

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Contract Closeout****AGENCY:** Department of Defense (DoD).**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Acting Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy (DPAP) is sponsoring a public meeting to discuss potential opportunities to streamline the contract closeout process for DoD contracts. The Acting Director of DPAP would like to hear the views of interested parties as to potential areas for facilitating the contract closeout process.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on September 21, 2005, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Marriott Crystal Gateway, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

Directions to the Marriot Crystal Gateway can be found on the Internet at http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpatest/specificpolicy/contract_closeout.htm.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David Capitano, Senior Procurement Analyst, DPAP/Policy, by telephone at (703) 847-7486, by FAX at (703) 614-1254, or by e-mail at david.capitano@osd.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A listing of some areas of discussion for the public meeting can be found on the Internet at http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpatest/specificpolicy/contract_closeout.htm. The public meeting discussion is not limited to this listing; interested parties are encouraged to provide their views on all aspects of the contract closeout process.

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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 August 12, 2005. A regular clearance process is also beginning. Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 11, 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 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 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: August 5, 2005.

Angela C. Arrington,*Leader, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer.***Federal Student Aid***Type of Review:* Reinstatement.*Title:* Federal Direct Consolidation Loan Program Application Documents.

Abstract: These forms are the means by which an applicant applies for and promises to repay a Federal Direct Consolidation Loan and a lender verifies that a loan is eligible to be consolidated.

Additional Information: Failure to certify this collection would prohibit students and alumni from saving scarce financial resources by consolidating their loans with a beneficial interest rate.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or household; businesses or other for-profit.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:**Responses:* 920,714.*Burden Hours:* 680,480.

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 2837. 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 Joseph Schubart at his e-mail address Joe.Schubart@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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