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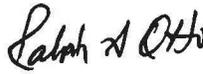
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SUBJECT: Federal Register Notice

A Federal Register notice of interest was published on Thursday, March 21, 2013 (78 FR 17300) by the Office of Management and Budget (available via <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-03-21/pdf/2013-06455.pdf>).

The Notice extends the opportunity to comment on a previous publication (February 1, 2013; 78 FR 7282) of a notice entitled, "Reform of Federal Policies Relating to Grants and Cooperative Agreements; Cost Principles and Administrative Requirements (Including Single Audit Act)" (available via <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-02-01/pdf/2013-02113.pdf>). The initial Notice provided a very brief description that 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."

The new deadline for submitting comments is June 2, 2013. See either notice for information about how to submit comments.

For your convenience portable document format (pdf) versions of the documents also are attached.

Attachments