

The cost sharing issue arose again after the Congress enacted the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999 (Pub. L. 106–107). That law requires Federal agencies to streamline and simplify the award and administration of Federal grants. It also mandates that agencies obtain input from the affected public. Comments that Federal agencies received from grant applicants and recipients pointed out a need for agency action on cost sharing, reinforcing the earlier findings of the NSTC review.

The Department of Defense, which is active in the leadership of the interagency streamlining efforts under Public Law 106–107 and helped develop the guiding and operating principles set forth in Executive Order 13185, proposes to address cost sharing for assistance instruments through a DoD Instruction. This Instruction for assistance instruments will parallel and complement action the Department already has taken to address cost sharing issues for research and development contracts (a DoD policy memorandum of May 16, 2001, established a policy, since incorporated into paragraph E1.1.6 of DoD Directive 5000.1, that prohibits contractor cost sharing if there is no reasonable probability of commercial applications).

The proposed Instruction for assistance instruments would disseminate guidance for program managers and grants officers in research program offices in the DoD Components. The guidance is drafted in plain language, in a question-and-answer format. The intent is to establish an easily understood DoD-wide policy framework to help ensure that proposers and research performers receive consistent, as well as fair and equitable, treatment on cost sharing matters. We invite input from potential proposers and performers of DoD basic, applied, and advanced research efforts to help us improve the proposed Instruction and better achieve this goal.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Headquarters Air Force Personnel Center.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the United States Air Force Personnel Center, Personnel Procurement and Development Divisions, announces the proposed reinstatement of a 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 the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Considerations will be given to all comments received by August 26, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to United States Air Force Personnel Center, Line Officer Programs Section, 550C Street West, Ste 10, Randolph AFB TX 78150.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposed and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address, or call United States Air Force Personnel Center, Line Officer Programs Section, (210) 665–2102.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Application & Evaluation For Training Leading To A Commission In The United States Air Force, Air Force Form 56, OMB Number 0701–0001.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary to obtain data on candidate's background and aptitude in determining eligibility and selection to the Air Force Academy.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Burden Hours: 21,000.

Number of Respondents: 7,000.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 180 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

Information contained on Air Force Form 56 supports the Air Force's

selection for officer training programs for civilian and military applicants. Each student's background and aptitude is reviewed to determine eligibility. If the information on this form is not collected the individual cannot be considered for admittance to a commissioning program. Data from this form is used to select fully qualified persons for the training leading to commissioning. Data supports the Air Force in verifying the eligibility of applicants and in the selection of those best qualified for dedication of funding and training resources. Eligibility requirements are outlined in Air Force Instruction 36–2013.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Public Meeting for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Military Family Housing in the San Diego Region

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), the Department of the Navy (Navy) has prepared and filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the DEIS for Military Family Housing (MFH) in the San Diego Region. The public meetings will be held to provide information, as well as receive oral and written comments on the DEIS. Federal, state, and local agencies and interested individuals are invited to be present or represented at the meeting. The public meetings will be open forums in that there will be no formal presentations; however, you may speak directly with representatives from the Navy and Marine Corps. There will be information booths on planning and environmental issues associated with the proposed action. A certified court reporter will also be available to take comments at the public meetings.

DATES AND ADDRESSES: Two public meetings will be held to provide additional information, answer questions, and receive oral and written comments. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 22, 2003, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at DePortola Middle School, 11010 Clairemont Mesa Blvd,