

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Army****Army Policy for Use of the Army's Microsoft Enterprise License Agreement**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army; Chief Information Officer, G/6 (CIO/G6), DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Army policy for use of the Microsoft (MS) Enterprise License Agreement (ELA) was signed on February 4, 2004 by Mr. Claude M. Bolton, Jr., Army Acquisition Executive and Lieutenant General Steven W. Boutelle, Army Chief Information Officer/G-6.

The policy designates the MS ELA as the single source for MS software and establishes procedures for using and acquiring MS products for new IT hardware purchases. The policy applies to the Active Army, the Army National Guard, and the U.S. Army Reserve.

Effective immediately, hardware vendors will utilize the Army inventory of MS ELA products when Army organizations purchase new desktops, laptops, and servers requiring MS software. Army organizations must ensure hardware vendors install the MS ELS software provided by the Army. Therefore, the MS ELA policy prohibits Army organizations from procuring MS software from hardware vendors or any other source of MS software. The Army Small Computer Program (ASCP) is the Army's exclusive source for all MS software purchases.

**DATES:** The policy is effective immediately and applies to the Active Army, the Army National Guard, and the U.S. Army Reserve.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions/or comment contact Ms. Amy Harding, NETCOM at commercial (703) 602-3286, DSN 332-3286, email [Amy.Harding@hqda.army.mil](mailto:Amy.Harding@hqda.army.mil), Cynthia K. Dixon, HQDA, CIO/G-6 commercial (703) 602-7374, DSN 332-7374, email [Cynthia.Dixon@us.army.mil](mailto:Cynthia.Dixon@us.army.mil), and Army Small Computer Program (ASCP) Adelia Wardle, commercial (732) 427-6793, DSN 987-6793 or email [Adelia.Wardle@us.army.mil](mailto:Adelia.Wardle@us.army.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Army's recently implemented Microsoft Enterprise License Agreement (MS ELA) consolidates software purchases, licenses and upgrades across the Army. This is a result of an Army Chief Information Office (CIO/G-6) initiative begun in 2001 to improve management and oversight of the Army Enterprise Infostructure (AEI) environment.

In May 2003, collaboration among the CIO/G-6, the Army Small Computer Program (ASCP), the Army Contracting Agency (ACA), the Information Technology E-Commerce & Commercial Contract Center (ITEC4), and the Network Enterprise Technology Command (NETCOM) resulted in the award of an Enterprise Software Consolidation contract (Microsoft Enterprise License Agreement) to Softmart Government Services, Inc., of Downingtown, Pa. The award based on a best-value evaluation of offers from eight Department of Defense Enterprise Software Initiative (DOD ESI) vendors. The MS ELA is centrally funded for desktop and certain enterprise server software including upgrades. The award, valued at \$471 million over a 6-year period, standardizes Microsoft software Army-wide, and provides the Army with substantial savings.

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

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Acting 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 May 17, 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 Acting 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: March 12, 2004.

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**Office of Elementary and Secondary Education**

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Migrant Education Program (MEP) Proposed Regulations, Sections 200.83, 200.84, and 200.88.

*Frequency:* Biennially.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or household.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour*

*Burden:* Responses: 43. Burden Hours: 19,925.

*Abstract:* Section 200.83 of the regulations for Title I, part C establish the minimum requirements an SEA must meet for development of a comprehensive needs assessment and plan for service delivery as required under section 1306(b) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as amended (Pub. L. 107-110). Section 200.84 of the regulations establish the minimum requirements the SEA must meet to implement the program evaluation required under section 1306(b) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as amended (Pub. L. 107-110). Section 200.84 of the regulations establish the minimum requirements the SEA must meet to implement the program evaluation required under section 1304(c)(2) of ESEA. Section 200.88 of the regulations clarify that, for purposes of the MEP, only "supplemental" State or local funds that are used for programs specifically designed to meet the unique needs of migratory children can be excluded in terms of determining compliance with the "comparability" and "supplement, not supplant" provisions of the statute.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections"