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**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: July 21, 2005.

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### Institute of Education Sciences

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* Evaluation of States' Monitoring and Improvement Practices Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

*Frequency:* One time.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs; Federal Government.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

*Responses:* 102.

*Burden Hours:* 204.

*Abstract:* States' monitoring and improvement practices under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) are vital to ensuring that students with disabilities receive a free appropriate public education and that infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families receive early intervention services. The purpose of this study is to evaluate states' monitoring and related improvement

practices under IDEA. This study will describe the nature and scope of monitoring as implemented by the 50 states and the District of Columbia for Parts B and C of IDEA, assess the effect of the quality of states' monitoring and related improvement practices on key outcomes of Parts B and C of IDEA, and identify and develop recommendations for potential best practices in monitoring and identify areas for ongoing technical assistance.

Requests for copies of the information collection submission for OMB review may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2772. 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](mailto:OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-245-6623. 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 Sheila Carey at [Sheila.Carey@ed.gov](mailto: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

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed information collection requests.

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

**DATES:** An emergency review has been requested in accordance with the Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3507 (j)), since public harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by August 3, 2005. A regular clearance process is also beginning. Interested persons are

invited to submit comments on or before September 26, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments regarding the emergency review 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 Director of OMB provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (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 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: July 22, 2005.

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### **Office of Vocational and Adult Education.**

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* The State Scholars Initiative.

*Abstract:* The purpose of the State Scholars Initiative is to support a non-profit entity that will fund state business-education partnerships that promote rigorous course work among high school students in their states, by encouraging and motivating high school students to select rigorous courses of study that will benefit them in their future careers, postsecondary education, or training. The State Scholars cooperative agreement application package includes information for applicants with selection criteria, program requirements, application requirements, and eligibility requirements, along with relevant ED forms.

*Additional Information:* Under the State Scholars Initiative (SSI), the Assistant Secretary seeks to fund a nonprofit entity that will provide federal financial resources under the Perkins Act authority as well as technical assistance and monitoring to state-level business-education partnerships for the purpose of motivating high school students to select and complete rigorous courses of study that will benefit them in their futures, whether they choose to pursue postsecondary education, vocational and technical education and training, or a career, immediately upon graduation from high school.

*Frequency:* One time application.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

*Responses:* 20.

*Burden Hours:* 1,000.

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 2824. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view.

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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](mailto:Sheila.Carey@ed.gov).

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## **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

### **Office of Vocational and Adult Education, Department of Education; Notice of Funding of Continuation Grants and Waiver for the Career Resources Network (CRN) Program**

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary waives the requirements in Education Department General Administrative Regulations, in 34 CFR 75.250, that generally prohibit project periods exceeding five years and announces the funding of continuation grants for the CRNs. This waiver enables the current, eligible CRNs, which implement Statewide, systemic strategies for providing career information resources, to continue to receive Federal funding beyond the five-year limitation.

**DATES:** This notice is effective July 27, 2005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sharon A. Jones, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 11108, Potomac Center Plaza, Washington, DC 20202-7120. Telephone (202) 245-7803.

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Individuals with disabilities may obtain this document in an alternative format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to the contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. 553), the Department generally offers interested parties the opportunity to comment on proposed regulations. However, on July 14, 2005, in accordance with section 553(b) of the APA, the Department gave actual notice to all current, eligible CRN grantees of our proposal to waive 34 CFR 75.250 and to fund continuation grants instead of holding a new grant competition, and invited comments on our proposal. This

waiver enables the Secretary to provide additional funds to all current, eligible grantees for additional periods for as long as Congress continues to appropriate funds for the existing statutory program and during any transition to a new statutory authority. There are no substantive differences between the actual notice of our proposal and this notice of funding of continuation grants and waiver. Therefore, all affected parties were provided actual notice of the Department's proposal and an opportunity to comment in lieu of publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking in the **Federal Register**.

### **Comment**

In response to the actual notice of proposed funding of continuation grants and waiver, and our invitation to comment, thirteen parties submitted comments supporting the proposed waiver and the proposal to fund continuation grants for all current, eligible grantees. We did not receive any comments opposing the proposed waiver and proposal to fund continuation grants, and, therefore, no substantive changes have been made.

### **Waiver of Delayed Effective Date**

The APA requires that a substantive rule shall be published at least 30 days before its effective date, except as otherwise provided for good cause (5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3)). We provided all 57 affected entities an opportunity to submit comments on the Secretary's proposal to waive 34 CFR 75.250 in order to continue eligible current grants. All comments received supported our proposal. In addition, given the fact that the extension of the project period is only for as long as Congress continues to appropriate funds for the existing statutory program or during a transition to any new statutory authority, and in order to make timely continuation grants to the entities affected, the Secretary has determined that a delayed effective date is unnecessary and contrary to the public interest.

### **Background**

The CRN program supports the implementation of Statewide, systemic strategies for providing career information resources, as authorized by section 118(a) of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 (Perkins Act) (20 U.S.C. 2328(a)). The Congress is now in the process of reauthorizing the Perkins Act, and we do not believe it would be in the public interest to hold a new competition until Congress concludes that process.