

2. *The title of the information collection:* Policy Statement on Cooperation with States at Commercial Nuclear Power Plants and Other Production or Utilization Facilities.

3. *The form number if applicable:* Not applicable.

4. *How often the collection is required:* On occasion—when a State wishes to observe NRC inspections or perform inspections for NRC.

5. *Who will be required or asked to report:* Those States interested in observing or performing inspections.

6. *An estimate of the number of annual responses:* Maximum of 50, although not all States have participated in the program.

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8. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* An average estimate of 10 hours per State or 500 hours if all States participated in the program.

9. *An indication of whether Section 3507(d), Pub. L. 104-13 applies:* N/A.

10. *Abstract:* States wishing to enter into an agreement with NRC to observe or participate in NRC inspections at nuclear power facilities are requested to provide certain information to the NRC to ensure close cooperation and consistency with the NRC inspection program, as specified by the Commission's Policy on Cooperation with States at Commercial Nuclear Power Plants and Other Nuclear Production or Utilization Facilities.

A copy of the final supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Room O-1 F21, Rockville, MD 20852. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC Worldwide Web Site: <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/doc-comment/omb/index.html>. The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions should be directed to the OMB reviewer listed below by September 2, 2003. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given to comments received after this date. Bryon Allen, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0163), NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments can also be submitted by telephone at (202) 395-3087.

The NRC Clearance Officer is Brenda Jo Shelton, 301-415-7233.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of July, 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brenda Jo Shelton,

NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comments Requested

AGENCY: Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

ACTION: Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 2, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Written comments should be submitted to the Office of Information and Management Affairs, Attention: Lauren Wittenberg via fax at (202) 395-6974 or by e-mail at: Lauren_Wittenberg@omb.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

In a **Federal Register** notice published April 8, 2003 [68 FR 17090], OMB proposed using as the standard set of data elements and definitions for applications as the existing Standard Form 424 (SF-424), Application for Federal Assistance, data elements and definitions and five additional data elements. After consultation with the public, OMB is adding four of the five proposed data elements to the SF-424 and intends to establish this data set as the standard for grant applications. The use of the standard data elements will be implemented through the electronic grants application process of Grants.gov for E-APPLY, which is scheduled for October 2003 deployment and is part of the implementation of the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999 (Pub. L. 106-107).

Based upon the 22 comments received, OMB has determined there is

a need for further evaluation of the comments regarding several matters including the proposed assurance language, "Type of Applicant" information, and the budget section of the SF-424. Therefore, OMB is requesting the SF-424A, SF-424B, SF-424C and SF-424D be extended while these comments are being considered and addressed. OMB is requesting a revision to the SF-424 to add four data elements (DUNS number; e-mail address; facsimile number; and Applicant Type, Not-for-Profit). In addition, OMB recognizes that a transition period is needed to provide agencies time to adapt their applications to the revised SF-424 form and phase out the use of the old forms; OMB is seeking a transition period. Upon completion of the analysis of the comments and recommendations from the grants community, the SF-424 suite of forms will be revised accordingly. OMB will publish a new 60-day notice to solicit comments on the revised SF-424 suite of forms.

B. Comments and Responses

OMB received 22 comments on the proposed standard set of data elements and the proposed assurance statement. Comments were received from 11 Federal agencies, four non-profit organizations, two state governments, four universities and university-related organizations, and one individual. Overall the comments supported the establishment of application data standards and indicated there is still a need for more evaluation and consideration of the comments to ensure a well-defined SF-424 is available for use.

A number of comments received suggest further analysis is needed for clarification or the addition of more contact points to the forms. In addition, comments submitted by Federal agencies identified the need for additional "Type of Applicant" data and also suggested alignment to other Federal sources, e.g., Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) and the Financial Assistance Award Data System (FAADS). OMB will evaluate these comments and conduct an analysis on "Type of Applicant" information. The analysis must be done in context with the process of applying for Federal assistance to ensure definitions and applicant data are consistent. The comments will be reviewed, addressed and submitted for public comment.

