Dated: November 6, 2000.

John Tressler,

Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

Type of Review: Revision *Title:* State Plan for Independent Living and Center for Independent Living Programs (SC)

Frequency: Annually

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs; Not-for-profit institutions; Individuals or household; Businesses or other for-profit; Farms; Federal Government

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 3,300

Burden Hours: 60

Abstract: Chapter 1 of Title VII of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as Amended (Act) authorizes financial assistance to States for providing, expanding and improving the provision of independent living services, to develop and support Statewide networks of Centers for Independent Living (CIL), to improve working relationships among State Independent Living Services, CILs, Statewide Independent Living Councils, programs funded under other titles of the Act, and other programs that address issues relevant to individuals with disabilities funded by Federal and non-Federal authorities.

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 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 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.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Sheila Carey at (202) 708–6287 or via her internet address *Sheila_Carey@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.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory 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 December 13, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Lauren Wittenberg, Acting Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address Lauren_Wittenberg@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, **Regulatory 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.

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Type of Review: New. *Title:* The National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) Quality of Research Rating Scale.

Frequency: On occasion. *Affected Public:* Individuals or households. *Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:* Responses: 300; Burden Hours: 100.

Abstract: To assess quality of NIDRR funded research, a reliable, valid, and efficient instrument needs to be developed and tested. A form will be administered to 300 people. Responses will be analyzed for validity and reliability. If the results are satisfactory, the form will be used for future quality of research assessment.

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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).

ACTION: Notice of availability of a financial assistance solicitation.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the intent to issue Financial Assistance Solicitation No. DE-PS26-00NT41003 entitled "Infrastructure Reliability for Natural Gas." Natural gas consumption in the U.S. is projected to reach or exceed 32 trillion cubic feet (TCF) per year by 2020, increasing from 22 TCF per year in 1997. In addition, potential lower emission targets for greenhouse gases could even increase the demand for natural gas as high as 35 TCF per year. Maintaining the integrity and efficiency of the gas infrastructure may be the most important challenge to achieving a substantial increase in gas deliverability given the age of the existing pipelines. Technological