

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ross Arnold, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of this limit, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port, call (202) 927-5850, or refer to the U.S. Customs website at <http://www.customs.ustras.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

The current limit for Category 603 is being reduced for carryforward applied to the 1999 limit.

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 64 FR 71982, published on December 22, 1999). Also

see 64 FR 68336, published on December 7, 1999.

D. Michael Hutchinson,
Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

February 14, 2000.

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 1, 1999, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in Thailand and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2000 and extends through December 31, 2000; the Category 603 limit began January 1, 2000 and extends through September 30, 2000.

Effective on February 22, 2000, you are directed to reduce the current limit for Category 603 to 1,711,921 kilograms,¹ as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that this action falls within the foreign affairs

¹ The limit has not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1999.

exception of the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

D. Michael Hutchinson,
Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Air Force A-76 Initiatives Cost Comparisons and Direct Conversions (As of 31 December 1999)

The Air Force is in the process of conducting the following A-76 initiatives. Cost comparisons are public-private competitions. Direct conversions are functions that may result in a conversion to contract without public competition. These initiatives were announced and in-progress as of 31 December 1999, include the installation and state where the cost comparison or direct conversion is being performed, the total authorizations under study, public announcement date and actual or anticipated solicitation date. The following initiatives are in various stages of completion.

Installation	State	Function(s)	Total authorizations	Public announcement date	Solicitation issued or scheduled date
COST COMPARISONS					
ANDERSEN	GUAM	SUPPLY AND TRANSPORTATION	317	25-Jun-98	28-May-99
ANDREWS	MD	AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY.	815	25-Jul-97	26-May-99
ANDREWS	MD	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	9	17-Dec-98	22-Feb-00
ANDREWS	MD	HEATING SYSTEMS	22	17-Dec-98	15-Jan-00
ANDREWS	MD	COMMUNICATION FUNCTIONS	181	04-Oct-99	11-May-01
BARKSDALE	LA	PROTECTIVE COATING	13	14-Dec-98	21-Jan-00
BEALE	CA	BASE OPERATING SUPPORT	383	08-Sep-99	07-Mar-01
BOLLING	DC	SUPPLY AND TRANSPORTATION	164	01-Dec-98	15-Jan-00
CARSWELL	TX	BASE OPERATING SUPPORT	69	13-Jun-96	30-Dec-99
CHEYENNE MTN	CO	CIVIL ENGINEERING	139	08-May-98	24-Sep-99
DOVER	DE	HEATING SYSTEMS	11	07-Jan-99	03-Jan-00
EDWARDS	CA	BASE OPERATING SUPPORT	553	09-Dec-98	08-Nov-00
EDWARDS	CA	TRANSIENT AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE/AEROSPACE GROUND EQUIPMENT.	146	06-Nov-98	06-Jan-00
EGLIN	FL	ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT	52	22-Sep-99	01-Dec-00
EGLIN	FL	CIVIL ENGINEERING	200	03-Dec-96	21-Jul-98
EIELSON	AK	COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE.	63	29-Oct-99	25-Apr-00
ELMENDORF	AK	BASE SUPPLY	213	26-Mar-99	17-Jan-00
FAIRCHILD	WA	HEATING SYSTEMS	15	16-Mar-99	31-Oct-99
GREATER PITTSBURG	PA	BASE OPERATING SUPPORT	77	13-Jun-96	10-Nov-99
GRISSOM	IN	BASE OPERATING SUPPORT	133	13-Jun-96	01-Oct-99
HANSCOM AFB	MA	EDUCATION/TRAINING AND PERSONNEL.	14	25-Nov-98	15-Feb-00
HANSCOM AFB	MA	CIVIL ENGINEERING	201	09-Dec-98	15-Feb-00
HANSCOM AFB	MA	BASE SUPPLY	70	10-Nov-98	15-Feb-00
HILL AFB	UT	BASE OPERATING SUPPORT	576	30-Sep-98	20-Sep-00
HOLLOMAN AFB	NM	MILITARY FAMILY HOUSING MAINTENANCE.	66	12-May-97	14-Jan-00
HOLLOMAN AFB	NM	TEST TRACK	125	18-Nov-99	01-Apr-00
HOMESTEAD	FL	BASE OPERATING SUPPORT	106	13-Jun-96	15-Jan-00
HURLBURT COM FL	FL	COMMUNICATION FUNCTIONS	50	31-Jul-98	19-Jun-00
HURLBURT COM FL	FL	ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT	41	28-Apr-99	09-Mar-01
HURLBURT COM FL	FL	BASE SUPPLY	43	15-Jul-98	21-Jan-00
KEESLER	MS	MULTIPLE SUPPORT FUNCTIONS	726	21-Sep-99	TBD
KIRTLAND	NM	BASE COMMUNICATIONS	228	06-Nov-97	04-Jun-99
KIRTLAND	NM	ENVIRONMENTAL	32	24-Nov-98	17-Mar-00
LACKLAND	TX	MULTIPLE SUPPORT FUNCTIONS	1587	26-Jan-99	09-Aug-99
LANGLEY	VA	GENERAL LIBRARY	11	22-Dec-98	02-Feb-00
MALMSTROM	MT	BASE COMMUNICATIONS	85	06-Oct-97	15-Feb-00
MARCH	CA	BASE OPERATING SUPPORT	195	13-Jun-96	15-Nov-99
MAXWELL	AL	MULTIPLE SUPPORT FUNCTIONS	814	28-Apr-98	22-Mar-99
MCCORD	WA	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	11	14-Jun-99	05-Jun-00
MULTIPLE INSTLNS		ADMINISTRATIVE SWITCHBOARD	44	19-Jun-97	15-Feb-00
CROUGHTON	UK				
FAIRFORD	UK				
LAKENHEATH	UK				
MILDENHALL	UK				
MOLESWORTH	UK				
MULTIPLE INSTLNS		TRANSIENT AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE	15	07-Jul-99	01-Apr-00
LAKENHEATH	UK				
MILDENHALL	UK				
MULTIPLE INSTLNS		EDUCATION SERVICES	153	07-Jan-99	21-Jan-00
HOWARD	PANMA				
MOODY	GA				
MINOT	ND				
MT HOME	ID				
NELLIS	NV				
SHAW	SC				
WHITEMAN	MO				
LAJES	AJORE				
ELLSWORTH	SD				
SEYMOUR JOHNSON	NC				
HOLLOMAN AFB	NM				
DYESS	TX				
DAVIS MONTHAN	AZ				
CANNON	NM				
BARKSDALE	LA				
KEFLAVIK	ICELD				

