

Attention: Wendy Taylor, 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. 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.

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Dated: October 30, 1996.

Gloria Parker,
Director, Information Resources Group.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: New.

Title: William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program General Forbearance Form.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 50,000.

Burden Hours: 10,000.

Abstract: This form is the means by which a William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program borrower requests a forbearance when they are willing but unable to make currently scheduled Direct Loan payments due to a temporary financial hardship.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Federal Direct PLUS Loan Application and Promissory Note.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 203,000.

Burden Hours: 101,500.

Abstract: This information is used to determine applicant eligibility for Federal Direct PLUS Loans. The respondents are parents applying for benefits.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Addendum to Federal Direct PLUS Loan Promissory Note Endorser.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 50,750.

Burden Hours: 25,375.

Abstract: Applicants for Federal Direct PLUS Loans who have adverse credit may obtain endorsers. The information collected on this form is used to check credit of endorsers. The respondents are endorsers.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Federal Direct Stafford/Ford Loan and Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford/Ford Loan Promissory Note and Disclosure.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 2,384,000.

Burden Hours: 397,174.

Abstract: This form is used to determine applicant eligibility for Federal Direct Stafford/Ford Loans and/or Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford/Ford Loans. The respondents are students applying for benefits.

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Arbitration Panel Decision Under the Randolph-Sheppard Act

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of Arbitration Panel Decision Under the Randolph-Sheppard Act.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that on June 1, 1996, an arbitration panel rendered a decision in the matter of *Colorado Department of Human Services, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation v. General Services Administration*, (Docket No. R-S/95-1). This panel was convened by the U.S. Department of Education pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 107d-1(b), upon receipt of a complaint filed by the Colorado Department of Human Services, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of the full text of the arbitration panel decision may be obtained from George F. Arsnow, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3230, Mary E. Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202-2738. Telephone: (202) 205-9317. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the TDD number at (202) 205-8298.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Randolph-Sheppard Act (20 U.S.C. 107d-2(c)), the Secretary publishes a synopsis of arbitration panel decisions affecting the administration of vending facilities on Federal and other property.

Background

The dispute in this case involved three buildings located at the Federal Center Office Building in Denver, Colorado. In each of the three buildings, there is a vending facility operated by a licensed blind vendor under the auspices of the Colorado Department of Human Services, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, the State Licensing Agency (SLA). Also located in each of the three buildings is a full service cafeteria operated by a private concessionaire.

In 1993, the SLA sought support from the General Services Administration (GSA) for its position that the cafeteria contract held by the private concessionaire allowed for duplication of products being sold under permits held by the Randolph-Sheppard vendors and that this represented "direct competition" and, therefore, was in violation of the priority provisions of the Randolph-Sheppard Act (the Act) in 20 U.S.C. 107 *et seq.* and the implementing regulations in 34 CFR Part 395.

On February 8, 1994, a GSA contract specialist prepared a memorandum that supported the SLA's position. On February 15, 1994, the private concessionaire concurred with the SLA's position and submitted to GSA a list of four items that the private concessionaire proposed to discontinue selling in the cafeterias. However, the SLA declined this proposal because these products represented very little sales value to the Randolph-Sheppard vendors.

On November 28, 1994, the SLA filed a request with the Secretary of Education to convene an arbitration panel pursuant to the Act and regulations. Subsequently, on December 22, 1994, staffs of the Vending Facility Branch of the Rehabilitation Services Administration, the SLA, and the GSA central and regional offices held a teleconference in an attempt to resolve the complaint. However, attempts to define separate product lines to be sold by the Randolph-Sheppard vending facilities and the cafeterias operated by the private concessionaire were unsuccessful. On January 23 and 24, 1996, an arbitration hearing was held concerning this complaint.

Arbitration Panel Decision

The three issues before the arbitration panel were—

(1) Whether a private concessionaire's sale of the same products as the licensed blind vendors on the same premises is in violation of the priority provisions of the Act and regulations;

(2) Whether a private concessionaire's sale of the same products as the licensed blind vendors on the same premises constitutes direct competition in violation of the Act and regulations; and

(3) Whether GSA can be compelled to provide a blind vendor with a satisfactory site pursuant to the provisions of the Act and regulations.

