

collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB 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 the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: February 25, 2009.

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Federal Student Aid

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Guaranty Agency Financial Report.

Frequency: Monthly and Annually.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit; State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 468.

Burden Hours: 25,740.

Abstract: The Guaranty Agency Financial Report (GAFR), ED Form 2000, is used by the thirty-six (36) guaranty agencies under the FFEL program, authorized by Title IV, Part B of the HEA of 1965, as amended. Guaranty agencies use the GAFR to: (1) Request reinsurance from ED; (2) request payment on death, disability, closed school, and false certification claim payments to lenders; (3) remit to ED refunds on rehabilitated loans and consolidation loans; (4) remit to ED default and wage garnishment collections. ED also uses report data to monitor the guaranty agency's financial activities (agency federal fund and agency operating fund) and each agency's Federal receivable balance.

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 3949. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically

mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202-401-0920. 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

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Correction notice.

SUMMARY: On February 25, 2009, the Department of Education published a comment period notice in the **Federal Register** (Page 8515, Column 2) for the information collection, "Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Deferment Request Forms". This notice amends the invitation for comment period for interested persons to March 27, 2009. The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, hereby issues a correction notice as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

Dated: February 26, 2009.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education; Overview Information; Early Reading First Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Numbers: 84.359A and B.

Dates: Applications Available: March 3, 2009.

Deadline for Transmittal of Pre-Applications: April 2, 2009.

Deadline for Transmittal of Full Applications: June 16, 2009 (for applicants invited to submit full applications only).

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: August 17, 2009.

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: This program supports local efforts to enhance the oral language, cognitive, and early reading skills of preschool-aged children, especially those from low-income families, through strategies, materials, and professional development that are grounded in scientifically based reading research.

The specific activities for which recipients must use grant funds are identified in section 1222(d) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA). This and other relevant provisions of the ESEA are included in the application package.

Statutory Requirements: All applicants must meet the application requirements established in section 1222(b) of the ESEA in order to be considered for funding. All applications must include a description of the following:

(1) The programs to be served by the proposed project, including demographic and socioeconomic information on the preschool-aged children enrolled in the programs;

(2) How the proposed project will enhance the school readiness of preschool-aged children in high-quality oral language and literature-rich environments;

(3) How the proposed project will prepare and provide ongoing assistance to staff in the programs, through professional development and other support, in providing high-quality language, literacy, and prereading activities using scientifically based reading research, for preschool-aged children;

(4) How the proposed project will provide services and use instructional materials that are based on scientifically based reading research on early language acquisition, prereading activities, and the development of spoken vocabulary skills;

(5) How the proposed project will help staff in the programs to meet more effectively the diverse needs of preschool-aged children in the community, including such children with limited English proficiency, disabilities, or other special needs;

(6) How the proposed project will integrate such instructional materials and literacy activities with existing preschool programs and family literacy services;

(7) How the proposed project will help children, particularly children experiencing difficulty with spoken language, prereading, and early reading