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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory 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 February 28, 2003.

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, Regulatory 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: December 23, 2002.

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

Federal Student Aid

Type of Review: New.

Title: Federal Perkins Loan Program Master Promissory Note.

Frequency: On Occasion; Annually.

Affected Public: Individuals or household; Businesses or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 690,000. Burden Hours: 345,000.

Abstract: The promissory note is the means by which a Federal Perkins Loan borrower promises to repay his or her loan.

Written requests for information should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651 or to the e-mail address vivian_reese@ed.gov. Requests may also be faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to 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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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Direct Grant and Fellowship Programs

AGENCY: Department of Education

ACTION: Notice reopening application deadline dates for certain direct grant and fellowship programs.

SUMMARY: The Secretary reopens the deadline dates for the submission of applications by certain applicants (see **ELIGIBILITY**) under certain direct grant and fellowship programs. All of the affected competitions are among those under which the Secretary is making new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2003. The Secretary takes this action to allow more time for the preparation and submission of applications by potential applicants adversely affected by severe weather conditions resulting from the typhoon in Guam and the severe ice

storm in North Carolina. The reopenings are intended to help these potential applicants compete fairly with other applicants under these programs.

Note: One of the affected programs or competitions is administered by the Department's Office of Elementary and Secondary Education and two are administered by the Office of Postsecondary Education. You can find information related to each of these competitions under the "List of Programs Affected" in this notice.

ELIGIBILITY: The reopening of deadline dates in this notice applies to you if you are a potential applicant from Guam which was severely affected by the recent typhoon or if you are a potential applicant in an area of North Carolina that the President has declared a disaster area as a result of the severe ice storm. In the case of the Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program, the reopening of the deadline date applies to you if you live in or attend an institution of higher education in one of these areas. These areas include the following:

State/territory	County
North Carolina	Alamance, Alexander, Anson, Burke, Cabarrus, Catawba, Chatham, Cleveland, Davidson, Durham, Edgecombe, Forsyth, Franklin, Gaston, Granville, Guilford, Halifax, Harnett, Iredell, Lee, Lincoln, McDowell, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Moore, Nash, Orange, Person, Randolph, Rowan, Rutherford, Stanly, Union, Vance, and Wake.
Guam	

DATES: The new deadline date for transmitting applications under each competition is listed with that competition.

If the program in which you are interested is subject to Executive Order 12372, the deadline date for the transmittal of State process recommendations by State Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) and comments by other interested parties remains as originally posted.

ADDRESSES: The address and telephone number for obtaining applications for, or information about, an individual program are in the application notice for that program. We have listed the date and **Federal Register** citation of the application notice for each program.

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the TDD number, if any, listed in the individual application notice. If we have not listed a TDD number, you may