

encourage or discourage innovative research? How do support mechanisms influence the mix of investigators supported (e.g., principal investigators, research scientists, postdoctoral scholars, graduate students, or technicians)? How can changes in the conduct of science and engineering necessitate modified funding models? Are data available to help decide these questions?

*G. Multidisciplinary/collaborative research.* Are any funding organizations, either inside or outside of government, employing funding mechanisms or strategies that are particularly effective in encouraging multidisciplinary work, collaborative activities, and other innovative approaches? Are there any data available relevant to these questions?

*H. Research Infrastructure.* What information is available to examine policies at the Federal, State, local or institutional level that affect research infrastructure and the costs of building, maintaining and/or operating the research infrastructure? What factors influence performers' investments in research infrastructure? What data are available to demonstrate that? What information is available on the mix of sources used to finance research infrastructure?

*I. Information Technology.* How has information technology impacted the efficiency, performance, or costs of research management? Are there data to demonstrate any effect?

*J. Technology transfer optimization.* Are data available to examine whether intellectual property and patent agreements have changed relationships among universities, industry, and the government?

#### Authority

The National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) was established under Executive Order 12881 on November 23, 1993, and subsequently reestablished by President Bush. The Committee on Science is chartered under the NSTC. The purpose of the Committee on Science is to advise and assist the NSTC, with emphasis on those federally supported efforts that develop new knowledge in the sciences mathematics, and engineering.

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval

July 29, 2003.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Communications Commissions, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted on or before September 5, 2003. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all comments to Les Smith, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1-A804, 445 12th Street SW., Washington, DC 20554 or via the Internet to [Leslie.Smith@fcc.gov](mailto:Leslie.Smith@fcc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information or copies of the information collections contact Les Smith at (202) 418-0217 or via the Internet at [Leslie.Smith@fcc.gov](mailto:Leslie.Smith@fcc.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*OMB Control Number:* 3060-0519.

*Title:* Rules and Regulations Implementing the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) of 1991.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit entities; Not-for-profit institutions.

*Number of Respondents:* 30,000.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 60 hours (avg).

*Frequency of Response:* Recordkeeping; On occasion reporting requirement; Third Party disclosure.

*Total Annual Burden:* 1,738,600 hours.

*Total Annual Costs:* \$855,000.

*Needs and Uses:* On March 11, 2003, the Do-Not-Call Implementation Act (Do-Not-Call Act) was signed into law requiring the Commission to issue a final rule in its ongoing TCPA proceeding within 180 days of March 11, 2003, and to consult and coordinate with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to "maximize consistency" with the rule promulgated by the FTC in 2002. On March 25, 2003, the Commission released a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking seeking comment on the Commission's requirements under the Do-Not-Call Act. In this Report and Order, CG Docket No. 02-278, the Commission revises the current TCPA rules and adopts new rules to provide consumers with several options for avoiding unwanted telephone solicitations. The Commission establishes a national do-not-call registry for consumers who wish to avoid most unwanted telemarketing calls. This national do-not-call registry will supplement the current company-specific do-not-call rules for those consumers who wish to continue requesting that particular companies not call them. The Commission also adopts a new provision to permit consumers to provide permission to call to specific companies by an express written agreement. The TCPA rules exempt from the "do-not-call" requirements nonprofit organizations, companies with whom consumers have an established business relationship, and calls to persons with whom the telemarketer has a personal relationship. Any company, which is asked by a consumer, including an existing customer, not to call again must honor that request for five (5) years. The Commission retains the current calling time restrictions of 8 a.m. until 9 p.m.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Marlene H. Dortch,**

*Secretary.*

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