FY 2003 are appropriated. Total funding available for this grant with the Information Resources program is anticipated to be no more than $200,000 and funding will be distributed over multiple projects. Publication of this document does not obligate NOAA to fund any specific grant or cooperative agreement or to award all or any part of the available funds.

Cost Sharing
There is no requirement for cost sharing in response to this program announcement and no additional weight will be given to proposals with cost sharing.

Eligibility Criteria
Eligible applicants are institutions of higher education, hospitals, other non-profits, commercial organizations, foreign governments, organizations under the jurisdiction of foreign governments, international organizations, and state, local and Indian tribal governments. Federal agencies or institutions are not eligible to receive Federal assistance under this announcement, but may be project partners.

Note: Federal agencies or institutions who are project partners must demonstrate that they have legal authority to receive funds from outside sources in excess of their appropriation. Because this announcement is not proposing to procure goods or services from applicants, the Economy Act (31 U.S.C. 1535) is not an appropriate legal basis.

Authority
Statutory authority for these programs is 16 U.S.C. 1456C (Technical Assistance).

General Information for All Programs
The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements contained in the Federal Register notice of October 01, 2001 (66 FR 49917), are applicable to this solicitation. However, please note that the Department of Commerce will not implement the requirements of Executive Order 13202 (66 FR 49921), pursuant to guidance issued by the Office of Management and Budget in light of a court opinion which found that the Executive Order was not legally authorized. See Building and Construction Trades Department v. Allbaugh, 172 F. Supp. 2d 138 (D.D.C. 2001). This decision is currently on appeal. When the case has been finally resolved, the Department will provide further information on implementation of Executive Order 13202.

Applications under this program are subject to Executive Order 13132, “Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs.”

It has been determined that this notice does not contain policies with Federalism implications as that term is defined in Executive Order 13132.

The recipients must comply with Executive Order 12906 regarding any and all geospatial data collected or produced under grants or cooperative agreements. This includes documenting all geospatial data in accordance with the Federal Geographic Data Committee Content Standard for digital geospatial data.

Classification
This action has been determined to be not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

Prior notice and an opportunity for public comment are not required by the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) or any other law for this notice concerning grants, cooperative agreements, benefits, and contracts, 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2). Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required for purposes of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA), 5 U.S.C. 601 et. seq. and has not been prepared.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. The use of the standard grants application package referred to in this notice involves collection-of-information requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act. The use of Standard Forms 424, 424A, 424B, SF-LLL, and CD-346 have been approved by OMB under the respective Control Numbers 0348–0043, 0348–0044, 0348–0040, 0348–0046, and 0605–0001.


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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Identification of Items That Are “Nautical Charts” Under 1974 International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea

AGENCY: Office of Coast Survey, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Statement of policy.

SUMMARY: The National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is legally responsible for providing nautical charts and related information. Requirements for the mandatory carriage and use of these nautical charts by certain vessels are established by the U.S. Coast Guard. In July, 2002, revisions to the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) will enter into force. These revisions, among other things, define “nautical chart or nautical publication.” In order to provide clarification for regulatory and other purposes, NOS is providing this statement of products which meet the SOLAS definition.

DATES: Comments on this action should be submitted on or before 5 p.m. EST, July 10, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments in writing should be submitted to Director, Office of Coast Survey, National Ocean Service, NOAA (N/CS), 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD, 20910.

Written comments may be faxed to (301) 713–4019. Comments by e-mail should be submitted to ECDIS@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Captain Nicholas Perugini, (301) 713–2724 x101, Nic.Perugini@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background
NOS is responsible, under 33 U.S.C. 883a et seq., to provide charts and related information for safe navigation in United States waters. Requirements for the mandatory carriage and use of these nautical charts by certain vessels are established by the U.S. Coast Guard and are published in Titles 33 and 46, Code of Federal Regulations. In revisions to SOLAS that will enter into force in July 2002, “nautical chart or nautical publication” are defined as “a special-purpose map or book, or a specially compiled database from which such a map or book is derived that is issued officially by or on the authority of a Government authorized Hydrographic Office or other relevant
government institution and is designed to meet the requirements of marine navigation.” As these terms had not previously been defined, and as Coast Guard regulations require carriage of nautical charts, NOAA believed it appropriate to state the products that meet the SOLAS definition.

Policy Statement

The following items are nautical charts for purposes the 1974 International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, as amended. Each contains sufficient navigation and safety information to meet the definition of “nautical chart.”

1. A paper nautical chart published by or on the authority of the National Ocean Service, NOAA; or

2. An electronic navigational chart or a raster navigational chart published by or on the authority of the National Ocean Service, NOAA.

Electronic navigational charts and raster navigational charts meet the standards for use in electronic chart display and information systems (ECDIS) in accordance with International Maritime Organization Assembly Resolution A.817(19), as amended. Electronic navigational charts and raster navigational charts are defined by the following specifications of the International Hydrographic Organization:

1. International Hydrographic Organization Special Publication No. 52—“Specifications for Chart Content and Display Aspects of ECDIS,” including all Annexes and Appendices.

2. International Hydrographic Organization Special Publication No. 57—“IHO Transfer Standard for Digital Hydrographic Data,” including all Annexes and Appendices, and

3. International Hydrographic Organization Special Publication No. 61—“Product Specification for Raster Navigational Charts (RNC),” including all Annexes and Appendices.

Nautical charts identified herein are recognizable by the authorized use of the NOAA logo, principally on NOAA-produced products; or by a NOAA-authorized certificate of authenticity on or within the product, principally on products produced on the authority of NOAA.


Jamison S. Hawkins,
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000–0074]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Submission for OMB Review; Contract Funding—Limitation of Costs/Funds

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

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning limitation of costs/funds. A request for public comments was published in the Federal Register at 67 FR 17675 on April 11, 2002. No comments were received.

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 July 10, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVP), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeremy F. Olson, Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501–3221.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

Firms performing under Federal cost-reimbursement contracts are required to notify the contracting officer in writing whenever they have reason to believe—

(1) The costs the contractors expect to incur under the contracts in the next 60 days, when added to all costs previously incurred, will exceed 75 percent of the estimated cost of the contracts; or

(2) The total cost for the performance of the contracts will be greater or substantially less than estimated. As a part of the notification, the contractors must provide a revised estimate of total cost.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 53,456.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 53,456.

Hours Per Response: 5.

Total Burden Hours: 26,728.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVP), Room 4035, 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501–4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000–0074.

Contract Funding—Limitation of Costs/Funds, in all correspondence.

Dated: June 5, 2002.

Al Matera,
Director, Acquisition Policy Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before August 9, 2002.

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