

forum that is open to the public. Both days will include invited speakers and breakout discussion sessions designed to garner public comment on the four objectives of the President's Spectrum Policy Initiative as they relate to public safety. The first breakout session will focus on addressing the nation's critical spectrum requirements. The discussion for the second breakout session will concentrate on developing a modernized and improved spectrum management system for state and local public safety agencies. The topic for the third breakout session will be centered on incentives for more efficient and beneficial spectrum use. This session will cover such topics as defining efficiency, balancing efficiency with effectiveness, measuring methods of efficiency, and identifying policies to achieve efficient spectrum use. The fourth breakout session will focus on the development of new and expanded services and technologies that improve efficiency and streamline technology deployment. All sessions will feature participation from representatives of key public safety associations and government agencies.

**DATES:** The forum will be held from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 10–11, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** The Public Safety Spectrum Management Forum will be held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert Street, NW., Washington, DC 20008; telephone: (202) 234–0700. All events are open to the public. Parking is available on site for a fee. The hotel is located one-half block from the Woodley Park Metrorail stop on the Red line.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rich Orsulak, NTIA Public Safety Division, at (202) 482–9139, or electronic mail: [rorsulak@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:rorsulak@ntia.doc.gov). Please direct media inquiries to the Office of Public Affairs, NTIA, at (202) 482–7002.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This forum is one in a series of public meetings to support the President Bush's Spectrum Policy Initiative, which will result in recommendations to the Administration for improving spectrum management policies and procedures. On May 29, 2003, the President signed a Presidential Memorandum outlining the Administration's initiative for spectrum management reform. The President established the "Spectrum Policy Initiative" to promote the development and implementation of a U.S. spectrum policy for the 21st century. He directed the Secretary of Commerce to chair the initiative, which includes two courses of spectrum-related activity, one based

on an interagency task force and the other on a series of public meetings. The Department of Commerce will develop recommendations for revising policies and procedures to promote more efficient and beneficial use of spectrum. NTIA will provide additional information about the forum in the near future on its home page at <http://www.ntia.doc.gov>.

**Public Participation:** The forum will be open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited. The public meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Any member of the public wishing to attend and requiring special services, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids, should contact Rich Orsulak at (202) 482–9139 or at [rorsulak@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:rorsulak@ntia.doc.gov), at least three (3) days prior to the meeting.

Dated: January 7, 2004.

**Kathy D. Smith,**

Chief Counsel, National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The 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 February 12, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Melanie Kadlic, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the Internet address [Melanie\\_Kadlic@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Melanie_Kadlic@omb.eop.gov).

**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 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: January 8, 2004.

**Angela C. Arrington,**

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

### Office of the Undersecretary

**Type of Review:** New.

**Title:** Survey for the Study of the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program Participants.

**Frequency:** One time.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or household.

**Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:**

Responses: 2,313.

Burden Hours: 579.

**Abstract:** Follow-up survey data from current and former McNair program participants to determine program completion, employment status.

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 2368. 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 [vivan.reese@ed.gov](mailto:vivan.reese@ed.gov). Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address [OCIO\\_RIMG@ed.gov](mailto: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 Shelia Carey at her e-mail address [Shelia.Carey@ed.gov](mailto:Shelia.Carey@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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**Angela C. Arrington,**

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

### Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Annual Performance Reporting Forms for NIDRR Grantees (RERCs, RRTC's, FIRs, ARRTs, DBTACs, DRRPs, MSs, D&Us).

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 279.

Burden Hours: 4,464.

*Abstract:* Information collection to obtain annual program and performance data from NIDRR grantees on their project activities. The information collected will be used for monitoring grantees and for NIDRR program planning, budget development and reporting on Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) indicators.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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### Notice of Proposed Priority and Clarification of Eligible Local Activities

**AGENCY:** Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary proposes to add a competitive preference priority to the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries Program to reflect the importance of mastering reading skills in grades K-3. In this regard, the Secretary also proposes to clarify the allowable local professional development activities under this program, so that school library media specialists can address not only the reading needs of preschool children but also those of children in grades K-3. The Secretary may use this proposed priority and clarification of professional development activities for competitions in FY 2004 and in later years.

**DATES:** We must receive your comments on or before February 12, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Address all comments about this notice to Margaret McNeely, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 5C130, Washington, DC 20202-6200, Fax (202) 260-8969. If you prefer to send your comments through the Internet, use the following address: [LSL@ed.gov](mailto:LSL@ed.gov).

You must include the term COMMENTS in the subject line of your electronic message.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Margaret McNeely. Telephone: (202) 260-1335 or via the Internet at [LSL@ed.gov](mailto:LSL@ed.gov).

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Individuals with disabilities may obtain this document in an alternative format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope or computer diskette) on request to the contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Invitation to Comment

We invite you to submit written comments regarding this proposed priority and clarification of eligible activities.

We invite you to assist us in complying with the specific requirements of Executive Order 12866 and its overall requirement of reducing regulatory burden that might result from this proposed priority and clarification of eligible activities. Please let us know