

**GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE**

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**Joint Financial Management Improvement Program (JFMIP)—Federal Financial Management System Requirements (FFMSR)**

June 11, 2001.

**AGENCY:** Joint Financial Management Improvement Program (JFMIP).**ACTION:** Notice of document availability.

**SUMMARY:** The JFMIP is seeking public comment on exposure draft titled JFMIP Core Financial System Requirements "JFMIP-SR-01-02", dated June 11, 2001. The exposure draft is being issued to update the February 1999 "Core Financial System Requirements." The exposure draft incorporates new JFMIP requirements for Core Financial Systems. They are designed to provide financial managers with governmentwide mandatory requirements for financial systems in order to process and record financial events effectively and efficiently, and to provide complete, timely, reliable, and consistent information for decision-makers and the public.

**DATES:** Comments are due August 20, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the Core Financial System Requirements exposure draft have been mailed to Agency Senior Financial Officials and are available on the JFMIP website <http://www.jfmip.gov>. Comments should be addressed to JFMIP, 1990 K Street NW, Suite 430, Washington, DC 20006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephen R. Balsam, (202) 219-0531, [stephen.balsam@gsa.gov](mailto:stephen.balsam@gsa.gov), regarding the Core Financial System Requirements.

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:** The Federal Financial Management Improvement Act of 1996, (FFMIA), mandated that agencies implement and maintain systems that comply substantially with Federal financial management systems requirements, applicable Federal accounting standards, and the U.S. Government Standard General Ledger at the transaction level. The FFMIA statute codified the JFMIP financial systems requirements documents as a key benchmark that agency systems must meet in order to be substantially in compliance with systems requirements provisions under FFMIA. To support the requirements outlined in FFMIA, we are updating requirements documents that are obsolete and publishing additional requirements documents.

The Core Financial System Requirements document establishes standard requirements for the backbone

modules of an agency's integrated financial management system. The major functions supported by a Core Financial System are: Core Financial System Management, General Ledger Management, Funds Management, Payment Management, Receipt Management, Cost Management, Technical and Reporting. These eight functions provide common processing routines, support common data for critical financial management functions affecting the entire agency, and maintain the required financial data integrity control over financial transactions, resource balances and other financial management systems.

This update reflects the most recent changes in laws and regulations, such as FACTS II, and clarifies previous requirements. JFMIP's Knowledgebase website can be used to obtain an electronic copy of the changes that have been made to the Core Financial System Requirements document. The Knowledgebase can be accessed through the JFMIP website <http://www.jfmip.gov>. The exposure draft contains only mandatory requirements on which the vendor software certification test will be based and value-added requirements for optional functionality.

Comments received will be reviewed and the exposure draft will be revised as necessary. Publication of the final requirements will be mailed to agency senior financial officials and will be available on the JFMIP website.

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**BILLING CODE 1610-02-U****OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS****Proposed Collection; Comment Request: Proposed Revised Public Financial Disclosure Access Customer Service Survey****AGENCY:** Office of Government Ethics (OGE).**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice informs the public and executive branch agencies that, after this first round notice and comment period, OGE plans to submit an updated OGE Public Financial Disclosure Access Customer Service Survey form to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and three-year extension of approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act. This notice also identifies a couple of minor revisions proposed to one of the survey questions.

**DATES:** Comments by the public and agencies on this proposed information collection as proposed for revision and extension are invited and should be received by September 4, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to: James V. Parle, Chief, Office of Information Resources Management, Office of Government Ethics, Suite 500, 1201 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20005-3917. Comments may also be sent electronically to OGE's Internet E-mail address at [usoge@oge.gov](mailto:usoge@oge.gov) (for E-mail messages, the subject line should include the following reference—"Public Financial Disclosure Access Customer Service Survey Paperwork comment").

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Parle at the Office of Government Ethics; telephone: 202-208-8000, ext. 1113; TDD: 202-208-8025; FAX: 202-208-8037. A copy of the proposed Survey form may be obtained, without charge, by contacting Mr. Parle.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Government Ethics uses the Public Financial Disclosure Access Customer Service Survey form to assess requester satisfaction with the service provided by OGE in responding to requests by members of the public for access to copies of Standard Form (SF) 278 Executive Branch Personnel Public Financial Disclosure Reports on file with OGE. Most of the SF 278 reports available at OGE are those filed by executive branch Presidential appointees subject to Senate confirmation. Requests for access to SF 278 reports are made pursuant to the special public access provision of section 105 of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (the Ethics Act), as codified at 5 U.S.C. appendix 105, and procedures in 5 CFR 2634.603 of OGE's executive branchwide regulations thereunder, by completing an OGE Form 201, "Request to Inspect or Receive Copies of SF 278 Executive Branch Personnel Public Financial Disclosure Report or Other Covered Record."

The survey forms are distributed to requesters along with copies of requested SF 278 reports with instructions asking them to complete and return the survey to OGE via the self-contained postage-paid postcards (the reverse side of the survey form, when folded, becomes a pre-addressed postcard). The purpose of the survey is to determine through customer responses how well OGE is responding to such requests and how OGE can improve its customer service in this important area. The current paperwork approval for the survey form is