

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding the emergency review should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer: Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget; 725 17th Street, N.W., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503. Comments regarding the regular clearance and requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address *Pat—Sherrill@ed.gov*, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick J. Sherrill, (202) 708-8196. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339, between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C., Chapter 35) requires that the Director of OMB provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (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, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. 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. ED invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

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 respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: February 10, 1999.

William E. Burrow,

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

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Application for Grants Under the Strengthening Institutions Program, American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities Program, and Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions Program.

Abstract: This information is required of institutions of higher education that apply for grants under the Strengthening Institutions Program, the American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities Program, and the Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions Program, authorized under Title II, Part A of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. This information will be used in the evaluation process to determine which applicants should receive grant funds.

Additional Information: This new booklet requests additional information as required by the 1998 amendments. This will not add burden to applicants.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:

Responses: 500.

Burden Hours: 37,320.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Acting Leader, 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 March 18, 1999.

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Office of Bilingual Education and Minority Languages Affairs

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Application for Participation in the Bilingual Education Graduate Fellowship Program.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:

Responses: 45.

Burden Hours: 1,500.

Abstract: This form is used by institutions of higher education to request approval of their graduate programs of study so that they may nominate students for fellowships. The student nomination form becomes part of the award document and is used by institutions to report annually on the amount of funds spent per fellowship.

This information collection is being submitted under the Streamlined Clearance Process for Discretionary Grant Information Collections (1890-0001). Therefore, this 30-day public comment period notice will be the only public comment notice published for this information collection.

Office of Bilingual Education and Minority Languages Affairs

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Demonstration of Compliance with Terms and Conditions of the Bilingual Education Graduate Fellowship Program Contract.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:

Responses: 700.

Burden Hours: 366.

Abstract: Regulations (34 CFR 535.50) require Fellowship Recipients to demonstrate compliance with Terms and Conditions of Assistance awarded under the Bilingual Education Graduate Fellowship Program. Recipients must either work in an approved activity or repay the financial assistance.

This information collection is being submitted under the Streamlined Clearance Process for Discretionary Grant Information Collections (1890-0001). Therefore, this 30-day public comment period notice will be the only public comment notice published for this information collection.

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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: Notice is hereby given that on May 18, 1998, an arbitration panel rendered a decision in the matter of *Georgia Middendorf v. Washington State Department of Services for the Blind* (Docket No. R-S/96-8). This panel was convened by the U.S. Department of Education pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 107d-1(a), upon receipt of a complaint filed by petitioner, Georgia Middendorf.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: A copy of the full text of the arbitration panel decision may be obtained from George F. Arsnow, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Room 3230, Mary E. Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202-2738. Telephone: (202) 205-9317. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the TDD number at (202) 205-8298.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Randolph-Sheppard 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 termination of Georgia Middendorf's operator license by the Washington State Department of Services for the Blind, the State licensing agency (SLA). In 1981, following training with the SLA's Business Enterprise Program, complainant operated a dry stand in Seattle, Washington. Later that year, Ms. Middendorf began operating a cafeteria in the county courthouse in Everett, Washington. Complainant operated this facility for four years before resigning due to personal problems.

Subsequently, complainant operated a snack bar vending facility in a State building in Olympia, Washington for four years. In 1989, Ms. Middendorf resigned as the result of friction between the building management and some members of her staff. In 1991, Ms. Middendorf was licensed to operate a snack bar and espresso cart in the County-City Building located in Tacoma, Washington. Difficulties and concerns in the management of the operation were identified by the building management and the SLA, but these issues improved late in 1991. At the close of 1991, complainant's husband was diagnosed with a terminal illness and subsequently died in 1992. During this period of time, the quality of service and cleanliness declined dramatically at the snack bar and espresso cart operation, and the SLA counseled Ms. Middendorf concerning the need to improve the quality of service. Complainant was not receptive. In 1993, Ms. Middendorf resigned.

In August 1995, complainant was the sole bidder for a cafeteria vending facility at the Social Security Administration (SSA) in Auburn, Washington. The SLA awarded the contract to Ms. Middendorf pursuant to its rules and regulations as she was the only eligible bidder.

The SLA, SSA, and General Services Administration (GSA), the property managing agency, made a concerted effort to assist Ms. Middendorf in succeeding in the operation of the SSA cafeteria. However, increasing complaints from the patrons concerning both the food and cleanliness prompted both GSA and SSA to complain to the SLA.

The SLA responded by devising a corrective action plan with the goal of