

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests**

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 17, 2003.

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. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

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Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: Written Request for Assistance or Application for Client Assistance Program.

Frequency: One time.

Affected Public: State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 56.

Burden Hours: 9.

Abstract: This document is used by States to request funds to establish and carry out Client Assistance Programs (CAP). CAP is mandated by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (Act) to assist vocational rehabilitation clients and applicants in their relationships with projects, programs, and services provided under the Act.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2320. 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 vivian_reese@ed.gov. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address 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 Sheila Carey at her e-mail address Sheila.Carey@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**Privacy Act of 1974; Computer Matching Program**

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice—Computer matching between the Department of Education

and the Internal Revenue Service, Department of Treasury.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, Public Law 100-503, as amended, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Final Guidance on the Conduct of Matching Programs, notice is hereby given of the computer matching program between the Department of Education (ED) (the recipient agency), and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Department of Treasury (the source agency).

Notice of the matching program was last published in the **Federal Register** on August 23, 2000 (65 FR 51301); the program became effective February 14, 2001. The 18-month Computer Matching Agreement (CMA) was recertified for an additional 12 months on August 13, 2002. The 12 month recertification will expire on August 13, 2003. This computer matching program between the IRS and ED will become effective as explained below.

In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-503), the OMB Final Guidance on the Conduct of Matching Programs (54 FR 25818 (June 19, 1989)), and OMB Circular A-130, Appendix I, we provide the following information:

1. *Names of Participating Agencies.* The U.S. Department of Education (ED) and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) of the U.S. Department of Treasury.

2. *Purpose of the Match.* This matching program, entitled Taxpayer Address Request (TAR), permits ED to have access to the mailing address of any taxpayer who has defaulted on certain loans or owes on a grant overpayment under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a *et seq.*) for the purposes of locating the taxpayer to collect the loan or grant overpayment. In accordance with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. 6103(m)(4)(B), this agreement further provides for redisclosure by the Secretary of Education of a taxpayer's mailing address to any lender, or State or nonprofit guarantee agency, also participating under the Higher Education Act, or any educational institution with which the Secretary of Education has an agreement under that Act.

3. *Authority for Conducting the Matching Program.* The information contained in the IRS data base is referred to as TAR, and is authorized under the Internal Revenue Code (IRC), 26 U.S.C. 6103(m)(2) and (4).