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Dated: March 7, 2007.

Angela C. Arrington,

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Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Application for Grants Under the Smaller Learning Communities Program.

Frequency: Annually.

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

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 300.

Burden Hours: 18,900.

Abstract: The Smaller Learning Communities Program awards grants to local educational agencies. The grant application package contains information for applicants, including priorities, selection criteria, and requirements, along with standard ED forms. The Department of Education is proposing to revise one priority, establish simpler selection criteria, eliminate the collection of one data element, and require each applicant to provide a copy of its indirect cost rate agreement if it seeks reimbursement of its indirect costs.

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 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 3283. 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 ICDocketMgr@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 electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@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 IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, 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 May 11, 2007.

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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: March 6, 2007.

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IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: New.

Title: FIPSE Performance Reports.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 725.

Burden Hours: 12,000.

Abstract: This collection includes an annual and a final performance report for use with all of the following FIPSE programs: Comprehensive (84.116B), EU-U.S. (84.116J), U.S.-Brazil (84.116M), North America (84.116N), and U.S.-Russia (84.116S) Programs. Also included are an annual and a final performance report for Congressionally-Directed grants (earmarks) (84.116Z). A total of four (4) forms comprise this collection.

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 3287. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Waivers Granted under Section 9401 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as Amended

Summary: In this notice, we announce the waivers that the U.S. Department of Education (Department) has granted, from the date of enactment of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 through December 31, 2006, under the waiver authority in section 9401 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). The Department considered waiver requests in several different categories: (1) Waivers related to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; (2) growth model pilots; (3) waivers allowing local educational agencies (LEAs) to provide supplemental educational services (SES) rather than public school choice to eligible students attending schools that receive funding under Part A of Title I of the ESEA (Title I schools) and are in the first year of school improvement; (4) waivers allowing LEAs in need of improvement to be eligible to apply to their State educational agency (SEA) to become SES providers; (5) general programmatic waivers; (6) extensions of the period in which funds are available for obligation; and (7) waivers allowing recipients of funds under the Indian Education program to charge additional administrative costs to the program.

Waiver Data

I. Waivers Related to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita

Through December 31, 2006, the Department granted the following hurricane-related waivers to States under the general waiver authority in section 9401 of the ESEA:

1. Waiver Applicant: Alabama Department of Education

- *Provisions waived:* Sections 1111(b)(2)(C)(v) and 1111(h)(1)(C) of the ESEA.
- *Date waiver granted:* May 18, 2006.
- *Description of waiver:* Permitted Alabama to create a separate subgroup for students displaced by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita for adequate yearly progress (AYP) decisions based on assessment data for the 2005-2006 school year.

2. Waiver Applicant: Arkansas Department of Education

- *Provisions waived:* Sections 1111(b)(2)(C)(v) and 1111(h)(1)(C) of the ESEA.
- *Date waiver granted:* May 19, 2006.
- *Description of waiver:* Permitted Arkansas to create a separate subgroup for students displaced by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita for AYP decisions based on assessment data for the 2005-2006 school year.

3. Waiver Applicant: Georgia Department of Education

- *Provisions waived:* Sections 1111(b)(2)(C)(v) and 1111(h)(1)(C) of the ESEA.
- *Date waiver granted:* April 19, 2006.
- *Description of waiver:* Permitted Georgia to create a separate subgroup for students displaced by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita for AYP decisions based on assessment data for the 2005-2006 school year.

4. Waiver Applicant: Georgia Department of Education

- *Provisions waived:* Sections 1116(b)(1)(E) and 1116(b)(5)(B) of the ESEA.
- *Date waiver granted:* May 5, 2006.
- *Description of waiver:* For the 2006-2007 school year, because of the large number of students displaced by Hurricane Katrina, permits the Dekalb County School District to provide SES, rather than public school choice, to eligible students attending Title I schools in the first year of school improvement.

5. Waiver Applicant: Louisiana Department of Education

- *Provision waived:* Section 2416(a)(1) of the ESEA.
- *Date waiver granted:* September 21, 2005.
- *Description of waiver:* Waived, with respect to FY 2004 and FY 2005 Title II, Part D, ESEA (Educational Technology) funds, the requirement that districts spend at least 25 percent of those funds on professional development.

6. Waiver Applicant: Louisiana Department of Education

- *Provision waived:* Tydings Amendment, section 421(b) of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA).
- *Date waiver granted:* September 21, 2005.
- *Description of waiver:* Extended by one year the period of availability for all ESEA funds that otherwise would have expired on September 30, 2005.

7. Waiver Applicant: Louisiana Department of Education

- *Provision waived:* Section 1127 of the ESEA.
- *Date waiver granted:* September 21, 2005.
- *Description of waiver:* Permitted Louisiana to waive for its districts, more than once every three years, the 15 percent carryover limitation for FY 2003 Title I, Part A, ESEA funds.

8. Waiver Applicant: Louisiana Department of Education

- *Provisions waived:* Sections 1116(b)(1)(E)(i) and 1116(b)(5)(B) of the ESEA.
- *Date waiver granted:* January 13, 2006.
- *Description of waiver:* For the 2005-2006 school year, permitted the LEAs of three parishes—Orleans, Calcasieu, and Jefferson—to provide SES, rather than public school choice, to eligible students attending Title I schools in their first year of school improvement.

9. Waiver Applicant: Louisiana Department of Education

- *Provision waived:* Tydings Amendment, section 421(b) of GEPA.
- *Date waiver granted:* July 27, 2006.
- *Description of waiver:* Extended by one year the period of availability for all ESEA funds that otherwise would have expired on September 30, 2006.

10. Waiver Applicant: Louisiana Department of Education

- *Provision waived:* Section 1127 of the ESEA.
- *Date waiver granted:* July 27, 2006.
- *Description of waiver:* Extended to FY 2004 and FY 2005 Title I, Part A, ESEA funds a previously granted waiver allowing Louisiana to waive for its districts, more than once every three years, the 15 percent Title I, Part A, ESEA carryover limitation.

11. Waiver Applicant: Louisiana Department of Education

- *Provisions waived:* Sections 1111(b)(2)(C)(v) and 1111(h)(1)(C) of the ESEA.
- *Date waiver granted:* August 2, 2006.