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LANGLEY	VA	PRECISION MEASUREMENT EQUIPMENT LABORATORY (PMEL). COMMUNICATION FUNCTIONS	1516	24-Sep-98	29-Oct-99				
BEALE	CA								
MULTIPLE INSTLNS									
MULTIPLE INSTLNS		TRANSIENT AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE	208	03-Aug-99	01-May-00				
LANGLEY	VA								
HILL AFB	UT								
MULTIPLE INSTLNS			24	07-Jul-99	01-Apr-00				
RAMSTEIN	GERMY	COMMUNICATION FUNCTIONS	141	11-Mar-99	29-Feb-00				
SPANGDAHLEM	GERMY								
MULTIPLE INSTLNS									
GENERAL MITCHELL	WI	MULTIPLE SUPPORT FUNCTIONS	124	14-Jul-99	30-Dec-00				
WESTOVER	MA								
MINN-ST PAUL	MN								
YOUNGSTOWN	OH								
WILLOW GROVE	PA								
GRISSOM	IN								
PITTSBURG	PA								
MARCH	CA								
HOMESTEAD	FL								
CARSWELL	TX								
NEW ORLEANS	LA								
MULTIPLE INSTLNS									
CROUGHTON	UK					ADMINISTRATIVE SWITCHBOARD	50	19-Jun-97	15-Feb-00
FAIRFORD	UK								
MOLESWORTH	UK								
MULTIPLE INSTLNS									
RAMSTEIN	GERMY					BASE OPERATING SUPPORT	48	03-Dec-97	01-Mar-00
SEMBACH	GERMY								
SPANGDAHLEM	GERMY	BASE OPERATING SUPPORT	45	13-Jun-96	01-Dec-99				
NEW BOSTON	NH	BASE OPERATING SUPPORT	1608	30-Sep-98	01-Mar-00				
NEW ORLEANS NAS	LA	SUPPLY AND TRANSPORTATION	43	14-May-98	12-Jun-00				
OFFUTT	NE	ADMINISTRATIVE TELEPHONE SWITCHBOARD.	17	17-Mar-99	21-Mar-00				
PATRICK	FL								
ROBINS	GA	BASE SUPPLY	133	01-Apr-99	21-Apr-00				
ROBINS	GA	EDUCATION SERVICES	57	07-Jan-99	15-Feb-00				
SCOTT	IL	ADMINISTRATIVE SWITCHBOARD	86	05-Aug-99	TBD				
SCOTT	IL	MEDICAL FACILITY MAINTENANCE	8	09-Jan-98	05-Aug-98				
SCOTT	IL	COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FUNCTIONS.	178	19-Mar-98	16-Aug-99				
SCOTT	IL	PERSONNEL SERVICES	236	25-Jun-99	19-Feb-01				
SEMBACH	GERMY	COMMUNICATION FUNCTIONS	48	18-Dec-98	21-Feb-00				
SHEPPARD	TX	MULTIPLE SUPPORT FUNCTIONS	540	21-Sep-99	29-Jun-00				
TINKER	OK	ENVIRONMENTAL	53	24-Nov-98	12-Nov-99				
TINKER	OK	CIVIL ENGINEERING	567	15-Apr-97	26-Mar-98				
TINKER	OK	EDUCATION SERVICES	54	16-Nov-98	17-Nov-99				
TINKER	OK	BASE SUPPLY	152	30-Nov-98	08-Oct-99				
TRAVIS	CA	VEHICLE OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE.	131	15-Jul-98	25-Jan-00				
USAF ACADEMY	CO	BASE OPERATING SUPPORT	108	08-May-98	15-Jan-00				
USAF ACADEMY	CO	CIVIL ENGINEERING	497	01-Dec-98	01-Mar-00				
USAF ACADEMY	CO	COMMUNICATION FUNCTIONS	120	20-May-99	19-May-00				
USAF ACADEMY	CO	FOOD SERVICES	297	08-May-98	21-Apr-99				
USAF ACADEMY	CO	SERVICES ACTIVITIES	75	08-May-98	17-Sep-99				
WHITEMAN	MO	UTILITIES PLANT	11	18-Aug-99	14-Sep-00				
WILLOW GROVE	PA	BASE OPERATING SUPPORT	52	13-Jun-96	28-Sep-98				
WRIGHT PATTERSON	OH	LABORATORY SUPPORT SERVICES	127	21-Aug-98	29-Oct-99				
WRIGHT PATTERSON	OH	CIVIL ENGINEERING	698	15-Aug-97	27-Aug-99				
WRIGHT PATTERSON	OH	COMMUNICATION FUNCTIONS	319	21-Aug-98	29-Oct-99				
WRIGHT PATTERSON	OH	CIVIL ENGINEERING	104	21-Aug-98	03-Mar-00				
YOUNGSTOWN MUNI	OH	BASE OPERATING SUPPORT	92	13-Jun-96	14-Sep-98				
DIRECT CONVERSIONS									
ANDERSEN	GUAM	AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL	12	14-Sep-99	27-May-00				
ANDREWS	MD	MEDICAL FACILITY MAINTENANCE	11	09-Oct-97	22-Sep-99				
ASHEVILLE	NC	COMPUTER SYSTEMS MAINTENANCE	10	17-Feb-99	30-Apr-00				
BARKSDALE	LA	ADMINISTRATIVE SWITCHBOARD	10	04-Aug-98	22-Nov-99				
BEALE	CA	ADMINISTRATIVE SWITCHBOARD	10	07-Jul-99	30-Nov-99				
CANNON	NM	TRANSIENT AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE/AEROSPACE GROUND EQUIPMENT.	13	27-Aug-98	15-Dec-99				

