

obligations. The Leader, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. 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. ED 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 respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: November 18, 2004.

Angela C. Arrington,

Leader, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

Type of Review: New.

Title: Data Collection Instrument for the Assistive Technology (AT) Act Title III Alternative Financing Mechanism Program.

Abstract: This data collection will be conducted annually to obtain program and performance information from grantees funded under the Assistive Technology Act, Title III, Alternative Financing Mechanism Program. The AT Act requires that not later than December 31 of each year, the Secretary submit a report to the Congress describing the progress of each alternative financing program funded under Title III toward achieving the objectives of this title. The information collected will assist the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) to comply with a statutory requirement and to respond to the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) requirement to provide outcomes data.

Data will primarily be collected via a web-based reporting mechanism (electronic data collection form).

Additional Information: The forms collect data on grantees' program activities. NIDRR staff will use this information to prepare the annual report to Congress required by the AT Act, meet the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) requirements, and facilitate program planning efforts to respond to reporting requirements under the GPRA of 1993 (Pub. L. 103-62).

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: State, local, or tribal gov't, SEAs or LEAs; Businesses or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 1,987.

Burden Hours: 1,067.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2644. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Potomac Center, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20202-4700. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov or faxed to (202) 245-6621. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements, contact Sheila Carey at her e-mail address Sheila.Carey@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

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, 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 December 29, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Carolyn Lovett, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or faxed to (202) 395-6974.

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, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, 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.

Dated: November 22, 2004.

Angela C. Arrington,

Leader, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Institute of Education Sciences

Type of Review: New.

Title: Impact Evaluation of Charter School Strategies-Baseline Intake and Administrative Records Forms.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Individuals or household; Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 7,300.

Burden Hours: 1,900.

Abstract: The current OMB package requests clearance for the baseline intake and administrative records

instruments to be used in the Impact Evaluation of Charter School Strategies. The baseline intake instrument will collect information from parents of children applying for admission to the charter schools included in the study. The administrative records instruments will be used to collect information on student outcomes such as test scores and will be completed by school or district staff in these charter schools as well as in comparison schools that are attended by control group students. The study will examine the impacts of these charter schools on student outcomes over a two-year follow-up period.

Requests for copies of the submission for OMB review; comment request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2613. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Potomac Center, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20202-4700. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov or faxed to 202-245-6621. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Kathy Axt at her e-mail address Kathy.Axt@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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Dated: November 19, 2004.

Jeanne Van Vlandren,

Director, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: New.

Title: Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) Application for State Grants.

Frequency: One-time.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 35.

Burden Hours: 1,400.

Abstract: The purpose of this information collection is to allow states to apply for funding under the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) program. The information collected in the GEAR UP application package allows the Department to make determinations as to whether potential applicants are eligible for GEAR UP funding and to allow field readers to score and rank applications for the Department to make funding determinations.

This information collection is being submitted under the Streamlined

Clearance Process for Discretionary Grant Information Collections (1890-0001). Therefore, the 30-day public comment period notice will be the only public comment notice published for this information collection.

Requests for copies of the submission for OMB review; comment request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2642. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Potomac Center, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20202-4700. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov or faxed to 202-245-6621. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

DOE Notification That an Additional 45-Days Is Needed To Develop Its Implementation Plan in Response to Recommendation 2004-1 of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, Oversight of Complex, High-Hazard Nuclear Operations

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation 2004-1, concerning oversight of complex, high-hazard nuclear operations was published in the **Federal Register** on June 7, 2004 (69 FR 31815). The Secretary accepted the Recommendation on July 21, 2004 (69 FR 48476). In accordance with section 315(e) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2286d(e), the Secretary informed the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board that the Department requires an additional 45 days to complete its implementation plan. With the additional 45-days allowed to complete its implementation plan, the Department expects to approve