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Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Joe Schubart at his e-mail address Joe.Schubart@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 7, 2004.

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) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: April 2, 2004.

Angela C. Arrington,

Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of the Undersecretary

Type of Review: New.

Title: Characteristics of High-Performing Local Adult Education Programs.

Frequency: Other.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 288;

Burden Hours: 396.

Abstract: Site visits to selected high-performing sites to observe characteristics of operations and relations with one stop partners.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No. 84.293B]

Foreign Language Assistance Program (Local Educational Agencies)

AGENCY: Office of English Language Acquisition, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of intent to fund down the grant slate for the Foreign Language Assistance program.

SUMMARY: The Secretary intends to use the grant slate developed for the Foreign Language Assistance program in Fiscal Year (FY) 2003 to make new grant awards in FY 2004. The Secretary takes this action because a significant number of high-quality applications remain on the last year's grant slate and limited funding is available for new grant awards in FY 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Rebecca Richey, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 5617, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-6510. Telephone: (202) 205-9717 or via Internet: rebecca.richey@ed.gov.

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Background

On May 9, 2003, we published a notice in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 24978) inviting applications for new awards under the Foreign Language Assistance program. This notice indicated that the selection criteria, competitive preference priorities, and application requirements contained in the notice would apply to the FY 2003 grant competition only.

We received a significant number of applications for grants under the Foreign Language Assistance program in

FY 2003 and made 74 new grants. Because such a large number of high-quality applications were received, many applications that were awarded high scores by peer reviewers did not receive funding last year.

Limited funding is available for new awards under this program in FY 2004. In order to conserve funding that would have been required for a peer review of new applications submitted under the program, we intend to select grantees in FY 2004 from the existing slate of applicants. This slate was developed during the FY 2003 competition using the selection criteria, competitive preference priorities, and application requirements included in the May 9, 2003 notice. No changes to selection criteria, competitive preference priorities, or application requirements will be required by this action.

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Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7259-7259b.

Dated: April 1, 2004.

Marina Tse,

Principal Associate Deputy Under Secretary, Office of English Language Acquisition, Language Enhancement, and Academic Achievement for Limited English Proficient Students.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA 84.060A]

Indian Education Formula Grants Program

AGENCY: Office of Indian Education, Education.

ACTION: Indian education formula grants to local education agencies—notice

inviting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2004.

Purpose: The Indian Education Formula Grant Program provides grants to support local educational agencies (LEAs) and other eligible entities (described elsewhere in this notice) in their efforts to reform and improve elementary and secondary school programs that serve Indian students. The programs funded are to be based on challenging State academic content and student academic achievement standards used for all students, and be designed to assist Indian students to meet those standards. Section 7116 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA) also authorizes, upon the Secretary's receipt of an acceptable plan for the integration of education and related services, the consolidation of funds for any Federal program exclusively serving Indian children, or the funds reserved under any Federal program to exclusively serve Indian children, that are awarded under a statutory or administrative formula, for the purposes of providing education and related services that would be used to serve Indian students. Instructions for submitting an integration of services plan are included in the application package.

Eligible Applicants: LEAs, certain schools funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Indian tribes under certain conditions, as prescribed by section 7112(c) of the ESEA.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: May 10, 2004. Applications not meeting the deadline will not be considered for funding in the initial allocation of awards. However, if funds become available after the initial allocation of funds, applications not meeting the deadline may be considered for funding if the Secretary determines, under section 7118(d) of the ESEA, that reallocation of those funds to applicants filing after the deadline would best assist in advancing the purposes of the program. However, the amount and date of an individual award, if any, may be less than the applicant would have received had the application been submitted on time.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: July 9, 2004.

Application Available: April 8, 2004.

Available Funds: The appropriation for this program for fiscal year 2004 is approximately \$95,932,638.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$4,000 to \$2,215,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$80,144.

Estimated Number of Awards: 1,197.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Project Period: Up to 36 months for new applications.

Applicable Regulations: The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR Parts 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 84, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99.

Note: The regulations in 34 CFR part 79 apply to all applicants except federally recognized Indian tribes.

For Applications or Information Contact: Cathie Martin, Office of Indian Education, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3W11, Washington, DC. 20202-6335. Telephone: (202) 260-3774. An electronic version of the application is available at: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ous/oie/index.html>.

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Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7421.

Dated: April 1, 2004.

Victoria Vasques,

Deputy Under Secretary and Director for Indian Education.

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