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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Defense Logistics Agency****Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

AGENCY: Defense Logistics Agency, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Defense Logistics Agency announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, the information collection on respondents, including thorough use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by January 27, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendation on the proposed information collection should be sent to Director, Defense Logistics Agency, ATTN: Kenneth Dougherty, DDAS, 8725 John J. Kingman Road, Suite 2533, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-6221.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instructions, please write to the above address, or call Mr. Kenneth Dougherty at (703) 767-1657.

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Request for Approval for Procurement Technical Assistance Cooperative Agreement Performance Report, DLA Form 1806, OMB Control Number 0704-0320.

Needs and Uses: The Defense Logistics Agency uses the report as the principal instrument for measuring, on a semiannual basis, Cooperative Agreement recipient's (State and local governments, private nonprofit organizations, Indian tribal organizations and Indian economic

enterprises) performance against the goals and objectives as established in their application for which the award was made.

Affected Public: State or local governments; businesses or other for-profit; Federal agencies or employees; Nonprofit institutions; Small businesses or organizations.

Annual Burden Hours: 1344.

Number of Respondents: 84.

Responses per Respondent: 2.

Average Burden per Response: 8 hrs.

Frequency: Semiannually.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Summary of Information Collection**

Cooperative agreements are awarded on a competitive basis. Past performance is a major evaluation factor for selecting programs to be funded each fiscal year. Past performance data is obtained from the performance report. The data is used to measure recipient accomplishments against goals and objectives set forth in the application, for which an award was made. The reported data also provides budget information (total amount expended, total DoD fund expended) used to monitor the expenditure of DoD funds and to assure that the DoD/recipient share ratio established at award is maintained.

Additionally, the information is used to identify programs that are experiencing difficulty to establish the need for assistance and the frequency of on-site reviews.

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Chief Information Officer, Defense Logistics Agency.

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

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Education requests comments on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) that the Secretary proposes to use for the 2000-2001 year. The FAFSA is completed by students and their families and the information submitted on the form is used to determine the students' eligibility and financial need for financial aid under the student financial assistance programs authorized under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (Title IV, HEA Programs). The Secretary

also requests comments on changes under consideration for the 2001-2002 FAFSA. This notice provides additional information not provided in an earlier notice published on November 23, 1998.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 22, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651. In addition, interested persons can access this document on the Internet:

- (1) Go to IFAP at <http://ifap.ed.gov>
- (2) Click on the "Bookshelf"
- (3) Scroll down and click on "FAFSA and Renewal FAFSA Forms and Instructions"
- (4) Click on "By 2000-2001 Award Year"
- (5) Click on "FAFSA Instructions"
- (6) Click on the red icon to open the file.

Please note that the free Adobe Acrobat Reader software, version 3.0 or greater, is necessary to view this file. This software can be downloaded for free from Adobe's website: <http://www.adobe.com>

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 483 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), requires the Secretary, "in cooperation with agencies and organizations involved in providing student financial assistance," to "produce, distribute and process free of charge a common financial reporting form to be used to determine the need and eligibility of a student under" the Title IV, HEA Programs. This form is the FAFSA. In addition, Section 483 authorizes the Secretary to include non-financial data items that assist States in awarding State student financial assistance.

In consultation with the financial aid community, State agencies administering student financial aid, and the public, the FAFSA was substantially redesigned for the 1999-2000 year. Therefore the proposed 2000-2001 FAFSA was intentionally designed to be a "rollover," containing minimal change from the redesigned 1999-2000 application.

In addition to comments on the proposed 2000–2001 FAFSA, the Secretary also requests comments on the following changes under consideration to the 2001–2002 FAFSA. References to the current FAFSA are to the 1999–2000 FAFSA.

Addition of Parent Identifying Information

The Secretary is considering collecting the following parental data: names, Social Security Numbers, dates of birth, citizenship, and Alien Registration Number. Also under consideration are parents' driver's license number and state, and permanent phone number. The purpose of adding this information is to facilitate using the FAFSA as a Plus loan application or an IRS match, as described below.

The FAFSA as PLUS Loan Application

One possible use of parent identifying information (described above) is to make the FAFSA the PLUS loan application. The Secretary is considering implementing this in 2001–2002.

IRS Match

Another possible use of parent identifying information (described above) is to conduct a computer match to confirm student and parent income information with the IRS. The Secretary is considering implementing this in 2001–2002.

Reduction of Number of Schools on the FAFSA

The current FAFSA allows students to select up to six schools to receive their application information. Applicant data show, however, that the vast majority of students list only three or fewer schools. In addition, improved information technology has made it easier for students to add more schools after submitting their initial application. As such, the Secretary is considering reducing the number of schools students can list on the FAFSA.

Elimination of FAFSA Express

The success of FAFSA on the Web and the increasing availability of Internet access lead the Secretary to consider consolidating student electronic application options by eliminating the PC software program FAFSA Express in the 2001–2002 award year.

Addition of E-mail Address

E-mail is becoming an increasingly viable means of communication between students and various agencies

and organizations that administer student financial aid. As such, the Secretary is considering collecting student (and parent) e-mail addresses on the 2001–2002 paper FAFSA. In addition, the Secretary is considering adding student e-mail address to FAFSA on the Web for 2000–2001 for the purpose of an e-mail notification to the student that his or her application has been processed.

The Secretary is publishing this request for comment under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.* Under that Act, ED must obtain the review and approval of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) before it may use a form to collect information. However, under procedure for obtaining approval from OMB, ED must first obtain public comment of the proposed form, and to obtain that comment, ED must publish this notice in the **Federal Register**.

In addition to comments requested above, to accommodate the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Secretary is interested in receiving comments with regard to the following matters: (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: November 23, 1998.

Kent H. Hannaman,

*Leader, Information Management Group,
Office of the Chief Financial and Chief
Information Officer.*

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Individuals and families.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 10,254,697

Burden Hours: 6,589,649

Abstract: The FAFSA collects identifying and financial information about a student who applies for Title IV, Higher Education Act (HEA) Program funds. This information is used to calculate the student's expected family contribution, which is used to determine a student's financial need.

The information is also used to determine the student's eligibility for grants and loans under the Title IV, HEA Programs. It is further used for determining a student's eligibility for State and institutional financial aid programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 30, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address *Werfel@d@al.eop.gov*. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202–4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address *PatSherrill@ed.gov*, or should be faxed to 202–708–9346.

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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