technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, tool and test equipment, U.S. Government and contractor technical, engineering, and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics support. 

- **Military Department:** Navy (LQJ)
- **Prior Related Cases, if any:** FMS case LPN–$1.06B–10Aug02
- **Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid:** None
- **Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold:** See Attached Annex

* as defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

**POLICY JUSTIFICATION**

Republic of Korea—Aegis Combat System

The Republic of Korea (ROK) has requested a possible sale of 3 Aegis Shipboard Combat Systems, 3 MK–41 Vertical Launching Systems, 3 Common Data Link Management Systems, 3 AN/UPX–29(V) Identification Friend or Foe Interrogators, spare and repair parts, support equipment, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, tool and test equipment, U.S. Government and contractor technical, engineering, and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics support.

The total estimated cost is $1.91 billion.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by meeting the legitimate security and defense needs of an ally and partner nation. The ROK is one of the major political and economic powers in East Asia and the Western Pacific and a key partner of the United States in ensuring peace and stability in that region. It is vital to the U.S. interest to assist our Korean ally in developing and maintaining a strong and ready self-defense capability.

The Aegis Combat System will provide enhanced capabilities on the ROK’s naval ships to defend against possible aggression and protect sea lines of communications. Aegis is the keystone in the ROK Navy’s efforts to upgrade its shipboard combat and ballistic missile defense capability. The ROK will have no difficulty integrating this system into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractors will be Raytheon Company in Andover, Massachusetts; General Dynamics Armament Systems in Burlington, Vermont. Although offsets are requested, they are unknown this time and will be determined during negotiations between the ROK and contractors.

Implementation of this proposal sale will not require any additional U.S. government or U.S. contractor personnel in Korea. However, U.S. Government or contractor personnel in-country visits will be required on a temporary basis in conjunction with program technical oversight and support requirements for approximately five years.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

Transmittal No. 15–24

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act Annex Item No. vii

- **Sensitivity of Technology:**
  1. Aegis Weapon System (AWS) hardware is Unclassified, with the exception of the RF oscillator used in the Fire Control transmitter, which is classified Confidential. Aegis document in general is unclassified. However, seven operation and maintenance manuals are classified Confidential, and there is also a classified Secret supplement to the Aegis Combat System Maintenance Manual. The manuals and technical documentation are limited to those necessary for operational use and organizational maintenance.
  2. While the hardware associated with the SPY–1D radar is Unclassified, the computer programs are classified Secret. It is the combination of the SPY–1D hardware and the computer program for the SPY–1D radar that constitutes the technology sensitive aspects of the AWS. SPY–1D radar hardware design and computer program documentation will not be released.
  3. The AN/UPX–29(V) AIMS MK XIIA Identification Friend or Foe (IFF) system, includes the AN/UPX–41(C) Interrogator Set. The AN/UPX–29(V) IFF includes new waveforms that improve identification coverage, enhances the ability to discriminate between closely spaced platforms, is compatible with civilian air traffic control, and provides enhanced security. The equipment has embedded communication security and is protected internal to Unclassified equipment.
  4. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures which might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

5. A determination has been made that the recipient country can provide the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

6. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the Republic of Korea.

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

[Docket No.: ED–2015–ICCD–0080]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Income Based Repayment Notifications

**AGENCY:** Federal Student Aid (FSA), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 3501 et seq.), ED is proposing an extension of an existing information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before August 24, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at http://www.regulations.gov by selecting Docket ID number ED–2015–ICCD–0080 or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. If the regulations.gov site is not available to the public for any reason, ED will temporarily accept comments at ICDOcketMgr@ed.gov. Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted; ED will ONLY accept comments during the comment period in this mailbox when the regulations.gov site is not available. Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Mailstop 1–OM–2–2E319, Room 2E103, Washington, DC 20202.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Beth Grebeldinger, 202–377–4018.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department’s information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. 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 the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Income Based Repayment Notifications.

OMB Control Number: 1845–0114.

Type of Review: An extension of an existing information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Private Sector, State, Local and Tribal Governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 2,894,005.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 231,520.

Abstract: The Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), established the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program under Title IV, Part B. Section 493C [20 U.S.C. 1098e] of the HEA authorizes income based repayment for Part B borrowers who have a partial financial hardship. The regulations in 34 CFR 682.215(e)(2) require notifications to borrowers from the loan holders once a borrower establishes a partial financial hardship and is placed in an income based repayment (IBR) plan by the loan holder. The regulations identify information the loan holder must provide to the borrower to continue to participate in an IBR plan. This is a request for extension of the current information collection 1845–0114.

Dated: June 18, 2015.

Kate Mullan,
Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Management.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Supplementary Information:

I. Abstract

A recent internal audit of PRA compliance determined that this existing collection does not have an OMB number. BPA collects information from landowners or other members of the public who accept treated wood utility transmission poles. These poles are removed from the transmission system when they are no longer of use to BPA. The information collected will document and facilitate transfer of the poles, which minimizes BPA’s environmental liability. At the time of information collection, BPA also provides the recipients with consumer information regarding treated wood and use restrictions required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The relevant form, Form BPA F 4300.07d, collects the following information: Intended use for poles (fence post, retaining wall, or landscaping), acknowledgement of receipt of consumer information sheet, acknowledgement of use limitations, acknowledgement of wood treatment type (creosote, pentachlorophenol, copper naphthanate, or other as specified), and name and contact information. No third party notification or public disclosure burden is associated with this collection.

II. Request for Comments

BPA requests that you send your comments to the location listed in the ADDRESSES section above. Your comments should address:

(a) The necessity of the information collection for the proper performance of BPA’s functions, including whether the information will have practical utility;
(b) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden (hours and costs) of the collection of information;
(c) Ways we could enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
(d) Ways we could minimize the burden of the collection of information, such as through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget control number. Comments may be made available to the public, including your address, phone number, and email address. You may request that we withhold your personally identifiable information, but we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 1845–0114.

Information Collection Request Title: Landowner Release for Poles Removed from BPA Transmission System.