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SUBJECT: Federal Register Notice

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is requesting input regarding proposed changes in federal policies that relate to grants and cooperative agreements. On February 1, 2013, OMB published a notice in the Federal Register entitled, "Reform of Federal Policies Relating to Grants and Cooperative Agreements; Cost Principles and Administrative Requirements (Including Single Audit Act)" (<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-02-01/pdf/2013-02113.pdf>). The deadline for input on this proposal is May 2, 2013.

This very brief description comes from the Federal Register notice of February 1. It states that the proposed guidance

"...would supersede and streamline requirements from OMB Circulars A-21, A-87, A-110, and A-122 (which have been placed in 2 CFR Parts 220, 225, 215, and 230); Circulars A-89, A-102, and A-133; the guidance in Circular A-50 on Single Audit Act follow-up; and pending further review, the Cost Principles for Hospitals at 45 CFR Part 74, Appendix E. The proposal consolidates the guidance previously contained in the aforementioned citations into a streamlined and consolidated format that aims to improve both the clarity and accessibility of the guidance."

See the notice for more details including information about how to submit comments.

For your convenience a portable document format (pdf) of the February 1st notice (72 FR 7282) is attached.

Attachment

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