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*Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension.

*Title of Information Collection:* Reference Request for Applicants to the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps.

*Form/OMB No.:* OS-0937-0025.

*Use:* These forms will be used by individuals to apply for appointment in the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps and to obtain references as part of the application process. Information supplied on the forms will be used by appropriate Department officials to evaluate candidates for appointments.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Annual Number of Respondents:* 5,000.

*Total Annual Responses:* 5,000.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 24 min.

*Total Annual Hours:* 2,000.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, e-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and OS document identifier, to [Sherrette.funncoleman@hhs.gov](mailto:Sherrette.funncoleman@hhs.gov), or call the Reports Clearance Office on (202) 690-6162. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be received within 30 days of this notice directly to the Desk Officer at the address below:

*OMB Desk Officer:* John Kraemer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, *Attention:* (OMB #0937-0025), New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

Date: November 30, 2006.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of the Secretary

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### 30-Day Notice; Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of a proposed collection for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

*Type of Information Collection Request:* New Collection.

*Title of Information Collection:* Evaluation of Office on Women's Health Publications.

*Form/OMB No.:* OS-0990-New.

*Use:* To improve future publications and to demonstrate accountability of efforts, the office of Women's Health (OWH) will evaluate four health communications materials. Discussion groups and web-based or paper-based surveys will be used from randomly selected participants and returned response cards.

*Frequency:* 1 time.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Annual Number of Respondents:* 1648.

*Total Annual Responses:* 1648.

*Average Burden per Response:* 17.2 min.

*Total Annual Hours:* 472.

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*OMB Desk Officer:* John Kraemer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, *Attention:* (OMB #0990-New), New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

Date: November 30, 2006.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Draft Guidance on Engagement of Institutions in Human Subjects Research

**AGENCY:** Office for Human Research Protections, Office of Public Health and Science, Office of the Secretary, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP), Office of Public Health and Science, is announcing the availability of a draft guidance document entitled, "OHRP Guidance on Engagement of Institutions in Human Subjects Research." The draft guidance document would revise and replace two existing OHRP guidance documents on the engagement of institutions in human subjects research: (1) The January 26, 1999 document on "Engagement of Institutions in Research, and (2) the December 23, 1999 document on "Engagement of Pharmaceutical Companies in HHS Supported Research." To facilitate public review of the draft guidance document, OHRP has developed a table presenting a side-by-side comparison of OHRP's draft revised guidance document and the current guidance documents on the engagement of institution in human subjects research, which is available on the OHRP Web site at <http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/requests/>.

OHRP's current engagement guidance documents and the proposed draft guidance document provide examples of when institutions generally would be considered to be engaged or not engaged in human subjects research. The draft document is intended primarily for institutional review boards (IRB), research administrators and other relevant institutional officials, investigators, and funding agencies that may be responsible for the conduct, review and oversight of human subject