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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 March 11, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Lauren Wittenberg, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address Lauren@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.

Dated: February 4, 2002.

John Tressler,

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

Officer of the Undersecretary

Type of Review: New.

Title: An Evaluation of the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) Training Programs' Responsiveness to State VR Agency Needs for Qualified Personnel.

Frequency: One Time.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 2,897.

Burden Hours: 909.

Abstract: This study evaluates the impact of RSA's Training Program on the supply of qualified rehabilitation counselors needed by State agencies and will identify possible policy options. The study will administer surveys to state vocational rehabilitation (VR) agency personnel including Human Resource Development (HRD) coordinators, supervisors, and counselors, and university-based training programs and former students who received grants from RSA.

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 or to the e-mail address vivian.reese@ed.gov. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO_RIMG@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 of Data by State Educational Agencies

AGENCY: National Center for Education Statistics, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of dates of submission of State revenue and expenditure reports

for fiscal year 2001 and of revisions to those reports.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Education announces dates for the submission by State educational agencies (SEAs) of expenditure and revenue data and average daily attendance statistics on ED Form 2447 (the National Public Education Financial Survey) for fiscal year (FY) 2001. The Secretary sets these dates to ensure that data are available to serve as the basis for timely distribution of Federal funds. The U.S. Bureau of the Census is the data collection agent for the Department's National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). The data will be published by NCES and will be used by the Secretary in the calculation of allocations for FY 2003 appropriated funds.

DATES: The date on which submissions will first be accepted is March 15, 2002. The mandatory deadline for the final submission of all data, including any revisions to previously submitted data, is September 3, 2002.

ADDRESSES: SEAs may mail ED Form 2447 to: Bureau of the Census, ATTENTION: Governments Division, Washington, DC 20233-6800.

SEAs may submit data via the World Wide Web using the interactive form at www.census.gov/govs/www/nperfs.html. If the web form is used, it includes a certification page that can be printed and signed by the authorizing official. This signed page must be mailed within five business days of web form data submission.

Alternatively, SEAs may hand deliver submissions by 4 p.m. (Eastern Time) to: Governments Division, Bureau of the Census, 8905 Presidential Parkway, Washington Plaza II, Room 508, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772.

If an SEA's submission is received by the Bureau of the Census after September 3, 2002, in order for the submission to be accepted the SEA must show one of the following as proof that the submission was mailed on or before the mandatory deadline date:

1. A legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark.
2. A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service.
3. A dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier.
4. Any other proof of mailing acceptable to the Secretary.

If the SEA mails ED Form 2447 through the U.S. Postal Service, the Secretary does 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.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Lawrence R. MacDonald, Chief, Bureau of the Census, ATTENTION: Governments Division, Washington, DC 20233-6800. Telephone: (301) 457-1574. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain this document in an alternative format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to: Frank Johnson, National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC 20208-5651. Telephone: (202) 502-7362.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the authority of section 404(a) of the National Education Statistics Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 9003(a)), which authorizes NCES to gather data on the financing of education, NCES collects data annually from SEAs through ED Form 2447. The report from SEAs includes attendance, revenue, and expenditure data from which NCES determines the average state per pupil expenditure (SPPE) for elementary and secondary education, as defined in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) (currently 20 U.S.C. 8801(12)).

In addition to using the SPPE data as useful information on the financing of elementary and secondary education, the Secretary uses these data directly in calculating allocations for certain formula grant programs, including Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act (Title I), Impact Aid, and Indian Education. Other programs such as the Educational Technology State Grants (Title II, Part D), the Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program under Title VII of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, the Teacher Quality State Grants (Title II, Part A) Program, and the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Program make use of SPPE data indirectly because their formulas are based, in whole or in part, on State Title I allocations.

In January 2002, the Bureau of the Census, acting as the data collection agent for NCES, will mail to SEAs ED Form 2447 with instructions and request that SEAs submit data to the Bureau of the Census on March 15, 2002, or as soon as possible thereafter. SEAs are urged to submit accurate and

complete data on March 15, or as soon as possible thereafter, to facilitate timely processing. Submissions by SEAs to the Bureau of the Census will be checked for accuracy and returned to each SEA for verification. All data, including any revisions, must be submitted to the Bureau of the Census by an SEA not later than September 3, 2002.

Having accurate and consistent information, on time, is critical to an efficient and fair allocation process, as well as the NCES statistical process. To ensure timely distribution of Federal education funds based on the best, most accurate data available, NCES establishes, for allocation purposes, September 3, 2002 as the final date by which ED Form 2447 must be submitted. However, if an SEA submits revised data after the final deadline that results in a lower SPPE figure, its allocations may be adjusted downward or the Department may request the SEA to return funds. SEAs should be aware that all of these data are subject to audit and that, if any inaccuracies are discovered in the audit process, the Department may seek recovery of overpayments for the applicable programs. If an SEA submits revised data after September 3, 2002, the data may also be too late to be included in the final NCES published dataset.

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Authority: 20 U.S.C. 9003(a).

Dated: February 4, 2002.

Grover J. Whitehurst,

Assistant Secretary for Educational Research and Improvement.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Program Interest for Isotopes for Production in Support of Medical and Scientific Research

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of program interest.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announces an unrestricted program which will provide identification of isotopes needed by the research community to explore and develop new and innovative uses for isotopes. These isotopes will be used for production in support of medical and scientific research. The Department's objective of this effort is to poll the research community in order to generate a list of research isotopes that DOE will consider for production for FY 2003 and beyond. A peer-review process that examines the merits of the isotope-based research as described in the Expressions of Interest in response to this Notice of Program Interest (NOPI) will be used to help determine which isotopes will be placed on the Nuclear Energy Protocol for Research Isotopes (NEPRI) list and therefore be eligible for production.

DATES: Opening date: February 18, 2002, and Closing date: March 29, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Complete details, instructions on how to apply, and opening and closing dates will be provided via a formal solicitation document which will be disseminated electronically as solicitation number DE-RI01-02NE00000 through the Department's Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) home page located at <https://doe-iips.pr.doe.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Pantaleo, Jr., Program Manager, at (301) 903-2525, Phyllis Morgan, Contract Specialist at 202-287-1504, and Paul Gervas, Attorney and Advisor at 202-586-6918.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department will support its unique infrastructure for isotope production. Buyers of NEPRI isotopes must cover cost of production. Expressions of Interest will be subject to peer review by the Department's Isotope Review Advisory Panel.

Effective October 1, 1999, the IIPS system became the primary way for the Office of Headquarters Procurement Services to disseminate solicitations and receive responses in a paperless environment. All documents included in your Expression of Interest should be submitted in the Microsoft Word format. To get more information about IIPS and to register your organization, go to