

6. *Project Director's Meeting:* Applicants approved for funding under this competition must attend a two-day meeting for project directors at a location to be determined in the continental United States during each year of the project. Applicants may include the cost of attending this meeting in their proposed budgets.

VII. Agency Contact

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Eddie Moat, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., Room 4W259, Washington, DC 20202-5970. Telephone: (202) 401-2266 or by email: charterschools@ed.gov.

If you use a TDD or a TTY, call the FRS, toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

VIII. Other Information

Accessible Format: Individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an accessible format (e.g., braille, large print, audiotape, or compact disc) on request to the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** in section VII of this notice.

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Margo Anderson,

Acting Assistant Deputy Secretary for Innovation and Improvement.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2016-ICCD-0092]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; EDFacts Data Collection School Years 2016-17, 2017-18, and 2018-19

AGENCY: National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing a revision of an existing information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 13, 2017.

ADDRESSES: To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED-2016-ICCD-0092. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number 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 Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Room 224-84, Washington, DC 20202-4537.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact NCES Information Collections at NCES.Information.Collections@ed.gov.

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: EDFacts Data Collection School Years 2016-17, 2017-18, and 2018-19.

OMB Control Number: 1850-0925.

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

Respondents/Affected Public: State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 61.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 126,800.

Abstract: EDFacts is a U.S. Department of Education (ED) initiative to collect, analyze, report on and promote the use of high-quality, pre-kindergarten through grade 12 (pre-K-12) performance data for use in education planning, policymaking, and management and budget decision making to improve outcomes for students. EDFacts enables the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) to report on students, schools, staff, services, and education outcomes at the state, district, and school levels, by centralizing data provided by state education agencies, local education agencies, and schools. This centralized approach provides ED users with the ability to efficiently analyze and report on submitted data and has reduced the reporting burden for state and local data producers through the use of streamlined data collection, analysis, and reporting tools. EDFacts collects information on behalf of ED grant and program offices for approximately 180 data groups for all 50 states, Washington DC, Puerto Rico, and seven outlying areas and freely associated states (American Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Marshall Islands, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Republic of Palau, and the U.S. Virgin Islands), the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA), and the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE). NCES seeks authorization from OMB to revise its EDFacts data collection and is requesting a new

clearance for the 2016–17, 2017–18, and 2018–19 school years in order to support the Elementary and Secondary Act (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) in December, 2015. In response to the 60-day public comment period announced in the **Federal Register** on August 24, 2016, ED received comments from 21 distinct commenters and 5 anonymous submissions. A summary of the comments and ED's responses are provided in Attachment F. This notice announces that the revised collection package is now available for a 30-day public comment period. This submission includes a few proposed changes to the EDFacts data collection. The proposed changes are detailed for review in Attachments C and B.

Dated: January 10, 2017.

Kate Mullan,

Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Request for Public Comment on Draft Consent-Based Siting Process for Consolidated Storage and Disposal Facilities for Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Wastes

AGENCY: Spent Fuel & Waste Disposition, Office of Nuclear Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is designing a consent-based siting process to establish an integrated waste management system to transport, store, and dispose of commercial spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste. In a consent-based siting approach, DOE will work with communities, tribal governments and states across the country that express interest in hosting federal consolidated interim storage facilities and disposal facilities for spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste as part of an integrated waste management system. The Department is seeking input on the *Draft Consent-Based Siting Process for Consolidated Storage and Disposal Facilities for Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Wastes*.

DATES: The 90-day public comment period begins January 12, 2017 and ends April 14, 2017.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on the draft document by any of the following methods:

Email: Responses may be provided by email to consentbasedsiting@hq.doe.gov. Please submit electronic comments in Microsoft Word, or PDF file format, and avoid the use of special characters or any form of encryption.

Mail: Responses may be provided by mail to the following address: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Nuclear Energy, Draft Consent-Based Siting Process, 1000 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20585.

Fax: Responses may be faxed to 202–586–0544. Please include “Draft Consent-Based Siting Process” on the fax cover page.

Online: Responses will be accepted online at www.regulations.gov.

Data collected via the mechanisms listed above will not be protected from the public view in any way. Individual commenters' names and addresses (including email addresses) received as part of this Request for Public Comment are part of the public record. DOE plans to reproduce comment documents in their entirety, as appropriate, and to post all comment documents received in their entirety at energy.gov/consentbasedsiting following the close of the public comment period. Any person wishing to have his/her name, address, email address, or other identifying information withheld from the public record of comment documents must state this request prominently at the beginning of any comment document, or else no redactions will be made.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for further information should be sent to Mr. Andrew Griffith via consentbasedsiting@hq.doe.gov or at U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Spent Fuel and Waste Disposition (NE–8), Office of Nuclear Energy, 1000 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20585. Telephone: (202) 586–3715.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *General Information:* Where can I obtain a copy of the *Draft Consent-Based Siting Process for Consolidated Storage and Disposal Facilities for Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Wastes*?

All documents in the docket are listed in the www.regulations.gov index. You may also download a copy of the document at energy.gov/consentbasedsiting.

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 9, 2017.

Melissa Bates,

Acting Team Lead for Office of Integrated Waste Management, Spent Fuel & Waste Disposition, Office of Nuclear Energy, Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Innovative Pathways Funding Opportunity Announcement

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of funding opportunity announcement.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy's (EERE) Technology-to-Market (T2M) team is issuing a Funding Opportunity Announcement (DE–FOA–0001703) entitled Innovative Pathways. This FOA is seeking to surface new testable and scalable ways to alleviate common structural challenges facing promising new energy technologies on the pathway to market.

DATES: Letters of Intent are requested on or before January 18, 2017 and Full Applications are requested on or before February 15, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are encouraged to submit questions, which must be submitted electronically to T2M@ee.doe.gov. The complete FOA, including the list of specific questions and submission instructions for the Letters of Intent and Full Applications, can be found at <https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions may be directed to Johanna Wolfson, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, EE–61, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585–0121. Telephone: 202–586–1040. Email: T2M@ee.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EERE is seeking proposals under two topic areas: (1) Technical Community and Industry Collaboration, and (2) Lowering Barriers to Resource Access. The two highlighted areas of interest for this FOA are Models for industry-startup partnerships under Topic 1, and New investment models under Topic 2. EERE's intent is to pilot and evaluate new mechanisms, and