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Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Joseph Schubart at his e-mail address *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 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 19, 2003.

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 15, 2003.

Angela C. Arrington,

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

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: National Early Intervention Longitudinal Study (NEILS).

Frequency: Semi-Annually, Annually, Biennially.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 634.

Burden Hours: 267.

Abstract: NEILS will provide the first national picture of the experiences and outcomes of infants/toddlers in early intervention. The study will inform special education policy development and support Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) measurement and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) reauthorization with data from parents, service providers, and teachers of children who received early intervention services.

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 2310. 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*. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address *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 Sheila Carey at her e-mail address *Sheila.Carey@ed.gov*.

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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 August 20, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Lauren Wittenberg, 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 *Lauren.Wittenberg@omb.eop.gov*.

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Dated: July 15, 2003.

Angela C. Arrington,

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

Federal Student Aid

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Lender's Request for Payment of Interest and Special Allowance—LaRS.

Frequency: Quarterly, Annually.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 14,184.

Burden Hours: 34,573.

Abstract: The Lender's Request for Payment of Interest and Special Allowance—LaRS (ED Form 799) is used by approximately 3,546 lenders participating in the Title IV, Part B loan programs. The ED Form 799 is used to pay interest and special allowance to holders of the Part B loans; and to capture quarterly data from lender's loan portfolio for financial and budgetary projections.

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 2273. 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. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov or faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Arbitration Panel Decision Under the Randolph-Sheppard Act

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of arbitration panel decision under the Randolph-Sheppard Act.

SUMMARY: The Department gives notice that on July 26, 2002, an arbitration panel rendered a decision in the matter of *Illinois Department of Human Services, Office of Rehabilitation Services v. U.S. Department of Defense, Department of the Navy (Docket No. R-S/01-02)*. This panel was convened by the U.S. Department of Education, under 20 U.S.C. 107d-1(b), after the Department received a complaint filed by the petitioner, Illinois Department of Human Services, Office of Rehabilitation Services.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under section 6(c) of the Randolph-Sheppard Act (the Act), 20 U.S.C. 107d-2(c), the Secretary publishes in the **Federal Register** a synopsis of each arbitration panel decision affecting the administration of vending facilities on Federal and other property.

Background

This dispute concerns the alleged improper awarding of a full food service contract to a nonprofit agency under the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (JWOD) by the U.S. Department of Defense, Department of the Navy (Navy), in violation of the Act (20 U.S.C. 107 *et seq.*) and the implementing regulations in 34 CFR part 395.

A summary of the facts is as follows: On March 16, 1998, in response to solicitation N00140-98-R-1159, the State licensing agency (SLA) notified the Navy in writing that it wished to operate the full food service contract for the Naval Training Center and Recruitment Training Center in Great Lakes, Illinois. On May 12, 1998, the Navy responded that the contract was being awarded to Goodwill Services, Inc., of Southern Wisconsin under the provisions of JWOD. A **Federal Register** notice, dated May 8, 1998, announced this pending contract award and allowed 30 days for public comment.

The SLA did not submit any comments pursuant to the **Federal Register** notice. Nearly seven months later, on December 28, 1998, the SLA informed the Navy of its concern that the Navy awarded this contract under JWOD and indicated that it was prepared to take the matter to arbitration under the Act. The SLA also informed the Navy, in an opinion dated November 12, 1998, that the General Counsel for the Department of Defense (DOD) advised that the Act is applicable to military dining facilities. As a result, the SLA indicated that arbitration was unnecessary and that it was eager to

enter into negotiations with the Navy for a full food service contract at the facility to be operated by a blind vendor in accordance with the Act. On April 6, 1999, the Navy responded that it had no authority to terminate this contract issued pursuant to JWOD.

There was no further communication between the parties until October 10, 2000, when the SLA requested that the Secretary of Education convene a Federal arbitration panel to hear this complaint. A panel was convened and a hearing on this matter was held on April 9 and 10, 2002.

Arbitration Panel Decision

The issues heard by the panel were—(1) Whether the Navy, in accordance with the Act, must grant priority to the SLA for a contract so that full food services at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center may be provided by a licensed blind vendor; (2) whether the Act, which affords licensed blind vendors statutory priority to operate cafeterias and vending stands on Federal property, including that of DOD/Navy, takes precedence over the JWOD Act; (3) whether an arbitration panel convened under the Act has jurisdiction to determine if the Act takes precedence over the JWOD Act; (4) whether a contracting office has authority to issue a competitive procurement for services that are currently on the JWOD procurement list; and (5) whether the SLA waived any right it may have had to challenge the inclusion of the disputed food services on the JWOD procurement list and the subsequent award of a contract for those services to private vendors.

After considering all of the evidence, including the post-hearing briefs submitted by both parties, the majority of the panel ruled that the dispute should be resolved in favor of the Navy under the laches doctrine because of the SLA's delay in filing for Federal arbitration.

The SLA had alleged that the delay in filing the arbitration request of over 18 months since the time of the last communication from the Navy was not unreasonable because the SLA had program responsibilities under both the Act and JWOD and needed to balance the policy needs under both authorities before determining whether to file for Federal arbitration.

However, the panel determined that there was no reasonable cause for delay by the SLA in seeking Federal arbitration under the Act. The panel's decision was based upon the finding that there are strong reasons to require both timely action and finality in