Maximum Per Diem Rates for official travel in Alaska, Hawaii, the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands and Possessions of the United States by Federal Government civilian employees.

LOCALITY	MAXIMUM LODGING AMOUNT (A) +	M&IE RATE (B) =	MAXIMUM PER DIEM RATE (C)	EFFECTIVE DATE
ST. THOMAS 04/15 - 12/14	176	74	250	08/01/1999
12/15 - 04/14 WAKE ISLAND	311	88	399	08/01/1999
WAKE ISLAND	60	32	92	09/01/1998

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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 October 4, 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: July 29, 1999.

William E. Burrow,

Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Intergovernmental and **Interagency Affairs**

Type of Review: Extension. Title: Application for Waiver of the Two-Year Foreign Residence Requirement of the Exchange Visitor Program.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 25.

Burden Hours: 500.

Abstract: The ED Exchange Visitor Waiver Review Board makes

recommendations to the Justice Department through the U.S. Information Agency (USIA) for waiver of the two-year foreign residency requirement for exchange visitors who have been granted J-1 visas. This application will be used by educational or rehabilitative institutions or organizations that apply to the Department of Education to request a recommendation for a waiver on behalf of an exchange visitor. As a result of the regulation reinvention efforts, the Federal Regulations governing this process were eliminated October 1, 1996.

Requests for copies of this information collection 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 Vivian Reese@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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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.