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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Regulatory 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 September 27, 2002.

**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. 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: July 23, 2002.

**John Tressler,**

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

### Federal Student Aid

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* Federal PLUS Program Master Promissory Note.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or household; Businesses or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: Phased in before 2004.

Burden Hours: 1845-0009.

*Abstract:* This promissory note is the means by which a Federal PLUS Program loan borrower promises to repay his or her loan.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2096. 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](mailto:Vivian.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 SCHUBART at (202) 708-9266. 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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Dated: July 23, 2002.

**John Tressler,**

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

### Federal Student Aid

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* Federal Direct PLUS Loan Application and Master Promissory Note (MPN), and Endorser Addendum.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or household.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 225,000

Burden Hours: 225,000.

*Abstract:* The PLUS MPN is the means by which an individual applies for and agrees to repay a Federal Direct PLUS Loan. If an applicant for a Federal Direct

PLUS Loan is determined to have an adverse credit history and obtains an endorser, the Endorser Addendum is the means by which an endorser agrees to repay the loan if the borrower does not repay it.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2112. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view.

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Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Joseph Schubart at (202) 708-9266 or via his e-mail address [Joe.Schubart@ed.gov](mailto:Joe.Schubart@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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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Extension of Project Period and Waiver

**AGENCY:** Office of Special Education Programs, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of project period and waiver.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary waives the requirements in Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), at 34 CFR 75.250 and 75.261(a), that generally prohibit project periods exceeding 5 years and project extensions involving the obligation of additional Federal funds to enable the Technical Assistance ALLIANCE for Parent Centers to receive funding from October 1, 2002 until March 31, 2003.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** August 28, 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information contact Debra Sturdivant or Donna Fluke, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3527, Switzer

Building, Washington, DC 20202-2641. Telephone: (202) 205-8038 and 205-9161, respectively. FAX: (202) 205-8105. If you prefer to use the Internet, use the following address: [Debra\\_Sturdivant@ed.gov](mailto:Debra_Sturdivant@ed.gov), or [Donna\\_Fluke@ed.gov](mailto:Donna_Fluke@ed.gov).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In order to foster more efficient use of the Federal funds, the Secretary intends to redesign the technical assistance component of the Training and Information for Parents of Children with Disabilities program and provide funding in fiscal year 2003.

However, the grant for the current technical assistance provider, the Technical Assistance Alliance for Parent Centers will expire, after a 5-year project period, on September 30, 2002.

Technical assistance is provided on an ongoing basis to parent centers, and it would be contrary to the public interest to have any service lapses for the parent centers being served by the current grantee. This would also include planning for, and conducting a scheduled annual National conference to be held in January 2003. The conference provides a forum for all of the parent centers to network, and participate in topical workshops and attend plenary sessions to learn about current research and best practices from National experts.

To avoid any lapse in service for the intended beneficiaries before the redesigned technical assistance component can be implemented, the Secretary has decided to fund this project until March 31, 2003. However, to do so, the Secretary has waived the requirements in 34 CFR 75.250 and 75.261(c)(2), which prohibit project periods exceeding 5 years and period extensions that involve the obligation of additional Federal funds.

### Waiver of Proposed Rulemaking

In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553), it is the practice of the Secretary to offer interested parties the opportunity to comment on proposed rulemaking. However, the waiver of the requirements in 34 CFR 75.250 and 75.261 applicable to the maximum project period and extension of the project period for this grant on a one-

time only basis is procedural and does not establish new substantive policy. Therefore, under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A), proposed rulemaking is not required.

In addition, given the fact that the additional period of funding is only for a six-month period, the Secretary has determined that proposed rulemaking on this waiver is unnecessary and impracticable. Thus, proposed rulemaking also is not required under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B).

### Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

The Secretary certifies that the waiver and extension of the project period will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The only small entity that would be affected is the PACER Center, Inc., which operates the Technical Assistance ALLIANCE for Parent Centers project.

### Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980

This extension and waiver does not contain any information collection requirements.

### Intergovernmental Review

This program is subject to the requirements of Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79. One of the objectives of the Executive order is to foster an intergovernmental partnership and a strengthened federalism. The Executive order relies on processes developed by State and local governments for coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance.

This document provides early notification of our specific plans and actions for this program.

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