

accomplish any of the purposes of the Act.

The proposed order is intended to vacate the registration of the ICC, in order to allow the Options Clearing Corporation to merge with the ICC. The Commission has considered the costs and benefits of the order in light of the specific provisions of section 15(a) of the Act.

#### 1. Protection of Market Participants and the Public

The ICC does not provide any clearing services to any designated contract markets. Accordingly, the proposed order should have no effect on the Commission's ability to protect market participation and the public.

#### 2. Efficiency and Competition

The proposed order is not expected to have an effect on efficiency or competition.

#### 3. Financial Integrity of Futures Markets and Price Discovery

The proposed order should have no effect, from the standpoint of imposing costs or creating benefits, on the financial integrity or price discovery function of the commodity futures and options markets.

#### 4. Sound Risk Management Practices

The proposed order should have no effect on sound risk management practices.

#### 5. Other Public Interest Considerations

The proposed order will have the positive effect of allowing the OCC to streamline its operations.

### V. Proposed Order

Upon due consideration, and pursuant to its authority under section 7 of the Act to vacate the designation of a registered entity and pursuant to its authority under section 4(c) of the Act to exempt ICC from the requirement that notice be served within 90 days of vacation, the Commission finds that:

(1) The Intermarket Clearing Corporation ("ICC") is currently registered with the Commission as a derivatives clearing organization ("DOC") under section 5b(d) of the Commodity Exchange Act (the "Act");

(2) ICC has not engaged in activity as a DCO for several years;

(3) ICC proposes to merge into The Options Clearing Corporation, which is also registered as a DCO;

(4) Upon the effectiveness of that merger, ICC will cease to exist as a corporate entity;

(5) ICC has requested that the Commission terminate ICC's registration

as a DCO upon the effectiveness of that merger;

(6) The merger of ICC and OCC will take place before the expiration of the ninety day requirement of section 7 of the Act; and

(7) Exempting ICC from the 90-day requirement of section 7 of the Act will have no adverse effect on any of the regulatory or self-regulatory responsibilities imposed by the Act and will be consistent with the public interest.

Therefore, the Commission hereby orders that ICC's designation as a DCO be and hereby is vacated upon the effectiveness of that merger.

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 12, 2003, by the Commission.

**Jean A. Webb,**

*Secretary of the Commission.*

[FR Doc. 03-31220 Filed 12-17-03; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 6351-01-M**

## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Air Force

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Department of the Air Force, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

#### *Title, Form Number, and OMB*

*Number:* Application for Establishment of Air Force Junior ROTC Unit; AFOATS Form 59; OMB Number 0701-0114.

*Type of Request:* Extension.

*Number of Respondents:* 1.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 40.

*Average Burden per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 20.

*Needs and Uses:* The information collection requirement is necessary to obtain information about schools that would like to host an Air Force Junior ROTC unit. Respondents are high school officials who provide information about their school. The completed form is used to determine the eligibility of the school to host an Air Force JROTC unit.

*Affected Public:* Not-For-Profit Institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Mr. Edward C. Springer.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Springer at Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, new Executive Office Building, Washington DC 20503.

**Pamela Fitzgerald,**

*Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

[FR Doc. 03-31169 Filed 12-17-03; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 5001-01-P**

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 20, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Melanie Kadlic, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, or should be electronically mailed to the Internet address [Melanie\\_Kadlic@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Melanie_Kadlic@omb.eop.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2)