5,628,974: PROCESS FOR TREATING BY-PRODUCTS OF LITHIUM/SULFUR HEXAFLUORIDE; filed 7 July 1995; patented 13 May 1997.

Patent 5,629,248: MODIFIED GERMANIUM SULFIDE GLASS; filed 10 October 1995; patented 13 May 1997.

Patent 5,631,406: CHEMICAL COMPOUNDS; filed 30 March 1981; patented 20 May 1997.

Patent 5,631,877: NARROWBAND SIGNAL REVEALER; filed 11 January 1996; patented 20 May 1997.

Patent 5,632,218: DEBRIS DEFLECTOR; filed 5 August 1996; patented 27 May 1997.

Patent 5,632,580: MILLING MACHINE EXTENSION; filed 31 March 1995; patented 27 May 1997.

Patent 5,632,655: ELECTRICAL CONNECTOR WITH REPLACEABLE MALE PINS; filed 20 March 1995; patented 27 May 1997.

Patent 5,632,658: TRACTOR PRODDED PROPULSOR FOR SURFACE SHIPS; filed 21 May 1996; patented 27 May 1997.

Patent 5,632,659: COMBUSTION CHAMBER DRAIN SYSTEM; filed 20 February 1996; patented 27 May 1997.

Patent 5,633,748: FIBER OPTIC BRAGG GRATING DEMODULATOR AND SENSOR INCORPORATING SAME; filed 5 March 1996; patented 27 May 1997.

Patent 5,633,960: SPATIALLY AVERAGING FIBER OPTIC ACCELEROMETER SENSORS; filed 25 September 1996; patented 27 May 1997.

Patent 5,634,246: SNAP SWIVEL HOOK ASSEMBLY INCORPORATING BALL SWIVEL AND RECESSED HOOK LATCH RELEASE MECHANISM; filed 20 November 1995; patented 3 June 1997.

Patent 5,635,144: LOW TEMPERATURE PLASMA FILM DEPOSITION USING DIELECTRIC CHAMBER AS SOURCE MATERIAL; filed 24 January 1996; patented 3 June 1997.

Patent 5,635,662: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AVOIDING DETECTION BY A THREAT

PROJECTILE; filed 7 February 1996; patented 3 June 1997.

Patent 5,636,180: SYSTEM FOR PREVENTING BIOFOULING OF SURFACES EXPOSED TO WATER; filed 16 August 1995; patented 3 June 1997.

Patent 5,636,248: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR REGENERATING AMPLITUDE AND TIMING CHARACTERISTICS OF AN ANALOG SIGNAL; filed 4 October 1994; patented 3 June 1997.

Patent 5,636,307: FIBER OPTIC MICROCABLE PRODUCED WITH RADIATION CURED COMPOSITE; filed 22 November 1993; patented 3 June 1997.

Patent 5,637,825: CONTROL LINE SPOOL; filed 17 January 1996; patented 10 June 1997.

Patent 5,637,826: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OPTIMAL GUIDANCE; filed 7 February 1996; patented 10 June 1997.

Patent 5,637,865: FIBER OPTIC SELF-MULTIPLEXING AMPLIFIED RING TRANSDUCER AND FORCE TRANSFER SENSOR WITH PRESSURE COMPENSATION; filed 11 June 1996; patented 10 June 1997.

Patent 5,637,883: OPTICALLY ADDRESSED SPATIAL LIGHT MODULATOR USING AN INTRINSIC SEMICONDUCTOR ACTIVE MATERIAL AND HIGH RESISTIVITY CLADDING LAYERS; filed 27 February 1995; patented 10 June 1997.

Patent 5,638,004: MULTICONDUCTOR CONTINUITY AND INTERMITTENT FAULT ANALYZER WITH DYNAMIC STIMULATION; filed 16 May 1995; patented 10 June 1997.

Patent 5,639,022: SUPERSONIC FLUID DISPERSING INJECTOR; filed 30 November 1994; patented 17 June 1997.

Patent 5,639,318: OXIDATION RESISTANT COPPER; filed 24 August 1995; patented 17 June 1997.

Patent 5,639,968: OPTICAL FIBER STRAIN-TO-FAILURE SENSOR; filed 23 October 1995; patented 17 June 1997.

Patent 5,639,982: MEANS TO FIRE A FULLY AUTOMATIC GUN UNDERWATER USING A SPECIAL BARREL CLEARANCE BLANK ROUND; filed 23 May 1996; patented 17 June 1997.

Patent 5,641,189: MULTIPLE STRAP CARRIER; filed 17 November 1995; patented 24 June 1997.

Patent 5,641,440: SINTERING AIDS FOR PRODUCING BAO.AL2O3.2SIO2 AND SRO.AL2O3.2SIO2 CERAMIC MATERIALS; filed 26 July 1995; patented 24 June 1997.

Patent 5,641,936: ACTIVE INFRARED FUZE; filed 11 September 1964; patented 24 June 1997.

Patent 5,642,329: METHOD FOR DOUBLING THE RESOLVING POWER OF A SONAR ARRAY AND A SONAR ARRAY FOR IMPLEMENTING THE SAME; filed 3 October 1995; patented 24 June 1997.

Patent 5,642,330: SEA STATE MEASURING SYSTEM; filed 2 May 1994; patented 24 June 1997.

Patent 5,642,331: CONSTANT RADIUS ACOUSTIC SENSOR MOUNTING SYSTEM; filed 2 February 1996; patented 24 June 1997.

Patent 5,642,445: SYSTEM FOR DETERMINING AN INTERIOR OR EXTERIOR ACOUSTIC NOISE LEVEL OF AN ENCLOSED STRUCTURE AND NOISE REDUCTION DEVICE INCORPORATING SUCH SYSTEM; filed 31 October 1995; patented 24 June 1997.

Patent 5,644,067: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CALIBRATION OF SENSING TRANSDUCERS; filed 16 July 1996; patented 1 July 1997.

The following patent applications are available for licensing:

Patent application 06/279,414: FORMATION OF COMPOSITE MATERIALS BY THE INWARD DIFFUSION AND PRECIPITATION OF THE MATRIX PHASE; filed 1 July 1981.

Patent application 08/084,057: TOOL AND SYSTEM FOR MACHINING A ROUND STAND; filed 30 June 1993.

Patent application 08/433,857: HIGH SPEED MAGNETOSTRICTIVE LINEAR MOTOR; filed 2 May 1995.

Patent application 08/491,047: HIGH-ENERGY-ABSORBING ENCLOSURE FOR INTERNAL EXPLOSION CONTAINMENT; filed 15 June 1995.

Patent application 08/527,988: BICOUPLED CONTRAROTATING EPICYCLIC GEARS; filed 14 September 1995.

Patent application 08/530,391: VIBRATION-DAMPING OF STRUCTURAL PRODUCTS; filed 19 September 1995.

Patent application 08/532,347: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR HEATED, PRESSURE-SWING HIGH PRESSURE AIR DEHYDRATION; filed 22 September 1995.

Patent application 08/645,732: ISOLATION MOUNTING DEVICE; filed 14 May 1996.

Patent application 08/669,673: TWO PHASE HFB2-SIB4 MATERIAL; filed 24 June 1996.

Patent application 08/695,444: PROCESS FOR MAKING OPTICAL FIBERS FROM CORE AND CLADDING GLASS RODS; filed 12 August 1996.

Patent application 08/704,028: ENERGETIC NITRO PREPOLYMER; filed 26 August 1996.

Patent application 08/704,029: ENERGETIC FLUORONITRO PREPOLYMER; filed 26 August 1996.

Patent application 08/714,876: COMPACT CONTINUOUS WAVE TUNABLE INFRARED LASERS AND METHOD; filed 19 September 1996.

Patent application 08/736,551: AMPLITUDE INSENSITIVE SYNCHRONIZATION OF NONLINEAR SYSTEMS; filed 24 October 1996.

Patent application 08/745,169: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CASTING THIN-WALLED HONEYCOMB STRUCTURES; filed 7 November 1996.

Patent application 08/747,469: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PERFORMING MUTATIONS IN A GENETIC ALGORITHM-BASED UNDERWATER TARGET TRACKING SYSTEM; filed 12 November 1996.

Patent application 08/749,483: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR GENERATING SHORT PULSES FOR NMR AND NQR PROCESSING; filed 13 November 1996.

Patent application 08/753,055: SHIELDED BEARING LUBRICATION; filed 19 November 1996.

Patent application 08/769,641: MULTI-LAYER TILED ARRAY; filed 16 December 1996.

Patent application 08/774,800: SUBMARINE EXTENDIBLE TURRET SYSTEM; filed 28 February 1997.

Patent application 08/775,232: SYSTEM FOR VERIFYING NUCLEAR WARHEAD PREARM/SAFING SIGNALS; filed 30 December 1996.

Patent application 08/775,233: TRAJECTORY MEASUREMENT SYSTEM FOR UNDERWATER VEHICLES; filed 30 December 1996.

Patent application 08/775,486: OXIDATION RESISTANT FIBER-REINFORCED COMPOSITES WITH POLY(CARBORANE-SILOXANE/SILANE-ACETYLENE); filed 31 December 1996.

Patent application 08/782,362: MODEL IDENTIFICATION AND CHARACTERIZATION OF ERROR STRUCTURES IN SIGNAL PROCESSING; filed 13 January 1997.

Patent application 08/787,834: TRAJECTORY MATCHED PASSIVE DETECTION SYSTEM; filed 23 January 1997.

Patent application 08/789,454: ACTIVE SONAR RANGE-BEAM PARTITIONER; filed 1 January 1997.

Patent application 08/791,292: PHASE STABILIZATION OF ZIRCONIA; filed 30 January 1997.

Patent application 08/791,297: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR DISTRIBUTED OPTICAL FIBER SENSING OF STRAIN OR MULTIPLE PARAMETERS; filed 30 January 1997.

Patent application 08/791,433: APPARATUS AND METHOD OF CONCOMITANT SCENARIO TOPOGRAPHY WITH THE AID OF A DIGITAL COMPUTER; filed 27 January 1997.

