

Improvement Act of 1996 (FFMIA) mandated that agencies implement and maintain systems that comply substantially with Federal financial management systems requirements, applicable Federal accounting standards, and the U.S. Government Standard General Ledger at the transaction level. The FFMIA statute codified the JFMIP financial systems requirements documents as a key benchmark that agency systems must meet in order to be substantially in compliance with systems requirements provisions under FFMIA. To support the requirements outlined in the FFMIA, we are updating requirements documents that are obsolete and publishing additional requirements documents.

The Core Financial System Requirements document establishes standard requirements for the backbone modules of an agency's integrated financial management system. The major functions supported by a Core Financial System are: Core Financial System Management, General Ledger Management, Funds Management, Payment Management, Receipt Management, Cost Management, and Reporting. These seven functions provide common processing routines, support common data for critical financial management functions affecting the entire agency, and maintain the required financial data integrity control over financial transactions, resource balances, and other financial management systems.

This update reflects the most recent changes in laws and regulations, such as the Debt Collection Improvement Act, and clarifies previous requirements. It also incorporates requirements that were previously reflected in the technical requirements of the Financial Management System Software schedule Statement of Work. JFMIP's new Knowledgebase website can be used to identify the changes that have been made to the Core Financial System Requirements document. The new and changed requirements in the exposure draft can be easily identified with this tool. The Knowledgebase can be accessed through FinanceNet under the JFMIP Program Management Office website <http://www.financenet.gov/fed/jfmip/pmo.htm>. The Knowledgebase includes both mandatory requirements and value-added features. The exposure draft, however, contains only mandatory requirements on which the vendor software certification test will be based.

The Human Resources & Payroll Systems Requirements document is intended for human resources and payroll financial systems analysts,

system accountants, and others who design, develop, implement, operate, and maintain financial management systems. The primary purposes for this update are to reflect: changes in statutes, regulations, and technology that have occurred since the document was originally published in May 1990, e.g., passage of the Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990, and FFMIA of 1996; changes in personnel practices brought about by the National Performance Review; and increased availability of commercial off-the-shelf software packages. This update also incorporates core functionalities of a Federal human resources system as defined by the Human Resources Technology Council.

Comments received will be reviewed and the exposure drafts will be revised as necessary. Publication of the final requirements will be mailed to agency senior financial officials and will be available on the JFMIP website.

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## GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

### Public Buildings Service

#### Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Impact Statement; Disposition of Governors Island, Upper New York Bay, New York

Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), the General Services Administration (GSA) has filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and made available to other government and interested private parties, the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the disposition of surplus federal real property known as Governors Island, Upper New York Bay, New York.

The Final EIS is on file at New York City Hall, Manhattan Community District #1, Brooklyn Community District #6, Andrew Heiskell Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Mid-Manhattan Library, NY Public Library-New Amsterdam Branch, NY Public Library-Carroll Gardens Branch, NY Public Library-Red Hook Branch, Monograph Acquisition Services, Colorado State University Libraries-Ft. Collins, CO and General Services Administration.

Copies of the Executive Summary of the Final EIS are available upon request. A limited number of copies of the FEIS are available to fill single copy requests. Additional information may be obtained from General Services Administration, Region 2, Attention: Peter A. Sneed, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, New York, 10278, (212) 264-3581.

Written comments regarding the FEIS may be submitted until December 14, 1998 and should be addressed to General Services Administration in care of the above noted individual.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of the Secretary

#### Proposed Data Collections Available for Public Comment and Recommendations

The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary will periodically publish summaries of proposed information collections projects and solicit public comments in compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plans and instruments, call the OS Reports Clearance Officer on (202) 619-1053.

*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 collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

*Proposed Project 1. 42 CFR 50 Subpart B: Sterilization of Persons in Federally Assisted Family Planning Projects—0937-0166—Extension no Change—*These regulations and informed consent procedures are associated with Federally-funded sterilization services. Selected consent forms are audited during site visits and program reviews to ensure compliance