

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 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. 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: March 20, 2002.

John Tressler,

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

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Title: Report of Randolph-Sheppard Vending Facility Program.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs (primary), Individuals or household, Federal Government.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 52.

Burden Hours: 702.

Abstract: The information is needed to evaluate the effectiveness of the program and to promote growth. The information is transmitted to State agencies to assist in the conduct and expansion of the program at the State

level. Respondents are the designated voc. Rehab. Agencies.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting "Browse Pending Collections" and clicking on link number 1982. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. 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 electronically mailed to the Internet address OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov or 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 Sheila Carey at 202-708-6287. 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 ENERGY

Proposed Agency Information Collection

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) invites public comment on a proposed collection of information that DOE is developing for submission to the Office of Management and Budget pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). The proposed collection of information would implement a statutory requirement that Technology Transfer Ombudsmen report quarterly on complaints they receive.

DATES: Consideration will be given to comments submitted by May 24, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be submitted to: Susan L. Frey, Director, Records Management Division (IM-11), Office of Records and Business Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, Germantown, Maryland 20874-1290, and Michael P. Hoffman, Office of General Counsel (GC-62), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This package contains:

(1) *OMB No.:* New.

(2) *Collection Title:* Technology Partnerships Ombudsmen Reporting Requirements.

(3) *Type of review:* New collection.

(4) *Purpose:* This collection of information would implement a provision in the Technology Transfer Commercialization Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-404) that requires Technology Transfer Ombudsmen appointed by DOE national laboratories to report quarterly on the number and nature of complaints and disputes received and the Ombudsman's assessment of their resolution.

(5) *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 24 Technology Transfer Ombudsmen.

(6) *Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 100 (Quarterly times 24 respondents).

Request for Comments: Pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), DOE invites comment on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary; (2) the accuracy of DOE's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who choose to respond. Additional information about DOE's proposed information collection may be obtained from the contact person named in this notice.

Statutory Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A).

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Susan L. Frey,

Director, Records Management Division, Office of Records and Business Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Enzymatic Hydrolysis Demonstration Plant To Convert Biomass to Transportation Fuels and/or Chemicals

AGENCY: Golden Field Office, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of request for expressions of interest.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE), Golden Field Office (GO), on behalf of the Office of Fuels Development (OFD), intends to issue solicitations in support of the DOE