

(a) The delinquent account is paid in full,

(b) A negotiated repayment schedule is established and at least one payment is received, or

(c) Other arrangements satisfactory to DOC.

(6) Buy American-Made Equipment or Products. Applicants who are authorized to purchase equipment or products with funding provided under this program are encouraged to purchase American-made equipment and products to the maximum extent feasible.

(7) The total dollar amount of the indirect costs proposed in an application under this program must not exceed the indirect cost rate negotiated and approved by a cognizant Federal agency prior to the proposed effective date of the award.

(8) Federal Policies and Procedures. Recipients and subrecipients are subject to all Federal laws and Federal and DOC policies, regulations, and procedures applicable to Federal financial assistance awards.

(9) Pre-award Activities. If applicants incur any costs prior to an award being made, they do so solely at their own risk of not being reimbursed by the Government. Notwithstanding any verbal or written assurance that may have been received, there is no obligation on the part of DOC to cover pre-award costs.

(10) Drug-Free Workplace. Grantees (as defined at 15 CFR Part 26, Section 605) are subject to 15 CFR Part 26, Subpart F, "Government-wide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)," and the related section of the certification form prescribed above applies.

(11) Anti-Lobbying. Persons (as defined at 15 CFR Part 28, Section 105) are subject to the lobbying provisions of 31 U.S.C. 1352, Limitation on use of appropriated funds to influence certain Federal contracting and financial transactions," and the lobbying section of the certification form prescribed above applies to applications/bids for grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts for more than \$100,000, and loans and loan guarantees for more than \$150,000.

(12) Anti Lobbying Disclosures. Any applicant that has paid or will pay for lobbying using any funds must submit an SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," as required under 15 CFR Part 28, Appendix B.

(13) Lower Tier Certifications. Recipients shall require applicants/bidders for subgrants, contracts, subcontracts, or other lower tier-covered transactions at any tier under the award

to submit, if applicable, a completed Form CD-512, "Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transactions and Lobbying" and disclosure form, SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities." Form CD-512 is intended for the use of recipients and should not be transmitted to DOC. SF-LLL submitted by any tier recipient or subrecipient should be submitted to DOC in accordance with instructions contained in the award document. If an application is selected for funding, the DOC has no obligation to provide any additional future funding in connection with the award. Renewal of an award to increase funding or extend the period of performance is at the total discretion of the DOC.

In accordance with Federal statutes and regulations, no person on grounds of race, color, age, sex, national origin, or disability shall be excluded from participation in, denied benefits of, or subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving financial assistance from the NOAA/NWS. The NOAA/NWS does not have a direct telephonic device for the deaf (TDD) capabilities can be reached through the State of Maryland-supplied TDD contact number, 800-735-2258, between the hours of 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

#### *Paperwork Reduction Act*

This notice contains collection-of-information requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act. The standard forms have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act under OMB approval number 0348-0043, 0348-0044, and 0348-0046. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act unless that collection of information displays a current valid OMB control number.

#### *Executive Order 12866*

This notice has been determined to be not significant for purposes of E.O. 12866.

**Authority:** 15 U.S.C. 313; 49 U.S.C. 44720(b); 33 U.S.C. 883d, 883e; 15 U.S.C. 2904; 15 U.S.C. 2931 et seq. (CFDA No. 11.468)—Applied Meteorological Research.

Dated: January 3, 2000.

**John E. Jones, Jr.**

*Deputy Assistant Administrator for Weather Services.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **Patent and Trademark Office**

**[Docket No. 991027289-9289-01]**

**RIN 0651-AB09**

### **Revised Interim Utility Examination Guidelines; Request for Comments; Correction**

**AGENCY:** Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for public comments; correction.

**SUMMARY:** The Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) published a document in the **Federal Register** of December 21, 1999, concerning request for comments on Revised Interim Utility Examination Guidelines. The word "interim" was inadvertently omitted from the document Subject Heading and text. In addition, an extra period divided the second sentence of the Summary caption into fragments. This document corrects the omissions of "interim" and removes the extra period.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Mark Nagumo by telephone at (703) 305-8666, by facsimile at (703) 305-9373, by electronic mail at "mark.nagumo@uspto.gov," or by mail marked to his attention addressed to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Box 8, Washington, DC 20231; or Linda Therkorn by telephone at (703) 305-9323, by facsimile at (703) 305-8825, by electronic mail at "linda.therkorn@uspto.gov," or by mail marked to her attention addressed to Box Comments, Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, DC 20231.

#### **Correction**

In the **Federal Register** of December 21, 1999, in FR Doc. 99-33054, make the following corrections:

On page 71440, in the second column, correct the "Subject Heading" to read:

### **Revised Interim Utility Examination Guidelines; Request for Comments**

On page 71440, in the third column, correct the "Summary" caption to read:

**SUMMARY:** The Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) requests comments from any interested member of the public on the following Revised Interim Utility Examination Guidelines. The PTO is publishing a revised version of guidelines to be used by Office personnel in their review of patent applications for compliance with the utility requirement based on comments received in response to the Request for Comments on Interim Guidelines for

Examination of Patent Applications Under the 35 U.S.C. 112, ¶1 "Written Description" Requirement; Extension of Comment Period and Notice of Hearing. 63 Fed. Reg. 50887 (September 23, 1998). These Revised Interim Utility Guidelines will be used by PTO personnel in their review of patent applications for compliance with the "utility" requirement of 35 U.S.C. 101. This revision supersedes the Utility Examination Guidelines that were published at 60 Fed. Reg. 36263 (1995) and at 1177 O.G. 146 (1995).

On page 71440, in the third column, correct the "Dates" caption to read:

**DATES:** Written comments on the Revised Interim Utility Examination Guidelines will be accepted by the PTO until March 22, 2000.

On page 71440, in the third column, correct the first sentence of the "Supplementary Information" caption to read:

The PTO requests comments from any interested member of the public on the following Revised Interim Utility Examination Guidelines.

Dated: January 18, 2000.

**Albin F. Drost,**  
Acting Solicitor.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Information Management Group, 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 February 22, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, N.W., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address DWERFEL@OMB.EOP.GOV.

**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 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.

Dated: January 14, 2000.

**Joseph Schubart,**  
Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Postsecondary Education

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Title:* Reference and Reporting Guide for Preparing State and Institutional Report on Teacher Quality and Preparation (JS).

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 1.

Burden Hours: 123305.

*Abstract:* The Higher Education Act of 1998 calls for annual reports from states and institutions of higher education on the quality of teacher education and related matters (P.L. 105-244, Section 207; 20 USC 1027). The purpose of the reports is to provide greater accountability in the preparation of America's teaching force and to provide information and incentives for its improvement. Most institutions of higher education that have teacher preparation programs must report annually to their states on the performance of their program completers on teacher certification tests. States, in turn, must report test performance information, institution by institution, to the Secretary of Education, along with institutional rankings. They must also report on their

requirements for licensing teachers, state standards, alternative routes to certification, waivers, and related items. A planning report from the states to the Secretary of Education is due by October 7, 2000. Annual reports from institutions are due to the states, beginning April 7, 2000; reports from the states are due annually to the Secretary, beginning October 7, 2001; the Secretary's report is due annually to Congress, beginning April 7, 2002.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO\_IMG\_Issues@ed.gov or faxed to 202-708-9346.

Questions regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Schubart at (202) 708-9266. 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 Group, 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 February 20, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address DWERFEL@OMB.EOP.GOV.

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