

The Exchange intends to implement the amendments with respect to all existing and newly listed futures contract months immediately following approval by the Commission, and following notification of market participants.

In support of the proposed amendments, the Exchange states the following:

In the 25 trading sessions (between October 15 and November 24, 2003), at least one of the front two contract months in the even month cycle of Live Cattle Futures have experienced 1.5-cent limit settlements on 15 occasions. * * * Similarly, during those same 25 trading sessions the front two contract months in Feeder Cattle futures have experienced 1.5-cent limit settlements on 10 occasions.

The addition of expanded price limits in Live Cattle, and more recently in Feeder Cattle * * * was designed to address the problem of lock-limit sessions due to a sustained price move in a particular direction. However, in recent weeks both markets have been volatile, but within relatively broad ranges. This has prevented the Live Cattle expanded limits from being triggered in a timely fashion, and prevented those expanded levels from being sustained for more than a single day. The Exchange believes the same problem would have occurred in Feeder Cattle had expanded limits been in effect.

In regard to public comment on the proposed amendments, the CME states that:

Although the Commission has already posted this proposal on the CFTC Web site, the Exchange has learned that market participants are generally unaware of both the proposal and the ability to comment. To allow a full and open exchange of views on this matter, the Exchange believes it needs to be published in the **Federal Register**, and that those interested parties should be given a 15-day comment period to respond.

The Division is requesting comment on the proposals. The Division is particularly interested in views based on data and analysis that indicate whether or not implementation of the proposed amendments would be consistent with the requirements of the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended by the Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000. In this regard, the Commission historically has applied a policy that maximum daily price fluctuation limits adopted by exchanges should not be overly restrictive in relation to price movements observed in the underlying cash market.

Commenters who previously filed comments with the Commission via the Commission's web site need not re-file such comments as the Commission considers all comments filed with it in the course of reviewing proposed amendments, regardless of the method by which they are filed with the Commission.

Copies of the Exchange's proposed amendments will be available for inspection at the Office of the Secretariat, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581. Copies of the proposed amendments can also be obtained through the Office of the Secretariat by mail at the above address or by phone at (202) 418-5100.

Other materials submitted by the CME in support of the request for approval may be available upon request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and the Commission's regulations there under (17 CFR part 145 (2000)), except to the extent they are entitled to confidential treatment as set forth in 17 CFR 145.5 and 145.9. Requests for copies of such materials should be made to the FOI, Privacy and Sunshine Act Compliance Staff of the Office of Secretariat at the Commission's headquarters in accordance with 17 CFR 145.7 and 145.8.

Any person interested in submitting written data, views, arguments, or analysis pertaining to the proposed amendments or with respect to other materials submitted by the CME should send such comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581 by the specified date.

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Director, Division of Market Oversight.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Correction notice.

SUMMARY: On December 11, 2003, the Department of Education published a 30-day public comment period notice in the **Federal Register** (Page 69074, Column 2) for the information collection, "Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Biennial Performance Report". The correct title for this collection should be: "Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Annual Performance Report" and the Abstract should read, "State educational agencies are required to establish goals for the performance of children with disabilities in that State that promote the purposes of Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities

Education Act (Part B). States must also establish performance indicators that the State will use to assess its progress in achieving these goals. Section 612(a)(16) of Part B requires States to report to the Secretary on the progress that the State has made toward meeting its goals. The Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) is implementing an integrated, four-part accountability strategy: (1) Verifying the effectiveness and accuracy of States' monitoring, assessment, and data collection systems; (2) attending to States at high risk for compliance, financial, and/or management failure; (3) supporting States in assessing their performance and compliance, and in planning, implementing, and evaluating improvement strategies; and (4) focusing OSEP's intervention on States with low ranking performance on critical performance indicators. Component 3 of OSEP's accountability strategy is implemented through this Annual Performance Report. Reporting requirements for States' Self-Assessment, Improvement Plans, and Biennial Performance Reports are being combined in this Part B Annual Performance Report." 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.

Dated: December 19, 2003.

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

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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 February 23, 2004.

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.

Dated: December 19, 2003.

Angela C. Arrington,

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

Institute of Education Sciences

Type of Review: New Collection.

Title: National Assessment of Educational Progress 2004–2007 System Clearance.

Frequency: One-time.

Affected Public: State, local, or tribal gov't, SEAs or LEAs (primary); Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 906,322.

Burden Hours: 231,800.

Abstract: This clearance request covers all pilot, field, and full scale assessment and survey activities of the National Assessment of Educational Progress. Students are assessed and surveyed in the 4th, 8th and 12th grades as well as some of their teachers and school administrators.

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 2429. 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 Kathy Axt at her e-mail address, Kathy.Axt@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

Office of Innovation and Improvement; Overview Information; Charter Schools Program (CSP); Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2004

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.282A, 84.282B, and 84.282C.

Dates: Applications Available: December 24, 2003.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: February 19, 2004.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: April 19, 2004.

Eligible Applicants: (a) State educational agencies (SEAs) in States with a State statute specifically authorizing the establishment of charter schools may apply for funding.

(b) Non-SEA eligible applicants may apply for funding directly from the U.S. Department of Education (Department) if the SEA in the State elects not to participate in the CSP or does not have an application approved under the program.

Estimated Available Funds: Although the Congress has not enacted a final appropriation for FY 2004, the Department is inviting applications for this competition now so that it may be prepared to make awards following final action on the Department's appropriations bill. Based on the congressional action to date, we

estimate that \$64,000,000 will be available for new awards under this competition. The actual level of funding depends on final congressional action.

Estimated Range of Awards: SEAs: \$500,000–\$8,000,000 per year. Other eligible applicants: \$10,000–\$150,000 per year.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: SEAs: \$3,000,000 per year. Other eligible applicants: \$130,000 per year.

Estimated Number of Awards: SEAs: 18–22. Other eligible applicants: 50–75.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Project Period: Up to 36 months.

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: The purpose of the CSP is to increase national understanding of the charter school model and to expand the number of high-quality charter schools available to students across the Nation by providing financial assistance for the planning, program design, and initial implementation of charter schools and for evaluating the effects of charter schools, including the effects on students, student academic achievement, staff, and parents.

The Department will hold three (3) separate competitions under this program. All SEA applicants must apply for grant funds under CFDA No. 84.282A. Non-SEA eligible applicants that propose to use grant funds for planning, program design, and implementation must apply under CFDA No. 84.282B. Non-SEA eligible applicants that are requesting funds for dissemination activities must submit their applications under CFDA No. 84.282C.

Priorities: In accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(iv), these priorities are from section 5202(e) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA), 20 U.S.C. 7221a(e).

Competitive Preference Priorities: For FY 2004 these priorities are competitive preference priorities. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i) we award up to an additional 40 points to an applicant, depending on how well the application meets these priorities.

In awarding grants to SEAs under this competition, the Secretary gives priority to States to the extent that the State meets the statutory criterion described in paragraph (a) of this section, and one or more of the statutory criteria described in paragraphs (b) through (d) of this section.

An SEA that meets priority (a) but does not meet one or more of the other