

unsupported personnel costs and unsupported fringe benefit, training, and other costs disallowed by the PDL are allowable. After consideration of this documentation and analysis, the Department proposes to compromise the claim of \$684,299 for \$607,906.08; nearly 90% of the amount disallowed by the Director in the PDL.

Based on the amount that would be repaid by CUSD 300 under the proposed settlement agreement, the documentation CUSD 300 submitted during settlement discussions, and the litigation risks and costs of proceeding through the administrative and, possibly, court process for this appeal, the Department has determined that it would not be practical or in the public interest to continue this proceeding. Rather, under the authority in 20 U.S.C. 1234a(j), the Department has determined that compromise of this claim for \$607,906.08 is appropriate.

The public is invited to comment on the Department's intent to compromise this claim. Additional information may be obtained by calling or writing to Ronald B. Petracca, Esq. at the telephone number and address listed at the beginning of this document.

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**Program Authority:** 20 U.S.C. 1234a(j).

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**Jack Martin,**

*Chief Financial Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Office of Special Education Programs, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed extension of project period and waiver.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary proposes to waive the requirements in Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), at 34 CFR 75.250 and 75.261(a), that generally prohibit project periods exceeding 5 years and project extensions involving the obligation of additional Federal funds to enable the Technical Assistance ALLIANCE for Parent Centers to receive funding from April 1, 2003, until September 30, 2003.

**DATES:** We must receive your comments on or before March 3, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Address all comments concerning this proposal to Debra Sturdivant or Donna Fluke, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 3527, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2641. If you prefer to send your comments through the Internet, use the following address: [Debra.Sturdivant@ed.gov](mailto:Debra.Sturdivant@ed.gov) or [Donna.Fluke@ed.gov](mailto:Donna.Fluke@ed.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Debra Sturdivant, Telephone: (202) 205-8038, or Donna Fluke, Telephone: (202) 205-9161.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Invitation to Comment

We invite you to submit comments regarding this proposed extension of project period and waiver.

During and after the comment period, you may inspect all public comments about this extension of project period and waiver in Room 3414, Switzer Building, 330 C Street, SW., Washington, DC, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., eastern time, Monday through Friday of each week except Federal holidays.

### Assistance to Individuals With Disabilities in Reviewing the Rulemaking Record

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#### Background

On July 29, 2002, we published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 49014-49015) a notice of extension of project period and waiver. In this notice we announced that the Secretary intends to redesign the technical assistance component of the Training and Information for Parents of Children with Disabilities program and provide funding in fiscal year 2003. The notice of waiver and extension of project period was issued to enable the current technical assistance provider, the Technical Assistance ALLIANCE for Parent Centers Project to receive funding from October 1, 2002, until March 31, 2003. The grant for the ALLIANCE expired, after a 5-year project period, on September 30, 2002.

Technical assistance is provided on an ongoing basis to parent centers, and it would be contrary to the public interest to have any service lapses for the parent centers being served by the current grantee.

#### Reasons

We have determined that an additional period of time is needed for redesigning the technical assistance component. To avoid any lapse in service for the intended beneficiaries before the redesigned technical assistance component can be fully implemented, the Secretary proposes to fund this project until September 30, 2003. However, to do so, the Secretary must waive the requirements in 34 CFR 75.250 and 75.261(c)(2), which prohibit project periods exceeding 5 years and period extensions that involve the obligation of additional Federal funds. We are proposing a waiver at this time in order to give the affected grantee early notice of the availability of an additional six months of funding.

#### Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

The Secretary certifies that the proposed waiver and extension of the project period will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial