

Engineers, San Francisco District, 333 Market Street, San Francisco, CA 94105.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500–1508) and Pub. L. 102–484 Section 2834, as amended by Pub. L. 104–106 Section 2867, the Department of the Army hereby gives notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the subject Regional DMMP. The San Francisco District of the Corps will be the lead agency in preparing the EIS. The EIS will provide an analysis supporting the requirements of NEPA in addressing impacts to the environment that may result from the implementation of the Regional DMMP.

1. *Proposed Action.* The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regulation (Engineer Regulation 1105–2–100) requires that a dredged material management plan be prepared for each Federal navigation project. Where there are groups of interrelated harbor projects, a regional plan may be developed, which is the approach proposed for the projects in the San Francisco Bay and Estuary. Such plans are intended to implement channel and harbor dredging and disposal in a cost effective and environmentally acceptable manner. The proposed Regional DMMP will focus on the management of dredged material from maintaining Federal navigation channels and constructing new navigation projects, and will take into consideration the non-Federal dredging projects permitted by the San Francisco District. The approved Regional DMMP will be consistent with sound engineering practices and meet all Federal environmental standards, including those established by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (1972) and Section 103 of the Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act (1972), as amended. In addition, the Regional DMMP will be consistent with State and local plans such as the California Regional Water Quality Control Board's "Basin Plan" and the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission's "Bay Plan" (locally approved plan of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972). As a partner in the Long Term Management Strategy (LTMS) to manage dredged material in the San Francisco Bay Region, the Corps is committed to incorporating into the Regional DMMP the goals that the multi-agency consortium has established. The Regional DMMP will work towards meeting the LTMS goal of reducing in-Bay disposal of dredged

material, eventually reaching the target of 40% ocean disposal, 40% beneficial reuse and 20% in-Bay disposal. In addition, in response to LTMS recommendations, the Regional DMMP will consider changes to the design parameters of navigation projects such as channel width, depth and configuration, in terms of changes that would reduce the volume of dredging necessary to meet the navigational needs of each project.

2. *Project Alternatives.* The alternatives for the Regional DMMP and EIS will consist of an array of disposal and beneficial reuse options for each of the Federal projects, which currently are the Napa River, Oakland Harbor, Petaluma River, Pinole Shoal Channel, Redwood City Harbor, Richmond Harbor, San Francisco Bar Channel, San Leandro Marina, San Rafael Creek and Suisun Bay Channel projects. There are approximately 70 non-Federal dredging projects, and the management of dredged material from them will be taken into account to the extent that it impacts the availability of disposal sites for the Federal dredged material.

The current beneficial reuse projects to be examined are predominantly wetlands restoration efforts, with the Hamilton Field & Bel Marin Keys Wetlands Restoration and Montezuma Wetlands being the two main plans. Additional beneficial-use initiatives are the disposal ponds at Mare Island, the Carneros River Ranch and Bair Island projects, as well as levee-rehabilitation projects on selected Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta islands (e.g., Sherman Island, Winter Island, and Van Sickle Island). The historically used in-Bay aquatic disposal sites to be carried forward in the Regional DMMP are the Carquinez Strait, San Pablo Bay, Alcatraz, and Suisun Bay sites. Ocean disposal sites for evaluation are the San Francisco Bar (actually a reuse site for dredged sand from the Bar Channel just outside the Golden Gate) and the San Francisco Deep Ocean Disposal site, located approximately 50 miles west of San Francisco.

3. *Scoping Process.* The Corps is requesting information as well as the views of interested Federal, State, and local agencies, Native American tribes, and other interested private organizations and parties through provision of this notice and holding of a scoping meeting (see **DATES**). The main purpose of this meeting is to solicit input regarding the environmental issues of concern and the alternatives that should be discussed in the Regional DMMP and EIS. The public comment period closes 30 days from the publication of this notice. Additional

public meetings are anticipated prior to the release of the draft EIS.

4. *Availability of EIS.* The public will have an additional opportunity to comment on the proposed alternatives after the draft EIS has been released, currently scheduled for January 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection requests.

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

DATES: An emergency review has been requested in accordance with the Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3507 (j)), since public harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by January 31, 2005. A regular clearance process is also beginning. Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 28, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding the emergency review should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Carolyn Lovett, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget; 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10222, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or faxed to (202) 395–6974.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Director of OMB provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (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, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. 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. ED 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 respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: November 18, 2004.

Angela C. Arrington,

Leader, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

Type of Review: New.

Title: Data Collection Instrument for the Assistive Technology (AT) Act Title III Alternative Financing Mechanism Program.

Abstract: This data collection will be conducted annually to obtain program and performance information from grantees funded under the Assistive Technology Act, Title III, Alternative Financing Mechanism Program. The AT Act requires that not later than December 31 of each year, the Secretary submit a report to the Congress describing the progress of each alternative financing program funded under Title III toward achieving the objectives of this title. The information collected will assist the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) to comply with a statutory requirement and to respond to the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) requirement to provide outcomes data.

Data will primarily be collected via a web-based reporting mechanism (electronic data collection form).

Additional Information: The forms collect data on grantees' program activities. NIDRR staff will use this information to prepare the annual report to Congress required by the AT Act, meet the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) requirements, and facilitate program planning efforts to respond to reporting requirements under the GPRA of 1993 (Pub. L. 103-62).

Frequency: Annually.

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

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 1,987.

Burden Hours: 1,067.

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 2644. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Potomac Center, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20202-4700. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov or faxed to (202) 245-6621. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements, contact 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

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, 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 December 29, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Carolyn Lovett, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or faxed to (202) 395-6974.

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, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, 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: November 22, 2004.

Angela C. Arrington,

Leader, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Institute of Education Sciences

Type of Review: New.

Title: Impact Evaluation of Charter School Strategies-Baseline Intake and Administrative Records Forms.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Individuals or household; Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 7,300.

Burden Hours: 1,900.

Abstract: The current OMB package requests clearance for the baseline intake and administrative records