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- 2. a form of another department or independent unit;
- (2) require a register of the forms that the forms management officer approves;
- (3) require identification of each form in accordance with a standard identification system of the Division;
- (4) provide for the most economical system by which to prepare, reproduce, and use a form; and
  - (5) require the forms management officer:
- (i) to review periodically each form that has been approved to determine whether the officer still approves the form; and
  - (ii) if not, to remove the form from the register.
  - (b) In addition to any duties set forth elsewhere, the Division shall:
    - (1) develop a standard identification system to identify forms;
      - (2) help each department and independent unit to:
        - (i) develop a proposed plan; and
        - (ii) coordinate the proposed plan with other plans;
      - (3) review each proposed plan;
- (4) approve each proposed plan that meets the requirements of this section; and
- (5) monitor and help in the administration of each plan to ensure compliance.
- (C) (1) IN THE PREPARATION OF A FORM THAT REQUIRES IDENTIFICATION OF INDIVIDUALS BY RACE, THE DIVISION A DEPARTMENT OR INDEPENDENT UNIT SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING RACIAL CATEGORIES:
  - (1) (I) AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKAN ALASKA NATIVE;
  - (<del>2)</del> (<u>II)</u> ASIAN;
  - (3) (III) BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN;
  - (4) (IV) NATIVE HAWAIIAN OR OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER; AND
  - (5) (V) WHITE.
- (D) (2) A FORM THAT REQUIRES IDENTIFICATION OF <u>INDIVIDUALS BY</u> RACE SHALL INCLUDE INSTRUCTIONS THAT MULTIRACIAL RESPONDENTS MAY SELECT ALL APPLICABLE RACIAL CATEGORIES.
- (E) (3) (1) (I) RESPONDENTS SHALL SELECT THEIR OWN ANSWERS, EXCEPT WHEN IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR THE RESPONDENT TO DO SO.