

officer when Government-furnished property is received and is not suitable for use.

(x) FAR 52.245-2(a)(4) requires a contractor to notify the contracting officer when government-furnished property is not timely delivered and the contracting officer will make a determination of the delay, if any, caused the contractor.

(y) FAR 52.245-2(b) requires a contractor to submit a written request for an equitable adjustment if Government-furnished property is decreased, substituted, or withdrawn by the Government.

(z) FAR 52.245-4 requires a contractor to submit a timely written request for an equitable adjustment when Government-furnished property is not furnished in a timely manner.

(aa) FAR 52.245-5(a)(4) requires a contractor to notify the contracting officer when Government-furnished property is received that is not suitable for use.

(bb) FAR 52.245-5(a)(5) requires a contractor to notify the contracting officer when Government-furnished property is not received in a timely manner.

(cc) FAR 52.245-5(b)(2) requests a contractor to submit a written request for an equitable adjustment if Government-furnished property is decreased, substituted, or withdrawn by the Government.

(dd) FAR 52.245-7(f) requires a contractor to notify the contracting officer when use of all facilities falls below 75% of total use.

(ee) FAR 52.245-7(l)(2) requires a contractor to alert the contracting officer within 30 days of receiving facilities that are not suitable for use.

(ff) FAR 52.245-9(f) requires a contractor to submit a facilities use statement to the contracting officer within 90 days after the close of each rental period.

(gg) FAR 52.245-10(h)(2) requires a contractor to notify the contracting officer if facilities are received that are not suitable for the intended use.

(hh) FAR 52.245-11(e) requires a contractor to notify the contracting officer when use of all facilities falls below 75% of total use.

(ii) FAR 52.245-11(j)(2) requires a contractor to notify the contracting officer within 30 days of receiving facilities not suitable for intended use.

(jj) FAR 52.245-17 requires a contractor to maintain special tooling records.

(kk) FAR 52.245-18(b) requires a contractor to notify the contracting officer 30 days in advance of the

contractor's intention to acquire or fabricate special test equipment (STE).

(ll) FAR 52.245-18(d) & (e) requires a contractor to furnish the names of subcontractors who acquire or fabricate special test equipment (STE) or components and comply with paragraph (d) of this clause, and contractors must comply with the (b) paragraph of this clause if an engineering change requires acquisition or modification of STE. In so complying, the contractor shall identify the change order which requires the proposed acquisition, fabrication, or modification.

(mm) FAR 52.245-19 requires a contractor to notify the contracting officer if there is any change in the condition of property furnished "as is" from the time of inspection until time of receipt.

This information is used to facilitate the management of Government property in the possession of the contractor.

#### **B. Annual Reporting Burden**

*Respondents:* 27,884.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 488.6.

*Total Responses:* 13,624,122.

*Average Burden Hours Per Response:* 4826.

*Total Burden Hours:* 6,575,309.

The total burden hours have changed under this OMB clearance 9000-0075 to reflect the incorporation of hours currently associated with OMB clearance 9000-0151 (FAR Case 1995-013) which expires on June 30, 2000, and will not be renewed. The OMB collection burden associated with Government property nonetheless remains unchanged.

#### **OBTAINING COPIES OF PROPOSALS:**

Requester may obtain a copy of the proposal from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRS), Room 4035, 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 208-7312. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0075, Government Property, in all correspondence.

Dated: June 26, 2000.

**Edward C. Loeb,**

*Director, Federal Acquisition Policy Division.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

### **Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites

comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 1, 2000.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. 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 Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. 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. OMB invites public comment. 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: June 27, 2000.

**John Tressler,**

*Leader Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

*Office of Management.*

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Master Plan for Customer Surveys and Focus Groups.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit; Individuals or household; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:* Responses: 100,000—Burden Hours: 50,600.

*Abstract:* Customer satisfaction surveys and focus group discussions will be conducted by the Principal Offices of the Department of Education to measure customer satisfaction and establish and improve customer service standards as required by Executive Order 12862.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address [OCIO\\_IMG\\_Issues@ed.gov](mailto:OCIO_IMG_Issues@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request. Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Kathy Axt at her internet address [Kathy\\_Axt@ed.gov](mailto:Kathy_Axt@ed.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Office of Vocational and Adult Education; Intent To Repay the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Education Funds Recovered as a Result of a Final Audit Determination

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to award grantback funds.

