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BARRY GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP AND EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Sunshine Act Meeting; Notice

TIME AND DATE: 2 pm, Wednesday, March 28, 2001.

PLACE: Cannon House Office Building, Washington, DC 20510.

STATUS: The meeting will be open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Review and approval of the minutes of the March 15th, 2000 Board of Trustees meeting.
2. Report on financial status of the Foundation fund—
 - A. Review of investment policy and current portfolio.
 3. Report on results of Scholarship Review Panel—
 - A. Discussion and consideration of scholarship candidates.
 - B. Selection of Goldwater Scholars.
 4. Other Business brought before the Board of Trustees.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Gerald J. Smith, President, Telephone: (703) 756-6012.

Gerald J. Smith,
President.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Office of Human Resources Management

Commerce Opportunities On-Line (COOL)

ACTION: Proposed collection; Comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (DOC), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and

other Federal agencies to comment on the continuing and proposed information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before April 23, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 or via the Internet at MClayton@doc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to the attention of Thomas R. Kreider, Computer Specialist, (301) 457-6610, U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Human Resources Management, Office of Employment, Diversity and Classification Programs, 14th & Constitution Ave, NW., Room 5004, Washington, DC 20230, or via e-mail to tkreider@doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Abstract

Commerce Opportunities On-Line (COOL) is a web-based software system that automates the vacancy announcement, application intake, application evaluation, and application referral processes, for positions in the Department of Commerce (DOC).

In the current employment environment qualified job applicants for federal positions are in great demand. The DOC is in direct competition with private industry for the same caliber of candidates with the requisite knowledge and skills to fulfill the mission of the DOC. Consequently, it is imperative that every available technology be employed if the DOC is to remain competitive and meet hiring goals. The information provided by a job applicant will assist the Human Resources Specialists and hiring managers in determining whether an applicant meets the basic qualification requirements and is best qualified for the position being filled. In addition, the electronic transmission will expedite the hiring process by reducing the time used in application evaluation, candidate referral and selection, and in the recruitment paperwork distribution/workflow process.

COOL will provide the DOC with a more user-friendly on-line employment application process and will enable the DOC to process hiring actions in a more efficient and timely manner. The on-line application will provide an electronic real time candidate list that will allow the DOC to review applications from applicants almost instantaneously. Given the immediate hiring needs of the DOC, time consumed in the mail distribution system or paper review of applications delays the decision-making process by several weeks. The implementation of the COOL electronic application will result in increased speed and accuracy in the employment process. It will also streamline labor and reduce costs.

The use of the COOL on-line application fully meets the intent of 5 U.S.C. 2301, which requires that Federal personnel management be implemented consistent with merit system principles.

Since the COOL on-line application will be used as an alternative form of employment application, the collection and use of the information requires Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval as outlined in Section 6.1 of the Delegated Examining Operations Handbook. The Handbook provides guidance to agencies under a delegated examining authority by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), under the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 1104.

II. Method of Collection

Application information is collected electronically from the applicant through COOL. Applicants may contact the DOC web site on the Internet where they will find the COOL on-line application and can fill out and submit the form electronically while connected to the web site. Applicants who do not have access to a personal computer are directed to the servicing Human Resources Office for a paper version of the COOL announcement and application.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0690-0019.
Type of Review: Regular collection.
Affected Public: Individuals or households and the Federal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 32,832 respondents per year.

Estimated Time Per Response: It is estimated that, depending on the situation, it could take as little as 10