The majority of the panel held that a private concessionaire's sale of the same products as the licensed blind vendor does not violate the priority provisions of the Act. The panel concluded that the priority provisions of the Act require the property manager to offer the SLA the first opportunity to operate a vending facility on Federal property. However, the panel considered that this does not preclude the possibility that there will be a private concessionaire operating a facility on the same premises as a licensed blind vendor. Consequently, the panel concluded that priority rights do not translate into an exclusive right to sell specific products.

On the second issue concerning direct competition, the majority of the panel held that Congress recognized the

probable existence of direct competition from other vending facilities, including cafeterias. The panel stated that by definition direct competition is "the presence and operation of a vending machine or a vending facility on the same premises as a vending facility operated by a blind vendor." The panel concluded that this language of the Act does not prohibit direct competition except in specific instances that involve vending machines that are in direct competition with a blind vending location. The income generated from vending machines in direct competition with a Randolph-Sheppard vending facility is subject to the income-sharing provisions of the Act.

On the third issue, which concerned a satisfactory site, the majority of the panel determined that the Denver Federal Center building was occupied prior to the 1974 amendments to the Act, and, therefore, the building was not subject to the space requirements for a satisfactory site. The panel did note that GSA had offered to the SLA additional space on the upper floors of the building following their renovation.

One panel member dissented from the majority opinion.

The views and opinions expressed by the panel do not necessarily represent the views and opinions of the U.S. Department of Education.

Dated: October 29, 1996.

Howard R. Moses,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Extension of the Public Comment Period for the Draft Hanford Remedial Action Environmental Impact Statement and Comprehensive Land Use Plan (DOE/EIS-0222D), Richland, Washington

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Extension of the public comment period.

SUMMARY: DOE announces the extension of the public comment period for the Draft Hanford Remedial Action Environmental Impact Statement and Comprehensive Land Use Plan (HRA-EIS).

DATES: DOE announced the availability and schedule of the public hearing for the Draft HRA-EIS in the Federal Register on September 10, 1996, (61 FR 47739). In response to requests from the

public, DOE is extending the public comment period from November 1, 1996, to December 10, 1996. Comments received after December 10, 1996, will be considered to the extent practicable in the preparation of the Final HRA-EIS.

ADDRESSES: Written comments or requests for further information on the Draft HRA-EIS should be directed to Mr. Thomas W. Ferns, DOE National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Document Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office, P.O. Box 550, MSIN HO-12, Richland, Washington 99352-0550 or fax to (509) 376-4360. The Draft HRA-EIS is available on the DOE Hanford Internet Home Page at <http://www.hanford.gov/eis/hraeis/hraeis.htm>. A compact disk or a paper copy version of the Draft HRA-EIS is also available, and can be obtained through: (1) Calling the HRA-EIS Hotline at 1-800-786-2018, (2) by fax at (509) 376-4360, or (3) by Internet at Thomas_W_Ferns@rl.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on the DOE NEPA process, contact Ms. Carol Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., MSIN EH-42, Washington, D.C. 20585. Ms. Borgstrom may be contacted by telephone at (202) 586-4600 or by leaving a message at 1-800-472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOE intends to complete the Final HRA-EIS and prepare a response to comments received during the review of the Draft HRA-EIS, and will announce availability of the Final HRA-EIS in the Federal Register.

DOE PUBLIC READING ROOMS AND

INFORMATION REPOSITORIES: The Draft HRA-EIS and associated reference materials can be found in the following DOE Public Reading Rooms and Information Repositories:

Suzzallo Library, University of Washington, Box 352900, Government Publications Room, Seattle, Washington 98195-2900, (206) 543-1937

Foley Center, Gonzaga University, E 502 Boone Avenue, Spokane, Washington 99258, (509) 324-5931

U. S. Department of Energy Public Reading Room, Washington State University, Tri-Cities Campus, 100 Sprout Road, Room 130 West, Richland, Washington 99352, (509) 376-8583

Branford Price Millar Library, Science and Engineering Floor, Portland State University, SW Harrison and Park, Portland, Oregon 97207, (503) 725-4735