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Semiannual Regulatory Agenda

**OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET (OMB)**

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**5 CFR Ch. III and 48 CFR Ch. 99**

**Federal Regulations; OMB Circulars, OFPP Policy Letters, and CASB Cost Accounting Standards Included in the Semiannual Agenda of Federal Activities**

**AGENCY:** Office of Management and Budget.

**ACTION:** Semiannual regulatory agenda.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is publishing its semiannual agenda of upcoming activities for OMB Circulars, Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) Policy Letters, and Cost Accounting Standards Board (CASB) Cost Accounting Standards.

OMB Circulars and OFPP Policy Letters are published in accordance

with OMB's internal procedures for implementing Executive Order No. 12866 (October 4, 1993; 58 FR 51735). OMB policy guidelines are issued under authority derived from several sources including: Subtitles I, II, and V of title 31, United States Code; Executive Order No. 11541; and other specific authority as cited. OMB Circulars and OFPP Policy Letters communicate guidance, instructions, and information of a continuing nature to executive branch agencies. As such, most OMB Circulars and OFPP Policy Letters are not regulations. Nonetheless, because these issuances are typically of public interest, they are generally published in the **Federal Register** in both proposed (for public comment) and final stages. For this reason, they are presented below in the standard format of "prerule," "proposed rule," and "final rule" stages.

CASB Cost Accounting Standards are issued under authority derived from 41 U.S.C. 422. Cost Accounting Standards are rules governing the measurement, assignment, and allocation of costs to contracts with the United States Government.

For purposes of this agenda, we have excluded directives that outline procedures to be followed in connection with the President's budget and legislative programs and directives that affect only the internal functions, management, or personnel of Federal agencies.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** See agency person listed for each entry in the agenda, c/o Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. On the overall agenda, contact Clarence C. Crawford, (202) 395-3060, at the above address.

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**Proposed Rule Stage**

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
3745	Revision of OMB Circular A-127 To Implement the Federal Financial Management Improvement Act (FFMIA) and To Reflect Updated Financial Management Policies .....	0348-AB46
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3750	Revision to OMB Circular A-110, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Nonprofit Organizations .....	0348-AB49
3751	Procedures for Reconciling and Appealing Address List Information for the 2000 Census of Population and Housing .....	0348-AB48

**Completed Actions**

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
3752	Cost Principles for Educational Institutions (OMB Circular A-21) .....	0348-AB39
3753	Extending the Coverage of Energy Statistical Programs Under the Federal Statistical Confidentiality Order .....	0348-AB45

## OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET (OMB)

## Proposed Rule Stage

**3745. REVISION OF OMB CIRCULAR A-127 TO IMPLEMENT THE FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT ACT (FFMIA) AND TO REFLECT UPDATED FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 31 USC 503 et seq. CFOs Act; PL 104-208, Federal Financial Mgmt. Improvement Act of 1996; 31 USC 3111**CFR Citation:** None**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The Federal Financial Management Improvement Act (FFMIA) of 1996 requires that financial management systems at each Federal agency covered by the CFOs Act, substantially comply with Federal financial management systems requirements, applicable Federal accounting standards, and the U.S. Government Standard General Ledger at the transaction level. The revisions are to incorporate this and other policy updates since the 1993 issuance of the last revision to A-127.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Proposed Revision	06/00/99	
Final Revision	11/00/99	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** Federal**Agency Contact:** Jean Holcombe, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., Room 6025, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503

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**RIN:** 0348-AB46**3746. POLICIES ON MANAGEMENT OF FEDERAL INFORMATION RESOURCES (CIRCULAR NO. A-130)****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** PL 104-106**CFR Citation:** None**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** OMB Circular A-130, Management of Federal Information Resources, establishes policies for the

management of Federal information resources and provides certain procedures and analytical guidelines for implementing specific aspects of these policies. OMB is reviewing the Circular for consistency with the Information Technology Management Reform Act (ITMRA) of 1996, P.L. 104-106. This proposed revision is consistent with the National Performance Reviews reinventing government efforts.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Proposed Revision	05/00/99	
Final Revision	12/00/99	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Jasmeet Seehra, Senior Policy Analyst, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10236, NEOB, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503  
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Fax: 202 395-5167**RIN:** 0348-AB36**3747. COST ACCOUNTING STANDARDS ADMINISTRATION****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 41 USC 422**CFR Citation:** 48 CFR 99**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The Cost Accounting Standards Board is proposing to revise its rules concerning cost accounting practice changes.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	04/25/95	60 FR 20252
ANPRM Comment Period End	07/10/95	
NPRM	09/18/96	61 FR 49196
NPRM Comment Period End	12/02/96	
NPRM Comment Period Extended to 09/12/97	07/14/97	62 FR 37654
NPRM Comment Period Extended to 08/00/99	06/00/99	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Procurement:** This is a procurement-related action for which there is no statutory requirement. There is no paperwork burden associated with this action.**Agency Contact:** Rudolph Schuhbauer, Project Director, Cost Accounting Standards Board, Office of Management and Budget, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, Washington, DC 20503

