

weaknesses, and major weaknesses correctable.

*Good:* Reasonable, may be strengths and/or weaknesses, weaknesses do not significantly detract from the proposal's viability, any major weaknesses are correctable.

*Fair:* One or more major weaknesses, weaknesses outweigh strengths, major weaknesses may possibly be corrected or minimized.

*Poor:* One or more major weaknesses, which will be difficult to correct or may not be correctable.

#### C. Selection Process

The Selecting Official (the OE Director) in consultation with the OE Chief Scientist will select proposals after considering the peer reviews and the selection factors listed below. In making the final selections, the Selecting Official will endeavor to award in rank order unless the proposal is justifiably selected out of rank order based upon one or more of the selection factors below. The OE Director will have the final authority and responsibility for decisions regarding proposal selection.

The selection factors include the following: (1) The availability of program funding (*i.e.*, feasibility for OE to meet applicants requests given projects costs and logistics); (2) the extent to which the proposal contributes to a balanced national program in terms of distribution of funds by geography/institution/partners/study areas/ and project; (3) the avoidance of duplication with other projects funded or considered for funding by NOAA or other Federal Agencies; (4) the responsiveness to overall program priorities (section III.C.) and policy factors (see section III.D., Funding Considerations); (5) applicant's prior award performance; and (6) partnerships with participation of targeted groups.

High proposal peer review ratings may not result in funding for a given proposal. Investigators may be asked to modify objectives, work plans, or budgets prior to approval of the award. Subsequent administrative processing will be in accordance with current NOAA financial administrative procedures.

The National Science Foundation, the federal agencies of the National Ocean Partnership Program, and other NOAA programs have mission objectives which involve ocean research and technology development. Examples of NOAA agencies and programs are: the National Undersea Research Program, the National Sea Grant College Program, the Arctic Research Office, NOAA Fisheries, and the National Ocean Service. OE

anticipates and encourages investigators to seek complementary funding for their proposed projects through linked proposals to these agencies. OE will work with program managers at other agencies to facilitate such projects. OE places a high priority on proposed co-funded projects that receive high ratings through each agency's respective evaluation process. For additional details about these other programs, see: <http://oceanexplorer.noaa.gov>.

#### D. Notification of Award

Successful applicants will receive an email or letter notifying the applicant that his/her proposal has been recommended for funding. It is the applicant's responsibility to notify all collaborators of the award.

#### E. Disposition of Unsuccessful Applications

Those proposals not ultimately selected for OE funding will be destroyed.

### VIII. Federal Policies and Procedures Applicable to OE

#### A. Environmental Impact

Applicants whose proposed projects may have an environmental impact should furnish sufficient information to assist proposal reviewers in assessing the potential environmental consequences of supporting the project.

#### B. Permits and Authorizations

Applicants are responsible for obtaining relevant permits and authorizations required under the laws of the jurisdiction in which the work is to be performed and under U.S. law.

For further information about permits, authorizations or viewing marine mammals and other protected species in the wild please visit the following NOAA Fisheries Web site: [http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/prot\\_res/overview/permits.html](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/prot_res/overview/permits.html), [http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/prot\\_res/MMWatch/MMViewing.html](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/prot_res/MMWatch/MMViewing.html).

#### IX. Other Requirements

The Department of Commerce Pre-award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements contained in the **Federal Register** Notice of October 1, 2001 [66 FR 49917], as amended by the **Federal Register** Notice published on October 30, 2002 [67 FR 66109], is applicable to this solicitation.

#### Classification

Prior notice and an opportunity for public comments are not required by the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2)) or any other law for this notice concerning grants, benefits, and

contracts. Because notice and comment are not required, the analytical requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) are inapplicable. Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required and has not been prepared. This action has been determined to be not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

This notice contains collection-of-information requirements, which are subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act. The use of Standard Forms 424, 424A, 424B, SF-LLL, and CD-346 have been approved by OMB under the respective control numbers 0348-0043, 0348-0044, 0348-0040, 0348-0046, and 0605-0001. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Dated: July 22, 2003.

**Julie Scanlon,**

*Director, Management and Organizational Development, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Submission of OMB Review; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by August 25, 2003.

**Title and OMB Number:** Application for Department of Defense Impact Aid for Children with Severe Disabilities; SD Form 816 and SD Form 816C; OMB Number 0704-0425.

**Type of Request:** Extension.

**Number of Respondents:** 50.

**Responses Per Respondent:** 1.

**Annual Responses:** 50.

**Average Burden Per Response:** 8 hours.

**Annual Burden Hours:** 400.

**Needs and Uses:** Department of Defense funds are authorized for local educational agencies (LEAs) that educate military dependent students with severe disabilities and meet certain

criteria. Eligible LEAs are determined by their responses to the U.S. Department of Education (ED) from information they submitted on children with disabilities when they completed the Impact Program form for the Department of Education. This application will be requested of LEAs who educate military dependent students with disabilities who have been deemed eligible for U.S. Department of Education Impact Aid program, to determine if they meet the criteria to receive additional funds from the Department of Defense due to high special education cost of military dependents with severe disabilities that they serve.

*Affected Public:* State, local, or tribal government.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Ms. Jackie Zeiher. Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Ms. Zeiher at the Officer of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

*DOD Clearance Officer:* Mr. Robert Cushing. Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: July 21, 2003.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register, Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before August 25, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Lauren Wittenberg, 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 [Lauren\\_Wittenberg@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Lauren_Wittenberg@omb.eop.gov).

**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 Group, 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.

Dated: July 22, 2003.

**Angela C. Arrington,**

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

### Office of Postsecondary Education

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Ronald E. McNair

Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program Annual Performance Report Form.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

*Responses:* 156.

*Burden Hours:* 702.

*Abstract:* McNair Program grantees must submit the report annually. The report provides the Department of Education with information needed to evaluate a grantee's performance and compliance with program requirements and to award prior experience points in accordance with the program regulations. The data collected is also aggregated to provide national information on project participants and program outcomes.

Requests for copies of the submission for OMB review; comment request may be accessed from <http://>

[edicsweb.ed.gov](http://edicsweb.ed.gov), by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2298. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651 or to the e-mail address [Vivan.Reese@ed.gov](mailto:Vivan.Reese@ed.gov). Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address [OCIO\\_RIMG@ed.gov](mailto:OCIO_RIMG@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 Joseph Schubart at his e-mail address [Joe.Schubart@ed.gov](mailto:Joe.Schubart@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

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request.

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Correction notice.

**SUMMARY:** On July 14, 2003, the Department of Education published a 30-day regular public comment period notice in the **Federal Register** (Page 41566, Column 2) for the information collection, "Case Service Report". The "Type of Review" is being corrected from "Extension" to "Reinstatement". The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, hereby issues a correction notice as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sheila Carey at her e-mail address [Sheila.Carey@ed.gov](mailto:Sheila.Carey@ed.gov).

Dated: July 21, 2003.

**Angela C. Arrington,**

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