

Patent application 08/818,193: NOVEL LINEAR METALLOCENE POLYMERS CONTAINING ACETYLENIC AND INORGANIC UNITS AND THERMOSETS AND CERAMICS THEREFROM; filed 14 March 1997.

Patent application 08/823,776: RETRACTABLE UNDERWATER TURRET; filed 24 March 1997.

Patent application 08/825,942: ACTIVELY MODE-LOCKED, SINGLE-POLARIZATION, PICOSECOND OPTICAL FIBER LASER; filed 1 April 1997.

Patent application 08/828,229: STANDARDIZED MODULAR ANTENNA SYSTEM; filed 14 April 1997.

Patent application 08/828,232: STRUT-MOUNTED DRAG BALANCE; filed 25 March 1997.

Patent application 08/845,894: MICROCAPILLARY-BASED FLOW-THROUGH IMMUNOSENSOR AND DISPLACEMENT IMMUNOASSAY USING THE SAME; filed 28 April 1997.

Patent application 08/845,897: POROUS METAL/ORGANIC POLYMERIC COMPOSITES; filed 28 April 1997.

Patent application 08/846,192: LIGHTWEIGHT HIGH DAMPING POROUS METAL/PHthalonitrile COMPOSITES; filed 28 April 1997.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed information collection requests.

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

**DATES:** An emergency review has been requested in accordance with the Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3507 (j)), since public harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by February 9, 1998. A regular clearance process is also

beginning. Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 10, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments regarding the emergency review 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, D.C. 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 7th & D Streets, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651.

Written comments regarding the regular clearance and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651, or should be electronic mailed to the internet address Pat\_Sherrill@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

**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 3506 (c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3506 (c)(2)(A) requires that the Director of OMB provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (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 Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. 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. ED invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

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: February 5, 1998.

**Linda C. Tague,**

*Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

### Office of Management

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* Streamlined Process for the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) Approved Grant Applications.

*Abstract:* Since April 1997, EDGAR's menu of selection criteria became effective. For each competition, the Secretary would select one or more criteria that best enable the Department to identify the highest quality applications consistent with the program purpose, statutory requirements, and any priorities established. This allowed the Secretary the flexibility to weigh the criteria according to the needs of each individual program. This menu of selection criteria will provide the Department the flexibility to choose a set of criteria tailored to a given competition and obviate the need to create specific selection criteria through individual program regulations. ED is requesting a streamlined process for programs of approved applications who choose to change: (1) criteria from the same EDGAR menu, (2) old EDGAR to new EDGAR criteria, or (3) program criteria to EDGAR criteria.

*Additional Information:* ED is requesting an emergency clearance by February 9, 1998. This will allow programs to make the appropriate criteria changes without further delaying the grant process and provide sufficient time for applicants to complete their applications. Without this emergency request, applicants

would not receive their awards in time which could result in public harm.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profits; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 1

Burden Hours: 1

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Submission for OMB review; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the 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 March 12, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Dan Chenok, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196.

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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 with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this 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 at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

Dated: February 4, 1998.

**Linda C. Tague**

*Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer,  
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

### Office of Educational Research and Improvement

*Type of Review:* New

*Title:* Research on Charter Schools and Students with Disabilities

*Frequency:* One-time

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs

*Reporting Burden and Recordkeeping:*

Responses: 832.

Burden Hours: 1,568.

*Abstract:* The success to date of the charter schools movement has resulted from the opportunities the schools provide for site-based management free of many regulations, and for instructional and other innovations, parent choice, specialized services to specific populations, and public accountability. This data collection will allow the Department of Education to assemble information on the reasons parents are enrolling students with disabilities in charter schools, the services provided by the schools, the schools' outcome goals, the student outcome measures the schools employ, and the students' success in the schools. Subjects will include educators, parents, and students.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation

*Date and Time:* Thursday, March 12, 1998, 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

*Place:* The Embassy Suites Hotel, 1250 22nd Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037, (202) 857-3388. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. An individual with a disability who will need an accommodation to participate in the meeting (e.g., interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate format) should notify the contact person listed in this notice at least two weeks before the scheduled meeting date. Although the Department will attempt to meet a request received after that date, the requested accommodations may not be available because of insufficient time to arrange them.

*Status:* Parts of this meeting will be open to the public. Parts of this meeting will be closed to the public.

*Matters to be considered:* The standards of accreditation applied to medical schools by a number of foreign countries and the comparability of those standards to the standards of accreditation applied to United States medical schools. Discussions of the standards of accreditation will be held in sessions open to the public. Discussions that focus on specific determinations of comparability are closed to the public in order that each country may be properly notified of the decision.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 481 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended in 1992 (20 U.S.C. § 1088), the Secretary established within the Department of Education the National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation. The Committee's responsibilities are to (1) evaluate the standards of accreditation applied to applicant foreign medical schools; and (2) determine the comparability of those standards to standards for accreditation applied to United States medical schools.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Bonnie LeBold, Acting Executive Director, National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation, 7th and D Streets, S.W., Room 3082, ROB #3, Washington, D.C. 20202-7563. Telephone: (202) 260-3636. Beginning March 2, 1998, you may call to obtain the identity of the countries whose standards are to be evaluated during this meeting.