

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 February 10, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

**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 of the Information Resources Group publishes this 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 at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

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: December 4, 1996.

Gloria Parker,

*Director, Information Resources Group.*

*Office of Educational Research and Improvement*

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement.

*Title:* The Technology Innovation Challenge Grants Program.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs for LEAs.

*Reporting Burden and Recordkeeping:* Responses: 500; Burden Hours: 12,000.

*Abstract:* This application will be used by eligible consortia composed of local educational agencies, institutions of higher education, private businesses, and other educational or telecommunications entities. The information will be used to make grant awards for the Technology Innovation Challenge Grants Program and to ensure that statutory and regulatory requirements are met.

*Office of Educational Research and Improvement*

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement.

*Title:* Star Schools Program.

*Frequency:* Annually.

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

*Reporting Burden and Recordkeeping:* Responses: 75; Burden Hours: 1,500.

*Abstract:* This application will be used by telecommunications partnerships composed of local school agencies, state education agencies, institutions of higher education, television stations, and other telecommunications agencies including educational radio and TV stations. The information will be used to make awards and to assure that statutory and regulatory requirements are met.

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### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests.

**SUMMARY:** The Director, Information Resources Group, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** An emergency review has been requested in accordance with the Act

(44 U.S.C. Chapter 3507(j)), since public harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by December 30, 1996. Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 10, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments regarding the emergency review should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Wendy Taylor, 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. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 7th and D Streets, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651. Written comments regarding the regular clearance and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651, or should be electronic mailed to the internet address #FIRB@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

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Dated: December 4, 1996.

Gloria Parker,

*Director, Information Resources Group.*

*Office of Educational Research and Improvement*

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Application for Grants Under Library Research and Demonstration Program, Title II-B of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, CFDA #84-039.

*Abstract:* This form will be used by institutions of higher education and library organizations and agencies to apply for funds under the Title II-B of the Higher Education Act (HEA) of 1965, as amended, to carry out research, demonstration and development to improve libraries, training in librarianship, and dissemination of information. The Department will use this information to make grant awards.

*Additional Information:* This year, Congress passed legislation to repeal the HEA II-B, to take effect FY 1998, allowing the current program to continue for FY 1997. An emergency clearance is requested in order to allow applicants sufficient time to apply for funding.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:* Responses: 50; Burden Hours: 1,800.

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**ACTION:** Notice of proposed information collection requests.

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**DATES:** An emergency review has been requested in accordance with the Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3507(j)), since public harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by January 10, 1997. Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 10, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments regarding the emergency review should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Wendy Taylor, Desk Officer: Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 7th & D Streets, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651. Written comments regarding the regular clearance and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651, or should be electronic mailed to the internet address #FIRB@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

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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 of the Information Resources Group, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. 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. ED invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

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Gloria Parker,

*Director, Information Resources Group.*

*Office of Educational Research and Improvement*

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement.

*Title:* Application for Grants Under the Library Research and Human Resource Development Program (Title II-B of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as Amended).

*Abstract:* This form will be used by institutions of higher education and library organizations or agencies to apply for funds under Title II-B of the Higher Education Act (HEA) of 1965, as amended. This discretionary grants program assists in educating and training persons in library and information science through fellowships and institutions. The Department will use the information to make grant awards.

*Additional Information:* This year, Congress passed legislation to repeal the HEA II-B, to take effect FY 1998,