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Dated: March 6, 2000.

**William Burrow,**

*Leader Information Management Group,  
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#### Office of Postsecondary Education

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

*Title:* Targeting Teacher Deferment/Teacher Shortage Area Collection (JS).

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs (primary); Individuals or household.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 4748.

Burden Hours: 1077.

*Abstract:* Collection of State proposals for Targeted Teacher Deferment/Teacher Shortage Areas, of the Higher Education Act of 1986.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO IMG Issues@ed.gov or faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Questions regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Joe Schubart at (202) 708-9266. 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 Group, 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 April 10, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, N.W., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address DWERFEL@OMB.EOP.GOV.

**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 Group, 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: March 7, 2000.

**William Burrow,**

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Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

##### Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* Application for the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities National Programs Federal Activities Grants—Counseling Demonstration Program.

*Frequency:* Annually.

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

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:* Responses: 400; Burden Hours: 11,200.

*Abstract:* The Department of Education's Safe and Drug-Free Schools Program supports efforts to promote safe and disciplined schools for all students. In order to establish or expand counseling programs in elementary schools, the Department is providing \$20 million to LEAs that demonstrate the greatest need for counseling services in the schools to be served, propose the most innovative and promising approaches, and show the greatest potential for replication and dissemination. The Department will use the information to make grant awards.

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.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

##### National Energy Technology Laboratory; Notice of Availability of a Financial Assistance Solicitation

**AGENCY:** National Energy Technology Laboratory, Department of Energy (DOE).