

At this time, nucleotide and amino acid sequence data is submitted to the PTO in both paper and computer readable form. However, the PTO has determined that the computer readable form is more useful to both the public and the PTO for searching patent applications to determine patentability and for printing granted patents. The rules governing the nucleotide and amino acid sequence listings were established to overcome the lack of uniformity of properly searching and examining sequences submitted only in paper form. The collection of this information in computer readable form greatly facilitates the work of the PTO. In order to ensure that the paper and computer readable formats are the same, 37 CFR 1.821 (Nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosures in patent applications) states that in addition to the paper copy and the computer readable form, a statement verifying that the content of the paper and computer

readable copies are the same must be submitted with the computer readable copy. On October 5, 1998, the PTO published an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for Changes to Implement the Patent Business Goals. *See Changes to Implement the Patent Business Goals*; Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 63 FR 53497 (October 5, 1998). One of the proposals being considered by the PTO will permit applicants to file sequence listings only on an electronic medium (i.e., without a paper copy). *See Changes to Implement the Patent Business Goals*, 63 FR at 53510–12.

II. Method of Collection

By mail, facsimile, and hand carry when the individual desires to participate in the information collection.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0651–0024.

*Form Number(s)*: There are no forms associated with this collection.  
*Type of Review*: Extension of a currently approved collection.  
*Affected Public*: Individuals or households, businesses or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, farms, state, local or tribal governments, and the Federal Government.  
*Estimated Number of Respondents*: 5,600 responses per year.  
*Estimated Time Per Response*: It is estimated to take approximately 80 minutes to create a nucleotide/amino acid sequence listing.  
*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours*: 7470 hours per year.  
*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden*: \$0 (no capital start-up or maintenance expenditures are required). Using an hourly rate of \$25.00 per hour for a para-professional/clerical worker, the PTO estimates \$186,750 per year for salary costs associated with respondents.

Function	Estimated time for response	Estimated annual burden hours	Estimated annual responses
Sequence Listing in Application .....	1.33	7448	5600
Total .....	.....	7448	5600

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, e.g., the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 18, 1999.  
**Linda Engelmeier,**  
*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*  
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506 (c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs announces the proposed new public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.  
**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by July 23, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs (OASD), Health Operations Policy (HOP), ATTN: LTC Jane L. Meyer, 1200 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301–1200.  
**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address, or call OASD–HOP, at 703–681–1711.  
*Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number:* DoD/Reserve Forces Annual Dental Examination.  
*Needs and Uses:* The information collection requirement is necessary to obtain and record the dental health status of members of the Armed Forces. This form is the means for civilian dentists to record the results of their findings and provide the information to the member's military organization. The military organizations are required by Department of Defense policy to track the dental status of its members.  
*Affected Public:* Business or other profit; Not-for-profit institutions.  
*Annual Burden Hours:* 41,250.  
*Number of Respondents:* 825,000.  
*Responses Per Respondent:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 3 minutes.

*Frequency:* Annually.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Summary of Information Collection**

Respondents are medical professionals who provide dental services to the general public. Members of the Armed Forces of the United States are the recipients of the dental examination. The Armed Forces Reserve component members must maintain their dental health at a predetermined level so problems do not occur when they are deployed to a military operation. Reserve component members usually receive their dental care from civilian dentists; therefore it would be civilian dentists who would complete the form. Following a routine dental examination, the dentist would review the categories listed on the form and circle the number corresponding to the condition that best describes the dental health of the patient. If dental problems can be identified, they are indicated on the form. Once the form is complete and the dentist signs it, the member takes the form back to the organization to which they belong. The information on the form is logged into a database. The form is kept in the health record until no longer needed and then it is destroyed.

Dated: May 14, 1999.

**L.M. Bynum,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**Proposed Information Collection Requests**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

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

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before July 23, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651, or should be electronically 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 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, 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 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: May 18, 1999.

**William E. Burrow,**

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

**Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services**

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Report of Randolph-Sheppard Vending Facility Program.

*Frequency:* Annually.

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

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 51.

Burden Hours: 720.

*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 State vocational rehabilitation agencies.

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**Office of Elementary and Secondary Education**

**Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services**

**Intent To Repay the Connecticut Department of Education; Funds Recovered as a Result of a Final Audit Determination**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to award grantback funds.

**SUMMARY:** Under section 459 of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA), the Secretary of Education (Secretary) intends to repay to the Connecticut Department of Education, an amount equal to 75 percent of the \$146,760.00 of previously disallowed funds recovered by the U.S. Department of Education under the terms of a May 29, 1996, settlement agreement. This notice describes the State's plan for the use of repaid funds and the terms and conditions under which the Secretary intends to make those funds available. The notice invites comments on the proposed grantback.

**DATES:** All comments must be received on or before June 23, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** All comments concerning the portion of the grantback that provides funds under the former Chapter 1 Handicapped Program should