

**SUMMARY:** The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, 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 March 30, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Rachel Potter, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10222, 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 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 IC Clearance Official, 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: February 22, 2006.

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#### **Federal Student Aid**

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Regulations for Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act (EADA).

*Frequency:* Annually.

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

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

*Responses:* 1,800.

*Burden Hours:* 9,900.

*Abstract:* The EADA amended the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), to require coeducational institutions of higher education that participate in any program under Title IV of the HEA and have an intercollegiate athletic program, annually to make available upon request a report on institutional financing and student and staff participation in men's and women's intercollegiate athletics. The Higher Education Amendments of 1998 amended the EADA to require additional disclosures, to require that an institution submit its report to the Department of Education, and to require the Department to report to Congress on gender equity in intercollegiate athletics and to make its report and institutions' EADA reports publicly available.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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#### **Office of Postsecondary Education**

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title:* FIPSE Comprehensive Program Grant Application.

*Frequency:* Annually.

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

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: Responses—875. Burden Hours—21,875.*

*Abstract:* The Comprehensive program is a discretionary grant award program of the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE). The program supports innovative reform projects that hold promise as models for the resolution of important issues and problems in postsecondary education. Grants made under this program are

expected to contribute new information in educational practice that can be shared with others.

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 EDUCATION

### Office of Elementary and Secondary Education; Overview Information; High School Equivalency Program (HEP); Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2006

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.141A.*

#### Dates:

*Applications Available:* February 28, 2006.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* April 14, 2006.

*Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:* June 13, 2006.

*Eligible Applicants:* Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs) or private non-profit organizations (including faith-based organizations) that plan their projects in cooperation with an IHE and prepare to operate some aspects of the project with the facilities of the IHE.

*Estimated Available Funds:* \$3,600,000.

#### *Estimated Range of Awards:*

\$150,000-\$475,000.

#### *Estimated Average Size of Awards:*

\$360,000.

#### *Estimated Number of Awards:* 10.

*Maximum Award:* We will reject any application that proposes a budget exceeding \$475,000 for a single budget period of 12 months. The Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education may change the maximum amount through a notice published in the **Federal Register**.

**Note:** The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

*Project Period:* Up to 60 months.

## Full Text of Announcement

### I. Funding Opportunity Description

*Purpose of Program:* The purpose of HEP is to help migrant and seasonal farmworkers and their children obtain a general education diploma (GED) that meets the guidelines for high school equivalency established by the State in which the HEP project is conducted, and to gain employment or be placed in an IHE or other postsecondary education or training.

*Priorities:* This notice contains two competitive preference priorities. In accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(ii) the competitive preference priority for "novice applicant" is from the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) (34 CFR 75.225(a)). In accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(iv) of EDGAR, the competitive preference priority for "prior experience of service delivery" is from section 418A(e) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA) (20 U.S.C. 1070d-2).

*Competitive Preference Priorities:* For FY 2006 these priorities are competitive preference priorities. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i) we award an additional five points to an application meeting the "novice applicant" competitive preference priority, and up to a maximum of 15 additional points to an application meeting the "prior experience of service delivery" competitive preference priority.

These priorities are:

#### *Novice Applicant*

The applicant must be a "novice applicant" as defined in 34 CFR 75.225(a), which refers to an applicant that has never received a grant under this program, has never been a member of a group application that was funded under this program, and has never had an active discretionary grant from the Federal Government in the five years before the submission due date of this current competition.

#### *Prior Experience of Service Delivery*

In accordance with section 418A(e) of the HEA, expiring HEP projects are eligible to receive up to 15 maximum points for prior experience. The Secretary will consider the applicant's prior experience in implementing its expiring HEP project based on information contained in documents previously provided to the Department, such as annual performance reports, project evaluation reports, site visit reports, and the previously approved HEP application.

**Program Authority:** 20 U.S.C. 1070d-2.

*Applicable Regulations:* (a) EDGAR in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 82, 84, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99. (b) 34 CFR part 206. (c) The definition of a migratory agricultural worker in 34 CFR 200.81. (d) 20 CFR 669.110 and 669.320.

**Note:** The regulations in 34 CFR part 86 apply to IHEs only.

## II. Award Information

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## III. Eligibility Information

1. *Eligible Applicants:* IHEs or private non-profit organizations (including faith-based organizations) that plan their projects in cooperation with an IHE and prepare to operate some aspects of the project with the facilities of the IHE.

2. *Cost Sharing or Matching:* This competition does not involve cost sharing or matching.

## IV. Application and Submission Information

1. *Address to Request Application*

*Package:* David De Soto, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Migrant Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3E225, Washington, DC 20202-6135. Telephone: (202) 260-8103 or by e-mail: [david.de.soto@ed.gov](mailto:david.de.soto@ed.gov).