

Investigators Program (February 22, 1993, 58 FR 10854).

Reason: It has been determined that the notice is not required by the Privacy Act. In this case, the records cover entities that have been given Federal contracts to investigate EEO complaints. Because these contractors are acting in an entrepreneurial capacity rather than a personal capacity, they do not meet the definition of 'individuals' as contemplated by the Office of Management and Budget in their formal guidelines to federal agencies in implementing the Privacy Act (July 9, 1975, 40 FR 28948).

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

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

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 1, 1999.

**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.

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 the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: August 27, 1999.

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### Office of Student Financial Assistance Programs

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* Electronic Debit Payment Option for Student Loans.

*Frequency:* One time.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; Federal Government.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:* Responses: 108,541; Burden Hours: 2 minutes each.

*Abstract:* The need for an Electronic Debit Account Program will give the borrower another option in which to repay federally funded student loans via automatic debit deductions from their checking accounts.

Written comments or requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Vivian Reese, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the Internet address OCIO\_IMG\_Issues@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

For questions regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements, contact Joseph Schubart at 202-708-9266 or by e-mail at 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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### Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research; Notice Inviting Applications and Pre-application Meeting for a New Award for a Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (RRTC) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2000

#### Purpose

On May 4, 1999 a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 23988) inviting applications for a new FY 1999 award for an RRTC on rehabilitation for children with disabilities and special health care needs. Satisfactory applications were not received for this priority area. There is a continuing need for this center.

The purposes of this notice are to: (1) Invite applications for an RRTC on rehabilitation for children with disabilities and special health care needs for FY 2000; and (2) invite interested parties to participate in a pre-application meeting to discuss the funding priority and receive technical assistance through individual consultation and information about the funding priority.

*Eligible Applicants:* Parties eligible to apply for grants under this program are States; public or private agencies, including for-profit agencies; public or private organizations, including for-profit organizations; institutions of higher education; and Indian tribes and tribal organizations.

*Applications Available:* September 1, 1999.

*Pre-Application Meeting:* Interested parties are invited to participate in a pre-application meeting to discuss the funding priority for an RRTC on rehabilitation for children with disabilities and special health care needs and to receive technical assistance through individual consultation and information about the funding priority. The pre-application meeting will be held on September 22, 1999 at the Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Switzer Building, Room 3065, 330 C St., SW, Washington, DC, between 10 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. NIDRR staff will also be available at this location from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. on that same day to provide technical assistance through individual consultation and information about the funding priority. NIDRR will make alternate arrangements to accommodate interested parties who are unable to