

Advisor, Office of Patent Legal Administration, Office of the Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy, by telephone at 571-272-7726; or by mail addressed to: Mail Stop Comments—Patents, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The USPTO published a notice for a request for comments on the search templates on May 16, 2006. *See Request for Comments on Patents Search Templates*, 94 FR 28309 (May 16, 2006). The search templates were created to better identify the field of search, search tools, and search methodologies which should be considered each time an invention related to a particular USPC is searched.

The USPTO is proposing to remove the search templates from its Web site. The search templates are currently out-of-date since they include, for example, outdated commercial database vendor information that could be misleading for external stakeholders. Also, the search templates are indexed under USPC, which will no longer be used. Updating the search templates, which would require the editing of over 1200 pages, would not be an efficient use of USPTO resources since the templates are rarely used by the public. Additionally, CPC, the new internationally compatible classification system, was launched in January 2013. CPC is a detailed, dynamic classification system that is based on the IPC and enables patent examiners and the public to efficiently conduct thorough patent searches. As a result of the implementation of the CPC, the search templates will become obsolete. CPC has been jointly developed with the EPO and incorporates the best classification practices of both the U.S. and European systems. The USPTO and the EPO also believe that CPC will enhance efficiency and support work sharing initiatives with a view to reducing unnecessary duplication of work, thereby leading to enhanced patent quality and timelier examination of pending applications. Initial feedback from stakeholders confirms that the transition to CPC is a positive development. More information about CPC can be found at <http://www.cooperativepatentclassification.org>.

Due to the factors discussed above, the Office is proposing the removal of the search templates from the USPTO Web site. Notice and opportunity for public comment are not required prior to removal of the search templates. The Office, however, is publishing this notice for comment as it seeks the

benefit of the public's views on the Office's proposed removal of the search templates. If, after consideration of the comments, the Office goes forward with the elimination of the search templates, a notice to that effect will be published, and any references to the search templates in USPTO documentation (for example, in the Accelerated Examination FAQs) will be updated.

Dated: October 23, 2013.

Teresa Stanek Rea,

Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Deputy Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

Notice of Meeting

The next meeting of the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts is scheduled for 21 November 2013, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission offices at the National Building Museum, Suite 312, Judiciary Square, 401 F Street NW., Washington DC, 20001-2728. Items of discussion may include buildings, parks, and memorials. Draft agendas and additional information regarding the Commission are available on our Web site: www.cfa.gov. Inquiries regarding the agenda and requests to submit written or oral statements should be addressed to Thomas Luebke, Secretary, U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, at the above address; by emailing CFStaff@cfa.gov; or by calling 202-504-2000. Individuals requiring sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired should contact the Secretary at least 10 days before the meeting date.

Dated: October 22, 2013, in Washington DC.

Thomas Luebke,
AIA, Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No. ED-2013-ICCD-0133]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request: Survey of Principals of Rural Schools Receiving School Improvement Grants and Using the Transformation

AGENCY: Institute of Education Sciences (IES), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 3501 *et seq.*), ED is proposing a new information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 30, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting Docket ID number ED-2013-ICCD-0133 or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Acting Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Room 2E105, Washington, DC 20202-4537.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions related to collection activities or burden, please call Katrina Ingalls at 703-620-3655 or electronically mail ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Please do not send comments here.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. 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. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Survey of Principals of Rural Schools Receiving School Improvement Grants and Using the Transformation.

OMB Control Number: 1850-New.

Type of Review: A new information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 221.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 58.

Abstract: This study collects survey data from principals of schools that received federal School Improvement Grants (SIGs) in cohort 1 and implemented the school transformation model. Rural schools and districts often face steep challenges when trying to implement the kinds of staff replacement and on-site professional development practices required in the transformation model. By examining the implementation of the SIG transformation model in challenging rural settings, the study will produce findings that can help policymakers, rural schools, and their partners plan for school improvement. Our study will do this in two ways: (1) By asking principals to specify the extent to which the transformation activities were implemented and the challenges to implementation, and (2) by identifying which activities were supported by technical assistance providers and how sufficient principals found this support.

Dated: October 25, 2013.

Kate Mullan,

Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2013-ICCD-0137]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; 2012/14 Beginning Postsecondary Students Longitudinal Study: (BPS:12/14)

AGENCY: Institute of Education Sciences (IES), National Center for Education Statistics; Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 3501 *et seq.*), ED is

proposing a revision of an existing information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 29, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting Docket ID number ED-2013-ICCD-0137 or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted. Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Acting Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Room 2E105, Washington, DC 20202-4537.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions related to collection activities or burden, please call Kathy Axt at 540-776-7742 or electronically mail ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Please do not send comments here.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. 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. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: 2012/14 Beginning Postsecondary Students Longitudinal Study: (BPS:12/14).

OMB Control Number: 1850-0631.

Type of Review: A revision of an existing information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 29,355.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 12,532.

Abstract: The 2012/14 Beginning Postsecondary Students Longitudinal Study (BPS:12/14), conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), is designed to follow a cohort of students who enroll in postsecondary education for the first time during the 2011-2012 academic year, irrespective of date of high school completion. The study collects data on student persistence in, and completion of, postsecondary education programs; their transition to employment; demographic characteristics; and changes over time in their goals, marital status, income, and debt, among other measures. Data from BPS are used to help researchers and policymakers better understand how financial aid influences persistence and completion, what percentages of students complete various degree programs, what early employment and wage outcomes are for certificate and degree attainees, and why students leave school. This request is to conduct the BPS:12/14 first follow-up, including panel maintenance, student interviews, and administrative record matching. NCES conducted the BPS:12/14 field test data collection in spring 2013, and this submission is for the full scale data collection.

Dated: October 25, 2013.

Kate Mullan,

Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2013-ICCD-0135]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; High School Equivalency Program (HEP) Annual Performance Report

AGENCY: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE), ED.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is