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CANNON	NM	PROTECTIVE COATING	2	07-Jan-99	03-Jan-00
CHEYENNE MTN	CO	COMMUNICATION FUNCTIONS	385	08-May-98	01-Dec-99
DAVIS MONTHAN	AZ	PROTECTIVE COATING	9	24-Jun-98	01-Feb-00
DAVIS MONTHAN	AZ	RAILROAD TRANSPORTATION SERVICES.	2	11-Aug-98	14-Feb-00
DYESS	TX	ADMINISTRATIVE TELEPHONE SWITCHBOARD.	9	12-Nov-98	15-Dec-99
ELLSWORTH	SD	GENERAL LIBRARY	7	16-Jul-98	19-Nov-99
ELLSWORTH	SD	ENVIRONMENTAL	7	05-Nov-98	23-Dec-98
F E WARREN	WY	BASE COMMUNICATIONS	105	30-Oct-97	10-Apr-00
GRAND FORKS	ND	MUNITIONS MAINTENANCE	5	17-May-99	13-Oct-00
HICKAM	HI	AIR MOBILITY OPERATIONS CONTROL CENTER (AMOCC).	54	29-Oct-99	01-May-00
KIRTLAND	NM	FOOD SERVICES	15	29-Oct-99	03-Apr-00
KIRTLAND	NM	RECREATIONAL SUPPORT	9	12-Jan-99	17-Mar-00
KIRTLAND	NM	GENERAL LIBRARY	4	12-Jan-99	15-Mar-00
KIRTLAND	NM	CIVIL ENGINEERING	360	09-Dec-98	17-Jan-00
KIRTLAND	NM	EDUCATION SERVICES	12	26-Oct-98	31-Jan-00
KIRTLAND	NM	AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE	165	05-Nov-99	TBD
LACKLAND	TX	FOOD SERVICES	20	20-Dec-99	TBD
LANGLEY	VA	GROUPS MAINTENANCE	9	04-May-99	20-Aug-99
LANGLEY	VA	COMMUNICATION FUNCTIONS	8	23-Mar-99	01-Aug-00
LANGLEY	VA	DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS.	15	04-Nov-99	15-Sep-00
LANGLEY	VA	TRANSIENT AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE	21	27-Aug-98	27-Aug-99
LANGLEY	VA	AIRCRAFT FLEET SERVICES	11	29-Jun-99	15-Jun-00
MAXWELL	AL	EDUCATION SERVICES	35	31-Jul-98	15-Jan-00
MCGUIRE	NJ	HEATING SYSTEMS	6	04-May-99	31-Aug-00
MCGUIRE	NJ	FURNISHINGS MANAGEMENT	2	14-May-99	05-Feb-00
MINOT	ND	ADMINISTRATIVE SWITCHBOARD	6	07-Jan-99	20-Oct-99
MINOT	ND	GROUPS MAINTENANCE	9	18-May-99	23-Oct-00
MT HOME	ID	TRANSIENT AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE	7	27-Aug-98	29-Jul-99
MT HOME	ID	GROUPS MAINTENANCE	6	20-Jul-99	09-Jul-00
MULTIPLE INSTLNS		LINEN	11	17-Jun-99	01-Mar-00
RAMSTEIN	GERMY				
SPANGDAHLEM	GERMY				
LAKENHEATH	UK				
MILDENHALL	UK				
NELLIS	NV	TRANSIENT AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE/AEROSPACE GROUND EQUIPMENT.	18	27-Aug-98	09-Aug-99
NELLIS	NV	COMMUNICATION FUNCTIONS	9	22-Dec-98	18-Nov-99
OFFUTT	NE	COMPUTER OPERATIONS	76	17-Feb-99	30-Apr-00
PATRICK	FL	BASE WEATHER OBSERVING	5	17-Mar-98	01-Jun-99
PATRICK	FL	RANGE MAINTENANCE	31	19-May-98	28-May-99
PATRICK	FL	RANGE MAINTENANCE	32	19-May-98	28-May-99
POPE	NC	FURNISHINGS MANAGEMENT	1	07-Oct-98	17-Jan-00
PORTLAND	OR	ADMINISTRATIVE SWITCHBOARD	2	22-Dec-98	18-Oct-99
RANDOLPH	TX	COURSEWARE DEVELOPMENT	38	30-Sep-99	TBD
ROBINS	GA	GENERAL LIBRARY	6	23-Nov-99	TBD
SCHRIEVER	CO	FOOD SERVICES	18	02-Sep-99	01-Nov-00
SCOTT	IL	MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES	2	18-Mar-99	13-Jan-00
SCOTT	IL	FURNISHINGS MANAGEMENT	3	07-Aug-98	01-Jul-00
SHAW	SC	TRANSIENT AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE	11	28-Aug-98	16-Jul-99
SHAW	SC	COMMUNICATION FUNCTIONS	3	18-May-99	09-May-00
SHAW	SC	LIBRARY	7	27-Aug-98	25-Aug-99
TRAVIS	CA	FACILITIES SERVICES MAINTENANCE ..	2	20-Apr-98	30-Jan-00
TRAVIS	CA	HEATING SYSTEMS	5	20-Apr-98	30-Jan-00
VANDENBERG AFB	CA	MISSILE STORAGE & MAINTENANCE	66	14-Apr-99	18-Dec-99
WHITEMAN	MO	ADMINISTRATIVE SWITCHBOARD	9	22-Dec-98	03-Sep-99
WHITEMAN	MO	PROTECTIVE COATING	8	06-Apr-99	21-Dec-99
WHITEMAN	MO	GROUPS MAINTENANCE	5	08-Dec-98	29-Sep-99
WHITEMAN	MO	HOSPITAL SERVICES	2	17-Apr-98	17-Nov-98