Some Federal comments focused on changing the budget format of the SF-424 based upon Federal program needs. Comments from the public sector

recommended more consistency between financial accounting terms and development of budget for grant applications. The comments are significant enough that a separate evaluation needs to be done to determine if the budget categories and forms need to be adjusted to meet the needs of the grants community. The review shall determine what action or change, if any, may be made to the SF-424A and SF-424C. Any change would be reflected in a proposed notice requesting public comment.

The proposed consolidated assurance language included on the SF-424, as proposed in the April 8, 2003 **Federal Register** notice, raised several significant comments. These comments are being evaluated separately and will be addressed in a separate notice for public comment. The assurance language is currently found on the SF-424B and SF-424D and can be considered separately and will have no impact upon the implementation of the SF-424 for the October E-APPLY deployment. OMB is beginning the process of review of the assurance language at this time and will submit the proposed resolution for public comment.

Action to further evaluate the comments is being undertaken by OMB. It is the intention of OMB to continue to work with the public and Federal agencies to address the comments and to ensure the Federal government is developing standard data application packages that are simplified and streamlined in a manner intended by Pub. L. 106-107.

Sheila O. Conley,
Acting Deputy Controller.

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

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AGENCY: Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

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SUMMARY: The Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for collection of information under the Paperwork

Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 2, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

In a **Federal Register** notice published April 8, 2003 [68 FR 17091-17105], OMB proposed consolidating several existing financial reporting forms (the SF-269, 269A, 272 and 272A) into a single financial report to be used by the Federal agencies and grant recipients. The purpose of the consolidated Federal Financial Report (FFR) is to provide grant recipients with a standard format and consistent requirements across agencies in reporting financial information for grants and cooperative agreements. The Federal grant-making agencies, after public consultation with the grantee community, jointly developed this form as part of the implementation of the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999 (Pub. L. 106-107).

Based on the nearly 200 comments received, OMB has determined there is a need for further evaluation of the issues involved in implementing the new form. Therefore, OMB has requested that the SF-269, 269A, 272 and 272A be extended while these comments are being considered and addressed. We also recognize that a transition period will be necessary to provide agencies and grantees with time to adapt their processes to the new form and phase out the use of old ones. When the FFR is complete, the SF-269, 269A, 272 and 272A will continue to be accepted for a period of time after the FFR has been approved. OMB will publish a new 60-day notice to solicit comments on the updated FFR and instructions when it is closer to being finalized.

B. Comments and Responses

During the public comment period 198 comments were received. Federal agencies submitted 70 comments. State, local, tribal and nonprofit organizations submitted 115 comments, and universities provided 13 comments. Responses to general concerns expressed in the comments are provided.

Comments received from a number of Federal agencies require further analysis. In many instances, Federal agencies were concerned with the process of automating the form. More analysis needs to be done to understand what changes are needed to Federal payment systems so that they can accept the new form electronically. Sufficient time is needed to ensure the FFR is fully automated before the existing forms are phased out.

Many comments indicated there is a need for further evaluation of the information required and the proposed instructions. Further consideration of these comments is needed to ensure that the form is streamlined and the instructions are simplified in the manner intended by Pub. L. 106-107. OMB will continue to work with the Federal agencies in addressing these concerns.

Sheila O. Conley,
Deputy Controller.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request for Review of a Revised Information Collection: RI 25-41

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for review of a revised information collection. RI 25-41, Initial Certification of Full-Time School Attendance, is used to determine whether a child is unmarried and a full-time student in a recognized school. OPM must determine this in order to pay survivor annuity benefits to children who are age 18 or older.

Approximately 1,200 RI 25-41 forms are completed annually. It takes approximately 90 minutes to complete the form. The annual burden is 1,800 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606-8358, FAX (202) 418-3251, or via e-mail to mbtoomey@opm.gov. Please include a mailing address with your request.