BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION

[Docket No: CFPB–2015–0015]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) is proposing to renew the approval for an existing information collection titled, “Generic Information Collection Plan for Consumer Complaint and Information Collection System (Testing and Feedback).”

DATES: Written comments are encouraged and must be received on or before May 8, 2015 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by the title of the information collection, OMB Control Number (see below), and docket number (see above), by any of the following methods:
- Electronic: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- OMB: Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 or fax to (202) 395–5806. Mailed or faxed comments to OMB should be to the attention of the OMB Desk Officer for the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection. Please note that comments submitted after the comment period will not be accepted. In general, all comments received will become public records, including any personal information provided. Sensitive personal information, such as account numbers or social security numbers, should not be included.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Documentation prepared in support of this information collection request is available at www.reginfo.gov (this link active on the day following publication of this notice). Select “information Collection Review,” under “Currently under review, use the dropdown menu “Select Agency” and select “Consumer Financial Protection Bureau” (recent submissions to OMB will be at the top of the list). The same documentation is also available at http://www.regulations.gov. Requests for additional information should be directed to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, (Attention: PRA Office), 1700 G Street NW., Washington, DC 20552, (202) 435–9575, or email: PRA@cfpb.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:


OMB Control Number: 3170–0042.

Type of Review: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 710,000.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 118,334.

Abstract: Over the past several years, the CFPB has undertaken a variety of service delivery-focused activities contemplated by the Dodd-Frank and Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, Pub. L. 111–2013. These activities, which include consumer complaint and inquiry processing referral, and monitoring, involve several interrelated systems. The streamlined process of the generic clearance will continue to allow the CFPB to implement these systems efficiently, in line with the CFPB’s commitment to continuous improvement of its delivery of services through iterative testing and feedback collection.

Request for Comments: The CFPB issued a 60-day Federal Register notice on December 29, 2014 (79 FR 78069). Comments were solicited and continue to be invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the CFPB, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) The accuracy of CFPB’s estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methods and the assumptions used; (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. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Meeting of the Secretary of the Navy Advisory Panel

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Advisory Panel will meet 8:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to review ways to establish a culture of innovation in the Department of the Navy. This meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, April 20, 2015, from 8:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Pentagon, in Room 4B746, 1000 Navy Pentagon, Washington, DC 20350–1000.

Building Access: Public access is limited due to the Pentagon Security requirements. Any individual wishing to attend this meeting should contact Ms. Cassandra Dean at 703–697–2386 or Commander Randall Biggs at 703–695–3042 no later than April 13, 2015. Members of the public who do not have Pentagon access will be required to provide Name, Date of Birth and Social Security Number by April 13, 2015, in order to obtain visitor’s clearance. Public transportation is recommended as public parking is not available. Members of the public wishing to attend this meeting must enter through the Pentagon’s Metro Entrance between 7:45 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. where they will need two forms of identification in order to receive a visitor badge and meet their escort. Members will then be escorted to Room 4B746 to attend the open of the meeting of the Advisory Panel. Members of the public must remain with the designated escort at all times while in the Pentagon. After the meeting is adjourned, members of the public will be escorted back to the Pentagon Metro Entrance.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The agenda is as follows: April 20, 2015, speakers and discussions on the
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Applications for New Awards; Educational Technology, Media, and Materials for Individuals With Disabilities—Research and Development Center To Advance the Use of New and Emerging Technologies To Ensure Accessibility

AGENCY: Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

Overview Information
Notice inviting applications for a new award for fiscal year (FY) 2015.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.327B.


Full Text of Announcement
I. Funding Opportunity Description
Purpose of Program: The purposes of the Educational Technology, Media, and Materials for Individuals with Disabilities Program are to improve results for students with disabilities by: (1) Promoting the development, demonstration, and use of technology; (2) supporting educational activities designed to be of educational value in the classroom for students with disabilities; (3) providing support for captioning and video description that is appropriate for use in the classroom; and (4) providing accessible educational materials to students with disabilities in a timely manner.

Priority: In accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(iv), this priority is from allowable activities specified in the statute (see sections 674(b) and 681(d) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) (20 U.S.C. 1474(b) and 1481(d))).

Absolute Priority: For FY 2015 and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applicants from this competition, this priority is an absolute priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3), we consider only applications that meet this priority.

This priority is: Research and Development Center To Advance the Use of New and Emerging Technologies To Ensure Accessibility

Background
Section 612(a)(23) of IDEA requires States to provide educational materials in accessible formats in a timely manner to students who are blind or have print disabilities. Section 613(a)(6) of IDEA includes a similar requirement for local educational agencies (LEAs). In the process of implementing these provisions in IDEA, States, LEAs, and accessible media producers (AMPs), whom States and LEAs employ to convert educational materials into accessible formats, have encountered barriers to the production of high-quality accessible educational materials (AEM). Specifically, they have been challenged by limitations of the technology available to produce AEM that includes accessible graphic content (i.e., complex formulae, images, charts, tables, graphs, and mathematical notation, hereafter referred to as graphic content). These barriers are more evident in the conversion of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) educational materials into accessible formats due to their extensive use of graphic content.

In 2010, the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) awarded a cooperative agreement, the Research and Development Center on Digital Images and Graphic Content in Accessible Instructional Materials, to implement a rigorous program of research and development to improve the cost, quality, usability, and availability of graphic content in accessible instructional materials and the devices and software used to access that content for blind, visually impaired, and print disabled students. While the center has improved the way graphic content is produced and accessed by children with print disabilities, ensuring accessibility to complex educational materials, such as STEM educational materials with graphic content, continues to challenge publishers, AMPs, and others who develop and produce STEM educational materials. The need for research and development continues to exist.

Although the technology, publishing, and disability communities are working together to develop standards and guidelines for producing and accessing digital materials and assessments in accessible formats, the adoption of these standards remains voluntary, thus implementation and use of the standards are inconsistent. Additionally, some standards and guidelines may not include markup language, or may include it as optional, resulting in standards and guidelines that are insufficient to ensure the accessibility of educational materials for some children with disabilities. A free appropriate public education cannot be provided to many children with disabilities unless the educational technologies and materials are accessible, consistent with standards and guidelines that are uniformly applied across technologies, devices, tools, products, and software.

New unexplored technologies, and the promise of more powerful technologies in the future, provide potential opportunities to improve access to digital content and educational materials.