DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0033]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Information Collection; Contractor's Signature Authority

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000–0033).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning contractor's signature authority. The clearance currently expires on October 31, 2004.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the FAR, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Submit comments on or before September 27, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (VR), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000–0033, Contractor's Signature Authority, in all correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT Gerald Zaffos, Contract Policy Division, GSA, (202) 208–6091.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

Entities doing business with the Government must identify those persons who have the authority to bind the principal. This information is needed to ensure that Government contracts are legal and binding. The information is used by the contracting officer to ensure that authorized persons sign contracts.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 4,800.
Responses Per Respondent: 1.
TOTAL RESPONSES: 4,800.
Hours Per Response: .017.
Total Burden Hours: 82.
Obtaining Copies of Proposals:
Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration,
FAR Secretariat (VR), 1800 F Street,
NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC
20405, telephone (202) 501–4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000–0033,
Contractor's Signature Authority, in all

Dated: July 20, 2004.

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Acting Director, Contract Policy Division. [FR Doc. 04–17066 Filed 7–26–04; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6820–EP–S

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Acting 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 26, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Carolyn Lovett, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, N.W., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or faxed to (202) 395–6974.

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 Acting 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: July 21, 2004.

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Institute of Education Sciences

Type of Review: New.
Title: Reading First Impact Study.
Frequency: Annually.
Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal
Gov't, SEAs or LEAs; Individuals or

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 75,347. Burden Hours: 110,320.

household.

Abstract: The Reading First Impact Study is a five-year evaluation of the effectiveness of the Reading First Program. This study will estimate the impact of the program on student reading achievement through the use of a regression discontinuity design that compares Reading First schools with non-Reading First schools.

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 2556. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Potomac Center, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20202-4700. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov or faxed to 202-245-6621. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.