

evidence of support from elected officials of the local government.

Eligible activities include the preparation of: Community economic adjustment or diversification plans in response to a proponent area's dependence on defense spending; contingency plans to organize in the event of a base closure and realignment; and/or initial strategies and schematic plans for the potential reuse or redevelopment of existing bases.

Funds awarded under this notice shall not to be used for direct personnel costs apart from work directly related to the preparation of planning documents, as described above.

Applicants will be asked to certify, and a special condition of awards under this notice is, that any assistance provided under this notice shall not be used to directly or indirectly inform and/or influence deliberations under Public Law 101-510, as amended, of either the Department of Defense (including any of its components) and the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission.

Receipt of planning assistance pursuant to this notice cannot prejudice a community in the Defense Base Closure and Realignment process because Section 2903(c)(3)(B) of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, Public Law 101-510, provides that "in considering military installations for closure or realignment, the Secretary may not take into account for any purpose any advance planning undertaken by an affected community with respect to anticipated closure or realignment of an installation."

IV. Application and Submission Information

Prospective applicants are advised that proposals will be accepted and processed as received on a continuing basis commencing June 27, 2004.

Each proposal submitted should include a cover or transmittal letter and accompanying text that shall consist of no more than six (6) pages (single-sided) which must include:

- A summary description of the community's defense dependency, including a statement of direct defense employment as a share of regional total employment and as a share of recent annual changes in regional total employment;
- A summary of the need, problem, or issue the project will address;
- A description of how the proponent intends to carry out the work required to resolve the situation identified;
- A proposed budget and accompanying explanation;

- A project schedule for completion of the work; and,
- A local point of contact.

Proposals may be either mailed or hand-delivered to: Director, Office of Economic Adjustment, 400 Army Navy Drive, Suite 200, Arlington, VA 22202-4704, or they can be faxed to the Office of Economic Adjustment at (703) 604-5460.

V. Application Review Information

1. Selection Criteria—Upon validating the level of economic dependence on military, DoD civilian, and defense industry employment, OEA considers each of the following equally balanced factors as a basis for inviting formal grant applications:

- An appropriate and clear project design to address the need, problem, or issue identified;
- The innovative quality of the proposed approach to advance planning, economic adjustment, or economic diversification; and,
- a reasonable proposed budget and schedule for completion of the work program specified.

2. Review and Selection Process—All proposals will be reviewed on their individual merit by a panel of OEA staff, all of whom will be Federal employees. OEA will notify the applicant within thirty (30) days of receipt of a proposal whether their proposal was successful and invite the successful applicant to submit an electronic grant (eGrant) application. The Director, OEA, will assign a Project Manager to advise and assist successful applicants in the preparation of the application. Grant applications will be reviewed for their completeness and accuracy and a grant award notification, to the extent possible, will be issued within seven (7) business days.

VI. Award Administration Information

1. Award Notices—A successful applicant (Grantee) will receive a notice of award in the form of a Grant Agreement, signed by the Director, OEA (Grantor), on behalf of the Department of Defense. The Grant Agreement will be transmitted electronically or, if necessary, by U.S. Mail.

2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements—The Grantee and any consultant/contractor operating under the terms of a grant shall comply with all Federal, State, and local laws applicable to its activities including the following: 32 CFR Part 33, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments"; OMB Circulars A-87, "Cost Principles for State and Local Governments" and the

revised A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations"; 32 CFR Part 25, "Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement)"; 32 CFR Part 26, "Drug-free Workplace"; and 32 CFR Part 28, "New Restrictions on Lobbying (Grants)."

3. Reporting—OEA requires quarterly performance reports and one final performance report for any grant. The performance reports will contain information on the following:

- A comparison of actual accomplishments to the objectives established for the period;
- reasons for slippage if established objectives were not met;
- additional pertinent information when appropriate;
- a comparison of actual and projected quarterly expenditures in the grant; and,
- the amount of Federal cash on hand at the beginning and end of the reporting period.

The final performance report must contain a summary of activities for the entire grant period. All required deliverables should be submitted with the final performance report. The final SF 269A, "Financial Status Report," must be submitted to OEA within 90 days after the end of the grant. Any grant funds actually advanced and not needed for grant purposes shall be returned immediately to OEA.

OEA will provide a schedule for reporting periods and report due dates in the Grant Agreement.

VII. Agency Contacts

For further information, to answer questions, or for help with problems, contact: David Larson, Deputy Director, Office of Economic Development, telephone: (703) 604-4828, fax: (703) 604-5460, e-mail: david.larson@osd.mil or regular mail at 400 Army Navy Drive, Suite 200, Arlington, VA 22202-4704.

VIII. Other Information

The Office of Economic Adjustment Internet address is <http://www/oea.gov>.

Dated: June 10, 2004.

L.M. Bynum,

*Alternate OSD Federal Liaison Officer,
Department of Defense.*

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Acting Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, 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 July 19, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Alice Thaler, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10222, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or faxed to (202) 395-6974.

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 Leader, Regulatory 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.

Dated: June 10, 2004.

Joseph Schubart,

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

Federal Student Aid

Type of Review: Revision.

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

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Individuals or household.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 14,762,847.

Burden Hours: 7,624,153.

Abstract: Collects identifying and financial information from students applying for Federal student aid for postsecondary education. Used to calculate Expected Family Contribution and determine eligibility for grants and loans, under Title IV of the HEA.

Requests for copies of the submission for OMB review; comment request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2569. 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, D.C. 20202-4700. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov or faxed to 202-245-6621. 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 Joe 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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Dated: June 9, 2004.

Angela C. Arrington,

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

Office of the Undersecretary

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: National Longitudinal Study of No Child Left Behind—Data Collection Instruments.

Frequency: Fall 2004, Fall 2006.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs; individuals or household, businesses or other for-profit.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden

Responses: 29,588.

Burden Hours: 26,807.

Abstract: This study will examine the implementation of No Child Left Behind Act provisions for Title I and Title II in a nationally-representative sample of schools and districts during the 2004-05 and 2006-07 school years. The study will include four components focused on particular provisions of the law: (1) Accountability; (2) teacher quality; (3) parental choice; and (4) targeting and resource allocation. This clearance package is for the data collection instruments; the study design was previously approved on March 16, 2004 (OMB#1875-0227).

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