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**RIN:** 0348-AB25**3748. SUBCONTRACTING PLANS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 15 USC 637(d); PL 103-355, sec 1091; 41 USC 405**CFR Citation:** 48 CFR 19.7**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** OFPP proposes to issue a Policy Letter that covers subcontracting plans. This Policy Letter supersedes and cancels OFPP Policy Letter 80-1, 80-2, Supplement No. 1 to 80-2, and 80-4.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Proposed Policy Letter	09/26/95	60 FR 49644
Second Proposed Policy Letter	05/00/99	
Final Policy Letter	11/00/99	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions, Organizations**Government Levels Affected:** None**Procurement:** This is a procurement-related action for which there is a statutory requirement. There is no paperwork burden associated with this action.**Agency Contact:** Linda Williams, Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Management and Budget, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, Washington, DC 20503

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**RIN:** 0348-AB31

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Final Rule Stage

**3749. REVISION TO OMB CIRCULAR NO. A-125, "PROMPT PAY"****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 31 USC ch 39**CFR Citation:** None**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** Circular A-125 prescribes policy for the Executive departments and agencies in paying for goods and services pursuant to the Prompt Payment Act of 1982 as amended. These revisions will incorporate provisions of the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996. This proposed revision is consistent with the National Performance Reviews reinventing government efforts.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Proposed Revision	06/17/98	63 FR 33000
Comments Due	08/17/98	
Final Revision	04/00/99	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** Federal

**Procurement:** This is a procurement-related action for which there is no statutory requirement. There is no paperwork burden associated with this action.

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**RIN:** 0348-AB47**3750. • REVISION TO OMB CIRCULAR A-110, UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANTS AND AGREEMENTS WITH INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, HOSPITALS, AND OTHER NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** PL 105-277**CFR Citation:** None**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** Pub. L. 105-277 directs OMB to amend section 36 of OMB Circular A-110 to require Federal awarding agencies "to ensure that all data produced under an award will be made available to the public through the procedures established under the Freedom of Information Act."

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Proposed Revision	02/04/99	64 FR 5684
Final Revision	09/00/99	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** Federal

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**RIN:** 0348-AB49**3751. PROCEDURES FOR RECONCILING AND APPEALING ADDRESS LIST INFORMATION FOR THE 2000 CENSUS OF POPULATION AND HOUSING****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** PL 103-430 The Census Address List Improvement Act of 1994**CFR Citation:** None**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The Office of Management and Budget and the Bureau of the Census are providing notice of the final procedures and schedule for developing the address information that will be used in conducting Census 2000.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Proposed	03/27/98	63 FR 14978
Final Notice	05/00/99	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Governmental Jurisdictions**Government Levels Affected:** Local, Tribal, Federal

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**RIN:** 0348-AB48

## OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET (OMB)

Completed Actions

**3752. COST PRINCIPLES FOR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS (OMB CIRCULAR A-21)****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 31 USC 503 et seq, CFOs Act; 31 USC 1111**CFR Citation:** None**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** These revisions address benchmarks for facility costs; an alternate methodology for the recovery of utility costs; and allowance of trustee travel expenses.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Proposed Revision	09/10/97	62 FR 47722
Final Revision	06/01/98	63 FR 29786
Second Revision - Interim Final	06/01/98	63 FR 29786
Final Action	10/27/98	63 FR 57332

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 0348-AB39**3753. EXTENDING THE COVERAGE OF ENERGY STATISTICAL PROGRAMS UNDER THE FEDERAL STATISTICAL CONFIDENTIALITY ORDER****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 31 USC 1104(d); EO 10253; 44 USC ch 35**CFR Citation:** None**Legal Deadline:** None

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## Completed Actions

**Abstract:** This proposal extends the coverage of energy statistical programs under the Federal Statistical Confidentiality Order.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Proposed Revision	06/27/97	62 FR 35049
Withdrawn	03/19/99	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

**Required:** No

**Government Levels Affected:** Federal

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