Janet A. Long,

Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Availability of Invention for Licensing; Government-Owned Invention

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.
ACTION: Notice.

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

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/477,941 entitled "Chemical and Biological Warfare Decontaminating solution Using Bleach Activators", filing date: January 5, 2000, Navy Case No. 82065.

ADDRESSES: Request for copies of the patent application cited should be directed to the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Laboratory, Code CD222, 17320 Dahlgren Road, Building 183, Room 015, Dahlgren, VA 22448-5100, and must include the Navy Case number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James B. Bechtel, Patent Counsel, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Laboratory, Code CD222, 17320 Dahlgren Road, Building 183, Room 015, Dahlgren, VA 22448-5100, telephone (540) 633-8016.

Authority: 35 U.S.C. 207, 37 CFR Part 404.
Dated: February 7, 2000.

J.L. Roth,

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

Department of the Navy

Notice of Availability of Invention for Licensing; Government-Owned Invention

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The invention listed below is assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of Navy and are available for

licensing by the Department of the Navy.

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/451,718 entitled "A Zeus++ Code Tool, A Method for Implementing Same and Storage Medium Storing Computer Readable Instructions for Instantiating the Zeus++ Tool", filing date: December 1, 1999, Navy Case No. 79694.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the patent applications cited should be directed to the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Laboratory, Code CD222, 17320 Dahlgren Road, Building 183, Room 015, Dahlgren, VA 22448-5100, and must include the Navy Case number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James B. Bechtel, Patent Counsel, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Laboratory, Code CD222, 17320 Dahlgren Road, Building 183, Room 015, Dahlgren, VA 22448-5100, telephone (540) 653-8016.

Authority: 35 U.S.C. 207, 37 CFR Part 404.
Dated: February 7, 2000.

J.L. Roth,

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

National Assessment Governing Board; Information Collection Request

AGENCY: National Assessment Governing Board; Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of revised information collection request; Request for comment.

SUMMARY: The National Assessment Governing Board (NAGB) is revising the Notice of Proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) published on January 17, 2000 in two ways. First, this notice extends the time for public comment to the National Assessment Governing Board to March 17, 2000. Per instructions in the January 17, 2000 notice, submit written comments identified by "ICR: VNT Research and Validation Support Studies (Option Year 2)" by mail or in person addressed to: Ray Fields, Assistant Director, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington, DC 20002. Comments may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to Ray.Fields@ED.Gov. Electronic comments must be identified by the title of the ICR.

Second, this notice is to inform the public that an emergency review of this Information Collection Request has been requested in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the Act) (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3507(j)). Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by March 17, 2000. Emergency review is requested because of an unanticipated event outside the control of the National Assessment Governing Board. Interested persons are invited to submit comments to the address below on or before March 17, 2000 to inform the emergency review by OMB.

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, DC 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address DWERFEL@OMB.EOP.GOV. Submit written comments identified by "ICR: VNT Research and Validation Support Studies (Option Year 2)." The National Assessment Governing Board will forward to OMB any comments received from the public in response to the January 17, 2000 notice inviting requests for public comment on this ICR and in response to this notice, extending the public comment period to March 17, 2000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) 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. In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice revises a proposed information collection request (ICR) of the National Assessment Governing Board (the Governing Board, or NAGB) published on January 17, 2000. The information collection is to conduct two research and validation support studies related to test development for the proposed Voluntary National Test (VNT) during Spring 2000.