

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, 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.

Karen Cleary Alderman,*Executive Director, Joint Financial Management Improvement Program.*

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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 (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

scheduled to expire at the end of October 2001.

The Office of Government Ethics is issuing this first round **Federal Register** notice to announce its forthcoming request to OMB for paperwork renewal of the survey form, with two proposed minor changes to survey question 4 to achieve greater clarity. That question currently asks whether OGE's requirement to fax or mail requests that involve more than six filers creates a problem for the requester. Based on an analysis of customer responses to question 4, OGE believes that the following statement should be added: "SKIP this question if your request involved six or fewer filers." Additionally, one of the three requested responses to question 4, "Not Applicable," is being changed to "My request did not have to be faxed or mailed."

Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act, OGE is not including in its public burden estimate for the survey form the limited number of access requests filed by other Federal agencies or Federal employees. Nor is OGE including in that estimate the limited number of requests for copies of other records covered under the special Ethics Act public access provision (such as certificates of divestiture) since the survey is only sent to persons who request copies of SF 278 reports. As so defined, the total number of access survey forms for copies of SF 278s estimated to be filed annually at OGE over the next three years by members of the public (primarily by news media representatives, public interest group members and private citizens) is 50. This estimate is based on a calculation of the number of survey forms received at OGE between April 1999 and June 2001 (70 surveys). This number also takes into account an expected increase in the number of public requests as a result of the transition and the new Presidential administration. The estimated average amount of time to read the instructions on the proposed revised customer service survey form, and to complete the form, is three minutes. Thus, the overall estimated annual public burden for the OGE Public Financial Disclosure Access Customer Service Survey as proposed for revision will be three hours (rounded up from two and a half hours (= 50 forms × 3 minutes per form)).

Public comment is invited on all aspects of the survey form as proposed for renewal with minor revision, including specifically views on: the accuracy of OGE's public burden estimate; the potential for enhancement of quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and the

minimization of burden (including the possibility of use of information technology).

After this notice and comment period, OGE will submit the survey form, as revised, to OMB for review and three-year approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). At that time, OGE will also publish a second paperwork notice in the **Federal Register** to inform the public and Federal agencies. Comments received in response to this notice will be summarized for, and may be included with, the forthcoming OGE request for OMB three-year paperwork approval. They will also be explained in the second round notice. The comments will also become a matter of public record.

Approved: June 13, 2001.

Amy L. Comstock,

Director, Office of Government Ethics.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Contract Review Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act as amended (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), announcement is made of an Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Technical Review Committee (TRC) meeting. This TRC's charge is to provide review of contract proposals and recommendations to the Director, AHRQ, with respect to the technical merit of proposals submitted in response to a Request for Proposals (RFPs) regarding "Developing Tools to Enhance Quality and Patient Safety Through Medical Informatics", Issued on January 31, 2001. The contract will constitute AHRQ's participation in the Small Business Innovation Research program.

The upcoming TRC meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), section 10(d) (of 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2, implementing regulations, 41 CFR 101-6.1023 and 48 CFR 315.604(d). The discussions at this meeting of contract proposals submitted in response to the above-referenced RFP are likely to reveal proprietary information and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. Such information is exempt from disclosure under the above-cited FACA provision that protects the free

exchange of candid views, and under the procurement rules that prevent undue interference with Committee and Department operations.

Name of TRC: The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality—"Developing Tools to Enhance Quality and Patient Safety Through Medical Informatics".

Date: July 16 & 17, 2001 (Closed to the public).

Place: Sheraton Four Points Hotel, 8400 Wisconsin Avenue, Embassy I Room, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Anyone wishing to obtain information regarding this meeting should contact Eduardo Ortiz, Center for Primary Care Research, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 6010 Executive Blvd, Suite 201, Rockville, Maryland, 20852, 301-594-6236.

Dated: June 6, 2001.

John M. Eisenberg,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration on Aging

[Program Announcement No. AoA-01-08]

Fiscal Year 2001 Program Announcement; Availability of Funds and Notice Regarding Applications

AGENCY: Administration on Aging, HHS.
ACTION: Announcement of availability of funds and request for applications for innovative programs and activities of national significance under the National Family Caregiver Support Program, title III-E, sections 375 and 376, of the Older Americans Act as amended (Pub. L. 106-501). These grants and cooperative agreements are to develop services and systems which demonstrate new or improved approaches to sustaining the efforts of families and other informal caregivers of older individuals and grandparents of older individuals who are relative caregivers of children.

SUMMARY: The Administration on Aging announces that under this program announcement it will hold a competition for grants and cooperative agreements for approximately 24 to 28 projects nationwide. The projects will be approved for varying periods and amounts from one to three years and a maximum federal share of \$250,000 per year. Funding after the first year is contingent on the availability of federal funds and the grantee's performance