

(2) To facilitate international trade through the appropriate international and domestic standards-related activities;

(3) To provide adequate United States representation in international standards-related activities; and

(4) To encourage United States exports through increased awareness of foreign standards-related activities that may affect United States exports.

**Type of Funding Instrument:** The funding instrument will be a grant or cooperative agreement, depending on the nature of the proposed work. A grant will be used unless NIST is "substantially involved" in the project, in which case a cooperative agreement will be used. A common example of substantial involvement is collaboration between NIST scientists and recipient scientists or technicians. Please see the DoC Grants and Cooperative Agreements Interim Manual which may be found on the Internet at [http://www.osc.doc.gov/oebam/GCA\\_manual.htm](http://www.osc.doc.gov/oebam/GCA_manual.htm). NIST will make decisions regarding the use of a cooperative agreement on a case-by-case basis. Funding for contractual arrangements for services and products for delivery to NIST is not available under this announcement.

If a proposal submitted under this Notice is not properly funded by a grant or cooperative agreement, NIST will consider whether the proposal may be appropriately funded through procurement, interagency agreement, or another mechanism that does not involve a grant or cooperative agreement. NIST's review and consideration of that proposal will be consistent with the requirements applicable to that funding mechanism.

**Indirect Costs:** For the EEEL, MEL, CSTL, Physics, MSEL, BFRL, and ITL SURF Programs, no Federal funds will be authorized for Indirect Costs (IDC) nor fringe benefits; however, an applicant may provide for IDC and/or fringe benefits under his/her portion of Cost Sharing.

**Classification:** This funding notice was determined to be "not significant" for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

It has been determined that this notice does not contain policies with federalism implications as that term is defined in Executive Order 13132.

Applications under these programs are not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

Because notice and comment are not required under 5 U.S.C. 553, or any other law, for notices relating to public property, loans, grants, benefits or contracts (5 U.S.C. 553(a)), a Regulatory

Flexibility Analysis is not required and has not been prepared for this notice, 5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*

Dated: February 13, 2003.

**Karen H. Brown,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Office of the Director, Administration and Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Director, Administration and Management announces the proposed 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 April 21, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to The Office of the Director, Administration and Management/Quality Management Office, ATTN: Ms. Joyce Mussey, 1777 N. Kent St., Suite 14038, Arlington, VA 22209.

**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 Office of the Director, Administration and Management/Quality Management Office (703) 588-8142/8150.

**Title and OMB Number:** Interactive Customer Evaluation System; OMB Number 0704-420.

**Needs and Uses:** The Interactive Customer Evaluation System automates

and minimizes the use of the current manual paper comment cards and other customer satisfaction collection medium, which exist at various customer service locations throughout the Department of Defense.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or Households; Business or Other For-Profit.

**Annual Burden Hours:** 165.

**Number of Respondents:** 3300.

**Responses per Respondent:** 1.

**Average Burden per Response:** 3 minutes.

**Frequency:** On occasion.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Summary of Information Collection

Members of the public who respond on the Interactive Customer Evaluation system are authorized customers and have been provided a service through DoD customer service organizations. They have the opportunity to give automated feedback to the service provider on the quality of their experience and their satisfaction level. They also have the opportunity to provide any comments that might be beneficial in improving the process and in turn the service to the customer. This is a management tool for improving customer services.

Dated: February 12, 2003.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by March 24, 2003.

**Title and OMB Number:** Evaluation of Reasons for Non-Acceptance of Department of Army Civilian Jobs Offers; OMB Number 0702-[To Be Determined].

**Type of Request:** New Collection.

**Number of Respondents:** 2,500.

**Responses per Respondent:** 1.

**Annual Responses:** 2,500.

**Average Burden per Response:** 7 minutes.