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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### A. Background

On March 15, 2006, the Commission published the Standard for the Flammability (Open Flame) of Mattress Sets, 16 CFR part 1633, 71 FR 13472. The standard establishes performance requirements that all mattress sets manufactured, imported or renovated on or after July 1, 2007 must meet. With certain exceptions, the standard requires mattress manufacturers to test three specimens of each prototype before a mattress set is introduced into commerce. A prototype is a specific design of a mattress set that serves as a model for the production units that will be introduced into commerce.

Because small variations in construction of a mattress set can affect fire performance, the standard establishes certain quality assurance requirements. The standard also requires manufacturers to maintain certain records to document compliance with the standard.

This is a complex standard with requirements that must be closely followed to ensure that mattress sets will comply with the standard's criteria. As the standard's effective date of July 1, 2007 approaches, the Commission staff recognizes that mattress manufacturers, importers and retailers need practical information on what they must do to be sure their mattresses will meet the standard.

##### B. The Seminars

The Commission staff is scheduling two seminars, one on the East Coast (Bethesda, Maryland) and one on the West Coast (San Diego, California). The CPSC staff anticipates that the seminars will occur over one day, but staff will be available at the seminar location on the following day to answer questions if desired. Most of the day will be spent with panel discussions on the topics listed below followed by smaller break-out sessions on the topics of testing/labs issues; prototype/component issues; and compliance/recordkeeping issues.

The seminars are free, public events, but registration is required for each attendee. Please register on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.cpsc.gov/businfo/mattresseminar.html> or, if you do not have access to a computer, contact Heather E. Sonabend, (301) 504-7615. Registration is limited to 150 attendees at each location. No more than three individuals from an organization may attend each seminar.

The CPSC staff is requesting submissions from persons who wish to make presentations at the seminars, set up table-top displays with information that could assist mattress manufacturers, or ask questions of the presenters or CPSC staff. Note that the Commission cannot endorse any particular products or companies. All participants are prohibited from selling or soliciting sales of their products at the seminars. The presentations, table-top displays and questions should be informational, not promotional. Also note that if presenting information, the presentation must be offered at both seminars.

At each seminar there will be three panels. Each panel will have three selected presenters, each of whom will make a 15 minute presentation. The panels will cover (and presentations should address) the following topics:

- *Panel 1:* Prototyping—how to develop a plan; Component selection; and Production—the necessities of building a compliant mattress.
- *Panel 2:* Quality Control—ensuring compliance through production; and Electronic records and recordkeeping.
- *Panel 3:* Testing—Working with a lab; Where and how to locate a lab; and What to ask.

Table-top displays should present information that will be helpful to mattress manufacturers as they seek to understand and comply with the standard. The displays may include various products and components that would assist manufacturers in developing prototypes that meet the standard. Displays could also include information on construction techniques, quality assurance programs, and/or testing. No more than 20 table-top displays will be permitted. The Commission cannot endorse any particular products or companies, and a statement to that effect will be shown near the table-top displays. No sales may be solicited or made at the seminars.

*Questions for the presenters and/or CPSC staff should pertain to the following topics:*

- Scope of the standard,
- Prototyping,
- Quality control/production,
- Component issues,
- Testing, and
- Recordkeeping.

Outlines of presentations, descriptions of table-top displays and questions must be submitted in advance in accordance with the dates and procedures listed in the **DATES** and **ADDRESSES** sections of this notice. The Commission staff reserves the right to

edit any presentations, displays or questions.

Dated: February 14, 2007.

**Todd A. Stevenson,**

*Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

[DoD-2006-OS-0096]

#### Higher Initial Maximum Uniform Allowance Rate; Uniform Allowance

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense; Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Civilian Personnel Policy).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is the final notice that the Department of Defense (DoD or "the Department"), is establishing a higher initial maximum uniform allowance to procure and issue uniform items for uniformed police personnel. This action is pursuant to the authority granted to DoD by § 591.104 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), which states that an agency may establish one or more initial maximum uniform allowance rates greater than the Governmentwide maximum uniform allowance rate established under 5 CFR 591.103.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* February 11, 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. George T. Bell, 703-696-1268.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DoD is implementing a higher initial maximum uniform allowance to procure and issue uniform items for uniformed police personnel. This is in accordance with 5 CFR 591.104, which states that an agency may establish one or more initial maximum uniform allowance rates greater than the Governmentwide maximum uniform allowance rate established under 5 CFR 591.103. The current \$400.00 limit has become inadequate to maintain the uniform standards and professional image expected of Federal police officers. The uniform items for uniformed police personnel include the following items or similar items such as: Gore-tex gloves; 6-pocket pants; 4-pocket long sleeve shirts; cold weather duty jackets; light weight duty jackets; sweaters; all season trousers; summer duty shirts; winter duty shirts; raincoats; sheriff's type hats; ties; shoes; leather boots; heavy duty coats; shoulder patches, and cloth

badges. The average total uniform cost for the listed items is \$1,800.00. Based on these current costs, the Department is increasing the initial maximum uniform allowance for uniformed police personnel to \$1,800.00. A notice of this planned action was published in **Federal Register** on October 10, 2006 (71 FR 59496). Since no comments were received by the date of December 11, 2006, the Department of Defense is proceeding with the establishment of the higher initial maximum uniform allowance rate for uniformed police personnel. The effective date of this higher initial maximum uniform allowance rate is February 11, 2007.

Dated: February 15, 2007.

**L.M. Bynum,**

*Alternative OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management 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 March 26, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, *Attention:* Education Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10222, Washington, DC 20503. Commenters are encouraged to submit responses electronically by e-mail to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov) or via fax to (202) 395-6974. Commenters should include the following subject line in their response "Comment: [insert OMB number], [insert abbreviated collection name, e.g., "Upward Bound Evaluation"]". Persons submitting comments electronically should not submit paper copies.

**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 IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, 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: February 15, 2007.

**Angela C. Arrington,**

*IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.*

### Institute of Education Sciences

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* Strategies for Native American Parent Involvement.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

*Affected Public:*

Individuals or household.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

*Responses:* 40.

*Burden Hours:* 60.

*Abstract:* The Strategies for Native American Parent Involvement study entails four focus groups with Native American parents to explore: (1) The ways in which Native American parents and families get involved in their children's education; (2) the barriers to their involvement; and (3) school strategies that have helped these families get involved in their children's education. Participating parents will be chosen from Center Region states with high concentrations of Native American students. Results of the study will be provided to school, district, and SEA administrators so they can make use of strategies to increase parent involvement of Native American communities.

Requests for copies of the information collection submission for OMB review may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 3238. 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 [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-245-6623. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@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 Safe and Drug-Free Schools; Overview Information; Foundations for Learning; Notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2007

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number:* 84.215H.

*Dates:*

*Applications Available:* February 22, 2007.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* April 13, 2007.

*Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:* June 12, 2007.

*Eligible Applicants:* (1) Local educational agencies (LEAs); (2) Local councils; (3) Community-based organizations (CBOs), including faith-based organizations; (4) Other public or nonprofit private entities; or (5) A combination of such entities.

*Estimated Available Funds:* The Administration's budget request for FY 2007 does not include funds for this program. However, we are inviting applications to allow enough time to complete the grant process before the end of the current fiscal year if Congress appropriates funds for this program. Contingent upon the availability of funds and the quality of applications, we may make additional awards in FY 2008 and subsequent years based on the list of unfunded applications from this competition.

*Estimated Range of Awards:* \$200,000-\$300,000.

*Estimated Average Size of Awards:* \$245,500.

*Estimated Number of Awards:* 4.

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

Project Period: Up to 18 months.