

**A. Purpose**

It is the Government's policy to try to resolve all contractual issues by mutual agreement at the contracting officer's level without litigation. Contractor's claims must be submitted in writing to the contracting officer for a decision. Claims exceeding \$100,000 must be accompanied by a certification that (1) the claim is made in good faith; (2) supporting data are accurate and complete; and (3) the amount requested accurately reflects the contract adjustment for which the contractor believes the Government is liable. Contractors may appeal the contracting officer's decision by submitting written appeals to the appropriate officials.

**B. Annual Reporting Burden**

*Respondents:* 4,500.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 3.

*Annual Responses:* 13,500.

*Hours Per Response:* 1.

*Total Burden Hours:* 13,500.

*Obtaining Copies of Proposals:*

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (VIR), Room 4035, 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0035, Claims and Appeals, in all correspondence.

Dated: March 4, 2005

**Rodney P. Lantier**

*Director, Contract Policy Division.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION****NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION****Federal Acquisition Regulation; 2005 FAR Reissue Posted to FAR Website for Download and Use**

**AGENCIES:** Department of Defense (DoD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises users that the 2005 Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Reissue will be available for downloading and use on March 18, 2005, at <http://www.acqnet.gov/far>. Periodically, the FAR is reissued because of administrative necessity, *i.e.*, headers and change bars are removed. A FAR reissue does not revise the FAR language; however, the flow of the

context changes. Therefore, users are required to refer to this latest version (current through FAC 2001-27). The FAR is available in HTML and PDF formats. Users intending to print the FAR can refer to the downloadable, print-only version in PDF.

**DATES:** The FAR Reissue will be available on the website, <http://www.acqnet.gov/far>, on March 18, 2005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The FAR Secretariat, Room 4035, GS Building, Washington, DC, 20405, at (202) 501-4755.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In addition to providing free access to the FAR in HTML and PDF formats, the GSA FAR Website also provides electronic copies of the Federal Acquisition Circulars, **Federal Register** documents pertaining to final, interim, and proposed rules, and public comments.

Dated: March 7, 2005.

**Ralph De Stefano,**

*Director, Regulatory and Federal Assistance Division.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION****Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Director, 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:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 9, 2005.

**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 Director, Regulatory Information Management Services, 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: March 4, 2005.

**Jeanne Van Vlandren,**

*Director, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

*Institute of Education Sciences.*

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title:* Public Libraries Survey, 2005-2007.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* State, local, or tribal gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 56.

Burden Hours: 2,520.

*Abstract:* Mandated under Pub. L. 107-279, this survey collects annual descriptive data on the universe of public libraries in the U.S. and the Outlying Areas. Information such as public service hours per year, circulation of library books, etc., number of librarians, population of legal service area, expenditures for library collection, staff salary data, and access to technology are collected.

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 2708. 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