

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests**

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, 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 June 5, 2009.

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 Director, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, 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.

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: April 1, 2009.

Angela C. Arrington,

Director, Information Collections Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.

Institute of Education Sciences

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: National Household Education Survey (NHES): 2009 Pilot Test.

Frequency: One time.

Affected Public: Individuals or household.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 9,292.

Burden Hours: 1,549.

Abstract: The National Household Education Surveys Program (NHES) collects data directly from households on early childhood care and education, children's readiness for school, parent perceptions of school safety and discipline, before- and after-school activities of school-age children, participation in adult and continuing education, parent involvement in education, school choice, homeschooling, and civic involvement. NHES surveys have been conducted approximately every other year from 1991 through 2007 using random digit dial (RDD) sampling and telephone data collection from landline telephones only. Each survey collection included the administration of household screening questions (Screener) and two or three topical surveys. Like virtually all RDD surveys, NHES Screener response rates have declined (from above 80% in early 1990s to 53% in 2007) and the decline in the percentage of households without landline telephones (from ~93% in early 2004 to about 80% in the first half of 2008; mostly due to conversion to cellular-only coverage) raises issues about population coverage. While studies examining possible biases in the NHES survey estimates have not identified nonresponse bias, some indications of possible coverage bias were detected in a special bias study conducted in 2007. As a result, NCES is redesigning the NHES program to develop and assess approaches to collecting data with improved response and population coverage. The Pilot Test will be conducted in the fall of 2009 to examine proposed methods on a smaller and more economical scale prior to a large-scale Field Test planned for 2011. The NHES:2009 Pilot Test will use a reduced sample (approximately 10% of the anticipated 2011 Field Test sample size) and involve screening of approximately 11,800 households to identify those with eligible children and youth.

Parents or guardians of sampled children will be (ECPP), and the Parent and Family Involvement in Education Survey (PFI). The PFI Survey has been divided into two questionnaire forms for ease of self-administration: One focuses on children enrolled in school for kindergarten through 12th grade and one focuses on children who are homeschooled.

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 3997. 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., 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**Higher Education Disaster Relief**

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice reopening the Higher Education Disaster Relief fiscal year (FY) 2009 competition.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.938R.

SUMMARY: On January 16, 2009, we published in the **Federal Register** (74 FR 3005) a notice inviting applications for the new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2009 under the Higher Education Disaster Relief Program. On January 26, 2009, we published in the **Federal Register** (74 FR 4417) a notice correcting the date for transmittal of pre-applications and the date for transmittal of applications. The January 26, 2009 notice established a new February 4, 2009 deadline date for eligible applicants to submit a pre-application for this funding. The January 26, 2009 notice also provided that only applicants who timely submitted a pre-application and received an e-mail from

the Department with the applicant's calculated allotment for an award were eligible to submit an application by the new March 19, 2009 application deadline.

To afford an opportunity to receive funding to those eligible applicants that submitted their pre-applications on time, we are reopening the Higher Education Disaster Relief FY 2009 competition only for eligible applicants who timely submitted a pre-application and received an e-mail from the Department with the applicant's calculated allotment for an award.

Note: The January 16, 2009 **Federal Register** notice is available at: <http://www.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister/announcements/2009-1/011609c.html>. The January 26, 2009 **Federal Register** correction notice is available at: <http://www.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister/announcements/2009-1/012609d.html>.

Applicants that successfully submitted their complete applications on or before the deadline date of March 19, 2009 are not required to resubmit their applications. All other eligible applicants who timely submitted a pre-application and received an e-mail from the Department with the applicant's calculated allotment for an award must submit their applications by mail as provided in this notice.

All information in the January 16, 2009 notice, as amended by the January 26, 2009 correction notice, remains the same, except for the following updates.

DATES: Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: April 8, 2009.

Note: Applications for grants under the Higher Education Disaster Relief program must be mailed on or before the application deadline date, for next business-day delivery, to the Department at the following address:

U.S. Department of Education,
Application Control Center,
Attention: (CFDA Number 84.938R),
550 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC
20202-4260.

You must show proof of mailing consisting of one of the following:

(1) A legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark with evidence demonstrating that next business-day delivery was scheduled.

(2) A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service with evidence demonstrating that next business-day delivery was scheduled.

(3) A dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier.

(4) Any other proof of mailing acceptable to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education.

If you mail your application through the U.S. Postal Service, we do not

accept either of the following as proof of mailing:

(1) A private metered postmark.

(2) A mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Service.

If your application is postmarked after the application deadline date, we will not consider your application.

Note: The U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark. Before relying on this method, you should check with your local post office.

Note for Mail of Paper Applications: When you mail your application to the Department—

(1) You must indicate on the envelope and—if not provided by the Department—in Item 11 of the SF 424, the CFDA Number, including suffix letter, if any, of the competition under which you are submitting your application; and

(2) The Application Control Center will mail to you a notification of receipt of your grant application. If you do not receive this notification within 15 business days from the application deadline date, you should call the U.S. Department of Education Application Control Center at (202) 245-6288.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Cassandra Courtney, Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education, 1900 K Street, NW., 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20006-8544. *Telephone:* (202) 502-7506 or by *e-mail:* HEDR@ed.gov or Cassandra.Courtney@ed.gov.

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

Accessible Format: Individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an accessible format (*e.g.*, braille, large print, audiotope, or computer diskette) on request to the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Electronic Access to This Document: You can view this document, as well as all other documents of this Department published in the **Federal Register**, in text or Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) on the Internet at the following site: <http://www.ed.gov/news/fedregister>.

To use PDF you must have Adobe Acrobat Reader, which is available free at this site. If you have questions about using PDF, call the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO), toll free, at 1-888-293-6498; or in the Washington, DC, area at (202) 512-1530.

Note: The official version of this document is the document published in the **Federal Register**. Free Internet access to the official edition of the **Federal Register** and the Code

of Federal Regulations is available on GPO Access at: <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/nara/index.html>.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1138-1138d.

Delegation of Authority: The Secretary of Education has delegated authority to Daniel T. Madzellan, Director, Forecasting and Policy Analysis for the Office of Postsecondary Education to perform the function of the Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

Dated: March 31, 1009.

Daniel T. Madzellan,

Director, Forecasting and Policy Analysis.

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ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

AGENCY: U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting.

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, April 15, 2009:

2-4 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time (MDT),

[4-6 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)].

PLACE: The Westin Tabor Center, 1672 Lawrence Street, Denver, Colorado 80202, (303) 572-9100.

AGENDA: The Commission will hold a public meeting and a workshop to receive presentations on the following topic: Cost-Saving Practices for Election Management. The Commission will consider other administrative matters. Members of the public may observe but not participate in EAC meetings unless this notice provides otherwise. Members of the public may use small electronic audio recording devices to record the proceedings. The use of other recording equipment and cameras requires advance notice to and coordination with the Commission's Communications Office.*

This meeting will be open to the public.

PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION: Bryan Whitener; *Telephone:* (202) 566-3100.

Thomas R. Wilkey,

Executive Director, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

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* View EAC Regulations Implementing Government in the Sunshine Act.