

Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Room 300, 255 East Paces Ferry Road, NE., Mailstop E-13, Atlanta, GA 30305-2209.

L. Authority and Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

This program announcement is authorized under sections 391(a) and 393(a) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280b(a), and 280b-1a), as amended. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.136.

M. Where To Obtain Additional Information

To receive a complete application kit, please call 1-888-GRANTS4. You will be asked to leave your name and address. A complete kit will be mailed to you.

Please refer to Program Announcement 98021 when you request information.

For a complete program description, information on application procedures, an application package, and business management technical assistance, contact: Joanne A. Wojcik, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Announcement 98021, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Room 300, 255 East Paces Ferry Road, NE., Mailstop E-13, Atlanta, GA 30305-2209, telephone (404) 842-6535, E-mail address jcw6@cdc.gov.

See also the CDC home page on the Internet: <http://www.cdc.gov>.

For program technical assistance, contact: Wendy Watkins, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 4770 Buford Highway, NE., Mailstop K-60, Atlanta, GA 30341-3724, telephone (404) 488-4646, E-mail address dmw7@cdc.gov.

Dated: February 18, 1998.

Joseph R. Carter,

Acting Associate Director for Management and Operations, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

North American Wetlands Conservation Council; Meeting Announcement

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The North American Wetlands Conservation Council

(Council) will meet on March 11th to review proposals for funding submitted pursuant to the North American Wetlands Conservation Act. Upon completion of the Council's review, proposals will be submitted to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission with recommendations for funding. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: March 11, 1998, 1:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, located at 4301 Wilson Boulevard, Conference Center Room CC2, Arlington, VA. The North American Wetlands Conservation Council Coordinator is located at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 110, Arlington, Virginia, 22203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David A. Smith, Coordinator, North American Wetlands Conservation Council, (703) 358-1784.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (Pub. L. 101-223, 103 Stat. 1968, December 13, 1989, as amended), the North American Wetlands Conservation Council is a Federal-State-private body which meets to consider wetland acquisition, restoration, enhancement and management projects for recommendation to and final approval by the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission. Proposals from State, Federal, and private sponsors require a minimum of 50 percent non-Federal matching funds.

Dated: February 13, 1998.

Paul R. Schmidt,

Acting Assistant Director, Refuges and Wildlife.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Department of the Interior announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) for grantees participating in the Public Law 102-477 program is being forwarded to

the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and extension: Public Law 102-477 Reporting, OMB 1076-0135 (expiring 3-31-98).

The proposed information collection requirement, with no appreciable changes, is submitted to OMB for review and extension, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A). The Department invites public comments on the subject proposal described below.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments regarding this proposal on or before April 27, 1998.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The information collection is needed to document satisfactory compliance with statutory requirements of the various integrated programs. Public Law 102-477 authorizes tribal governments to integrate federally funded employment, training and related services programs into a single, coordinated, comprehensive service delivery plan. Funding agencies include the Department of the Interior, Department of Labor and the Department of Health and Human Services. The Bureau of Indian Affairs is statutorily required to serve as the lead agency. Section 11 of this Act requires that the Secretary of the Interior make available a single universal report format which shall be used by a tribal government to report on integrated activities and expenditures undertaken. The Bureau of Indian Affairs shares the information collected from these reports with the Department of Labor and Department of Health and Human Services.

II. Method of Collection

Public Law 102-477 grantees are required to complete two single page, one-sided report forms and one narrative report, with four pages of instructions, annually. They replace 166 pages of instructions and applications representing three different agencies and twelve different funded but related programs. We estimate a 95 percent reduction in reporting which is consistent with the Paperwork Reduction Act and goals of the National Performance Review. The statistical and narrative report will be used to demonstrate how well a plan was executed in comparison to proposed goals. The financial status report will be used to track cash flow, and will allow an analysis of activities versus expenditures and expenditures to approved budget. It is a slightly modified SF-269-A (short form).

These report forms and narrative are limited but satisfy the Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Labor and the Department of the Interior. They reduce the burden on tribal governments by consolidating data collection for employment, training, education, child care and related service programs. The reports are due annually. These forms have been developed within a partnership between tribes and representatives of all three Federal agencies, to standardized terms and definitions, eliminate duplication and reduce frequency of collection.

Respondents: Tribes participating in Pub. L. 102-477 will report annually. Currently there are 21 grantees participating in the program.

Burden: We estimate that completion of the reporting requirements will require ten hours per year to complete for each grantee.

Request for Comments

Comments may include:

- (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the bureau, including whether the information will have practical utility.
- (b) The accuracy of the bureau's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- (c) The quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- (d) How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to Lynn Forcia, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, MS-4660-MIB, Washington, DC 20240.

All written comments will be available for public inspection in room 4644 of the Main Interior building, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or additional copies of the information collection instructions should be directed to Lynn Forcia, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, MS 4660-MIB, Washington, DC 20240, telephone 202-219-5270 (this is not a toll-free number).

Dated: February 16, 1998.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Indian Education Programs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the Information Collection Request for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Higher Education Grant Program Annual Report Form, OMB No. 1076-0106, requires reinstatement. The proposed information collection requirement, with no appreciable changes, described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13, 44 U.S.C. 350(c)(2)(A). The Bureau is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before April 27, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments are to be mailed to Director, Office of Indian Education Programs, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street NW, Mail Stop 3512-MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240, or hand delivered to Room 3512 at the above address. All written comments will be available for public inspection in Room 3543 of the Main Interior Building, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington D.C., from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Garry R. Martin, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, Mail Stop 3512, Washington, D.C. 20240. Telephone 202-208-3478.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The information collection is necessary to assess annual performance in accordance with 25 CFR, Part 40—Administration Of Educational Loans, Grants And Other Assistance For Higher Education.

II. Method of Collection

The regulations provided in 25 CFR Part 40 contain the program requirements which govern the program. Information collected from the

programs will be used for the continued operation and evaluation of program delivery to ensure continued and expanded opportunities for Indian students.

III. Data

(1) Title of the Collection of Information is the Higher Education Grant Program Annual Report Form, OMB No. 1076-0106. Expiration date: 5-31-98; Type of Review: Renewal of an approved information collection form.

(2) Summary of the Collection of Information: The collection of information provides pertinent data concerning annual performance of the Higher Education Program.

(3) Affected Entities: Bureau and tribally administered higher education grant programs.

(4) Description of the need for the information and proposed use of the information: Submission of an annual report is necessary to assess an annual performance for the expenditure of funds received under the authorizing Act. The information collected with the annual report will be used by the Bureau of Indian Affairs or tribal programs for fiscal accountability. The analysis of data will be utilized for administrative and program planning.

(5) Description of likely respondents including the estimated number of likely respondents and proposed frequency of responses to the collection of information: There are approximately 125 programs that respond annually.

(6) Estimate of total annual reporting and record keeping burden that will result from the collection of information: 375 hours per annum. This form is estimated to average three hours per respondent that includes time for reviewing the instructions, gathering and maintaining data and completing the form. Estimated Annual Costs: \$6,750.00 (375 hours @ \$18.00 per hour).

IV. Request for Comments

The Department of the Interior invites comments on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility.

(b) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including the hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumption used.

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.