**SUMMARY:** Under section 459 of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA), 20 U.S.C. 1234h, the Secretary of Education (Secretary) intends to repay to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Education (Massachusetts), under a grantback arrangement, an amount equal to 75 percent of the principal amount of funds recovered by the U.S. Department of Education (Department) as a result of the final audit determination in this matter (ACN: 01-33145G). The Department's recovery of funds followed the settlement reached between the parties under which Massachusetts refunded \$2,111,810 to the Department in full resolution of the Department's final audit determination for State fiscal year (FY) 1992. This

notice describes Massachusetts' plan for the use of the repaid funds and the terms and conditions under which the Secretary intends to make those funds available. This notice invites comments on the proposed grantback.

**DATES:** All comments must be received on or before August 2, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** All written comments should be addressed to Ron Castaldi, Chief, Division of Vocational-Technical Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Mary E. Switzer Building, Room 4317, MS 7323, Washington, DC 20202.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ron Castaldi. Telephone: (202) 205-9444. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

##### A. Background

Under the settlement agreement between the Department and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Department recovered \$2,111,810 from Massachusetts in full resolution of all claims arising from an audit of Massachusetts covering FY 1992 (ACN: 01-33145G).

The Department's original claim of \$4,604,211 was contained in a program determination letter (PDL) issued by the Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education on March 31, 1995. This claim arose from findings related to Massachusetts' administration of its vocational education program under the provisions of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act, 20 U.S.C. 2301 *et seq.* (1988) (Perkins II).

In the March 31, 1995 PDL, the Assistant Secretary determined that Massachusetts violated the Federal requirements governing maintenance of fiscal effort. Specifically, the Assistant Secretary concluded that Massachusetts failed to expend non-Federal funds at an appropriate level to maintain fiscal effort on either an aggregate or per pupil basis, thus violating section 502(a) of Perkins II (20 U.S.C. 2463(a)).

The settlement negotiations resulting from Massachusetts' appeal of the Assistant Secretary's March 31, 1995 PDL culminated in a settlement agreement for a total repayment of a principal amount of \$2,111,810. The settlement agreement was executed on August 15, 1997. The Department received full payment for this determination in September 1997.

##### B. Authority for Awarding a Grantback

Section 459(a) of GEPA, 20 U.S.C. 1234h(a), provides that whenever the Secretary has recovered funds following a final audit determination with respect to any applicable program, the Secretary may consider those funds to be additional funds available for the program and may arrange to repay to the State or local educational agency affected by that determination an amount not to exceed 75 percent of the recovered funds. The Secretary may enter into this grantback arrangement if the Secretary determines that—

(1) The practices or procedures of the recipient that resulted in the violation of law have been corrected, and that the recipient is in all other respects in compliance with the requirements of that program;

(2) The recipient has submitted to the Secretary a plan for the use of those funds pursuant to the requirements of that program and, to the extent possible, for the benefit of the population that was affected by the failure to comply or by the misuse of funds that resulted in the recovery; and

(3) The use of the funds in accordance with that plan would serve to achieve the purposes of the program under which the funds were originally paid.

##### C. Plan for Use of Funds Awarded Under a Grantback Arrangement

Pursuant to section 459(a)(2) of GEPA, Massachusetts has applied for a grantback of \$1,583,858, or 75 percent of the \$2,111,810 repaid to the Department under the settlement agreement, and has submitted a plan for use of the proposed grantback funds, consistent with the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 (Perkins III), which is the successor statute to Perkins II and is currently in effect. Massachusetts plans to establish new career and technical education programs in high-wage, high-demand emerging career fields where there is a critical shortage of skilled workers, and to assist existing career and technical programs seeking national program certification.

Specifically, Massachusetts plans to utilize the requested grantback funds, totaling \$1,583,858, to offer a competitive Request for Proposal for Perkins-eligible secondary schools with career and technical programs. Funds will be used either to begin a career and technical education program in a new and emerging field, or to update an existing program using the National Program Standards as a framework. The award of grants will be weighed in favor of schools with a higher concentration