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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, 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 July 3, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, 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 DWERFEL@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, 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: May 26, 2000.

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Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: The Program for North American Mobility in Higher Education.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 20.

Burden Hours: 400.

Abstract: The Program for North American Mobility In Higher Education is a competition grant program which supports institutional cooperation and student exchange among the countries of the U.S., Mexico, and Canada. Funding supports the participation of U.S. institutions and students in trilateral consortia of institutions of higher education. Funding will be multi-year, with projects lasting up to four years.

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 5624, 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 Joseph Schubart at (202) 708-9266 or via his internet address Joe_Schubart@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

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Special Demonstration Programs; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2000

Purpose of Program: To provide financial assistance to support projects or programs that expand and improve the provision of rehabilitation and other services for individuals with disabilities, including technical

assistance that meets the needs of underserved populations.

Eligible Applicants: State vocational rehabilitation agencies; community rehabilitation programs; Indian tribes or tribal organizations; and public or nonprofit agencies or organizations, including institutions of higher education.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: August 1, 2000.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: September 30, 2000.

Applications Available: June 2, 2000.

Available Funds: \$500,000.

Estimated Range of Award: \$400,000 to \$500,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 1.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Project Period: Up to 60 months. The Assistant Secretary believes that a period of at least 36 months is necessary to accomplish the project objectives. The Assistant Secretary will assess, during the third year of the project period, whether there is a continuing need for the project and whether to provide funding beyond 36 months.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99.

Priority

Background

According to section 21 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (Act), Native Americans have a rate of work-related disability that is about one and one-half times that of the general population. Patterns of inequitable treatment of minorities, including Native Americans, have been documented at all stages of the vocational rehabilitation process.

Priority

Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) and section 303(b)(4)(C) and (5)(B)(vi) of the Act, the Assistant Secretary gives an absolute preference to applications that meet the following priority. The Assistant Secretary funds only an application that meets this absolute priority.

A project must create a National Technical Assistance Center that would provide technical assistance to tribes and tribal agencies, State vocational rehabilitation agencies, and other service agencies to increase employment opportunities and vocational outcomes for Native Americans with disabilities.