Patent application 08/792,240: SYSTEM FOR BEARINGS-ONLY CONTACT STATE ESTIMATION USING RECURRENT NEURAL NETWORKS; filed 31 January 1997.

Patent application 08/792,266: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR TRACKING VEHICLES USING RANDOM SEARCH ALGORITHMS; filed 31 January 1997.

Patent application 08/792,676: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING HIGH BRIGHTNESS MID-IR FLUORESCENCE FROM PHOSPHOR MATERIALS; filed 29 January 1997.

Patent application 08/797,325: PHOTOACTIVATABLE O-NITROBENZYL POLYETHYLENE GLYCOL-SILANE FOR THE PRODUCTION OF PATTERNED BIOMOLECULAR ARRAYS; filed 10 February 1997.

Patent application 08/797,765: IMPROVED COMPOSITIONS FOR USE IN BATTERY SYSTEMS; filed 8 January 1997.

Patent application 08/800,328: WET-SPINNING FIBER PROCESS PROVIDING CONTROLLED MORPHOLOGY OF THE WET-SPUN FIBER; filed 12 March 1996.

Patent application 08/802,573: WAVELET-BASED HYBRID NEUROSYSTEM FOR SIGNAL CLASSIFICATION; filed 19 February 1997.

Patent application 08/804,044: WATER SPRAY COOLING SYSTEM FOR EXTINGUISHMENT AND POST FIRE SUPPRESSION OF COMPARTMENT FIRES; filed 26 February 1997.

Patent application 08/806,132: CABLE FLUSHING LATERAL; filed 3 March 1997.

Patent application 08/810,165: HIGH SPEED WAVELENGTH DETERMINATION SYSTEM FOR WAVELENGTH-ENCODE SENSORS; filed 28 February 1997.

Patent application 08/810,166: FIBER BRAGG GRATING INTERROGATION SYSTEM AND METHOD WITH FIBER STRING MULTIPLEXING; filed 28 February 1997.

Patent application 08/810,167: FIBER BRAGG GRATING INTERROGATION SYSTEM WITH ADAPTIVE CALIBRATION; filed 28 February 1997.

Patent application 08/812,065: TOWED ARRAY WITH NON-ACOUSTIC SENSOR MODULE; filed 21 January 1997.

Patent application 08/818,193: NOVEL LINEAR METALLOCENE POLYMERS CONTAINING ACETYLENIC AND INORGANIC UNITS AND THERMOSETS AND CERAMICS THEREFROM; filed 14 March 1997.

Patent application 08/823,776: RETRACTABLE UNDERWATER TURRET; filed 24 March 1997.

Patent application 08/825,942: ACTIVELY MODE-LOCKED, SINGLE-POLARIZATION, PICOSECOND OPTICAL FIBER LASER; filed 1 April 1997.

Patent application 08/828,229: STANDARDIZED MODULAR ANTENNA SYSTEM; filed 14 April 1997.

Patent application 08/828,232: STRUT-MOUNTED DRAG BALANCE; filed 25 March 1997.

Patent application 08/845,894: MICROCAPILLARY-BASED FLOW-THROUGH IMMUNOSENSOR AND DISPLACEMENT IMMUNOASSAY USING THE SAME; filed 28 April 1997.

Patent application 08/845,897: POROUS METAL/ORGANIC POLYMERIC COMPOSITES; filed 28 April 1997.

Patent application 08/846,192: LIGHTWEIGHT HIGH DAMPING POROUS METAL/PHTHALONITRILE COMPOSITES; filed 28 April 1997.

(Authority: 35 U.S.C. 207; 37 CFR Part 404)

Dated: January 29, 1998.

Michael I. Quinn,

Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection requests.

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

DATES: An emergency review has been requested in accordance with the Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3507 (j)), since public harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by February 9, 1998. A regular clearance process is also

beginning. Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 10, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding the emergency review should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer: Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 7th & D Streets, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651.

Written comments regarding the regular clearance and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651, or should be electronic mailed to the internet address Pat_Sherrill@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

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 (c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3506 (c)(2)(A) requires that the Director of OMB 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 Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, 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: February 5, 1998.

Linda C. Tague,

Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Management

Type of Review: New.

Title: Streamlined Process for the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) Approved Grant Applications.

Abstract: Since April 1997, EDGAR's menu of selection criteria became effective. For each competition, the Secretary would select one or more criteria that best enable the Department to identify the highest quality applications consistent with the program purpose, statutory requirements, and any priorities established. This allowed the Secretary the flexibility to weigh the criteria according to the needs of each individual program. This menu of selection criteria will provide the Department the flexibility to choose a set of criteria tailored to a given competition and obviate the need to create specific selection criteria through individual program regulations. ED is requesting a streamlined process for programs of approved applications who choose to change: (1) criteria from the same EDGAR menu, (2) old EDGAR to new EDGAR criteria, or (3) program criteria to EDGAR criteria.

Additional Information: ED is requesting an emergency clearance by February 9, 1998. This will allow programs to make the appropriate criteria changes without further delaying the grant process and provide sufficient time for applicants to complete their applications. Without this emergency request, applicants