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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 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 11541; and other specific authority as cited. OMB Circulars and OFPP Policy Letters communicate guidance, instructions 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.

Dated: October 5, 1999

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Proposed Rule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identification Number
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3913	Policies on Management of Federal Information Resources (OMB Circular No. A-130)	0348-AB36
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3918	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
3919	Procedures for Participating in the Census Bureau Reconciliation and the OMB Appeal Processes for the Development of the Census 2000 Address List	0348-AB48

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Proposed Rule Stage

3911. 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, Chief Financial Officer's Act of 1990; PL 104-208, Federal Financial Management Improvement Act of 1996; 31 USC 3111**CFR Citation:** Not Yet Determined**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	10/00/99	
Final Revision	02/00/00	

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

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Final Rule Stage

3912. REVISION TO OMB CIRCULAR NO. A-125, "PROMPT PAY"**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 31 USC ch 39**CFR Citation:** Not Yet Determined**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The final rule will replace OMB Circular A-125 "Prompt Pay." These revised "Prompt Pay" rules incorporate provisions of the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 and OMB is adopting them as codified regulations at a new part 1315 of title 5, CFR. 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	10/00/99	

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.**Agency Contact:** Thomas Stack, Chief, Credit and Cash Management Branch, Office of Management and Budget, Room 9201, NEOB, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503Phone: 202 395-1457
Email: tstack@omb.eop.gov**RIN:** 0348-AB47**3913. POLICIES ON MANAGEMENT OF FEDERAL INFORMATION RESOURCES (OMB CIRCULAR NO. A-130)****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** PL 104-106**CFR Citation:** Not Yet Determined**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, Public Law 104-106. This proposed revision is consistent with the National Performance Reviews reinventing government efforts.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Proposed Revision	05/00/00	
Final Revision	08/00/00	

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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RIN: 0348-AB36**3914. • COST PRINCIPLES FOR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS (OMB CIRCULAR A-21)****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 31 USC 503 et seq, Chief Financial Officer's Act of 1990; 31 USC 1111**CFR Citation:** None**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** OMB's proposal for a standard format to submit rate proposals by educational institutions under OMB Circular A-21.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Proposed Revision	08/12/99	64 FR 44062
Final Revision	12/00/99	

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3915. 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 09/12/1997	07/14/97	62 FR 37654
NPRM Comment Period Extended to 10/19/1999	08/20/99	64 FR 45700
Final Action	06/00/00	

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.

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3916. 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	04/02/99	64 FR 16001
Final Policy Letter	05/00/00	

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.

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3917. GOALS FOR PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: PL 103-355, sec 7106; PL 105-135, sec 603; 41 USC 405

CFR Citation: None

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: OFPP proposes to issue guidance on implementing government-wide goals for procurement contracts awarded to small businesses, HUBZone small businesses, small disadvantaged businesses, and women-owned small businesses. This Policy Letter supersedes and cancels OFPP Policy Letter 91-1.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Proposed Policy Letter	04/02/99	64 FR 16003
Final Policy Letter	12/00/99	

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.

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3918. 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: Public Law 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
Clarifying Changes to Proposed Revision	08/11/99	64 FR 43786
Final Revision	10/08/99	64 FR 54926

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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**3919. PROCEDURES FOR
PARTICIPATING IN THE CENSUS
BUREAU RECONCILIATION AND THE
OMB APPEAL PROCESSES FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT OF THE CENSUS
2000 ADDRESS LIST**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: PL 103-430, The
Census Address List Improvement Act
of 1994

CFR Citation: Not Yet Determined

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 Notice	03/27/98	63 FR 14978
Final Notice	06/30/99	64 FR 35548

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** Yes

Small Entities Affected: Governmental
Jurisdictions

Government Levels Affected: Federal,
Local, Tribal

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