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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer, 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 January 11, 1999.

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, D.C. 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address Pat_Sherrill@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

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 Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Financial and 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 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: November 5, 1998.

Kent H. Hannaman,

*Leader, Information Management Group,
Office of the Chief Financial and Chief
Information Officer.*

Office of Educational Research and Improvement

Type of Review: New.

Title: Research on Charter School Finances.

Frequency: On occasion.

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

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 693.

Burden Hours: 671.

Abstract: This two-year study explores how state and district policies, as well as charter school practices, affect charter schools' cost-effectiveness and quality. Funding equity and adequacy are assessed. This study proposes to inform policymakers at the federal, state, and local level of the precise effects of varied approaches to charter school finance.

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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 Financial and 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 14, 1998.

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, N.W., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address Werfel_d@al.eop.gov. 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, D.C. 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address Pat_Sherrill@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

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Office of Bilingual Education and Minority Languages Affairs

Type of Review: New.

Title: Annual Survey of Bilingual
Education: State Grant Program.

Frequency: Annually.

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

Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:

Responses: 59.

Burden Hours: 1,180.

Abstract: This information will be used to make funding decisions, to inform the Congress on the status of Limited English Proficient (LEP) students nationwide, and to inform Congress and other entities of the progress of LEP students with each state. The respondents are SEAs charged with the authority to provide technical assistance to LEAs and to collect data on LEP population.

This information collection is being submitted under the Streamlined Clearance Process for Discretionary Grant Information Collections (1890-0001). Therefore, this 30-day public comment period notice will be the only public comment notice published for this information collection.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board; Teleconference

AGENCY: National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board; Education.

ACTION: Notice of Executive Committee teleconference.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming teleconference of the Executive Committee of the National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend the meeting. The public is being given less than 15 days notice of this meeting because of the need to expedite a decision involving other agencies.

DATES: November 12, 1998.

TIME: 1-2 p.m., EST.

LOCATION: Room 100, 80 F St., NW, Washington, DC 20208-7564.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thelma Leenhouts, Designated Federal Official, National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, Washington, DC 20208-7564. Tel.: (202) 219-2065; fax: (202) 219-1528; e-mail: Thelma_Leenhouts@ed.gov. The main telephone number for the Board is (202) 208-0692.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board is authorized by Section 921 of the Educational Research, Development, Dissemination, and Improvement Act of 1994. The Board works collaboratively with the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Educational Research and Improvement to forge a national consensus with respect to a long-term agenda for educational research, development, and dissemination, and to provide advice and assistance to the Assistant Secretary in administering the duties of the Office. The teleconference is open to the public. The Executive Committee will consider issues related to participation in an international study on the impact of information and communication technology on learning and teaching. Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the office of the National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, Suite 100, 80 F St., NW, Washington, DC 20208-7564.

Dated: November 6, 1998.

Eve M. Bither,

Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Education Research Policy and Priorities Board; Meeting

AGENCY: National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board; Education.

ACTION: Notice of Committee Meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Peer Review and Standards Committee of the National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend the meeting.

DATES: December 2, 1998.

TIME: 10-4 p.m., EST.

LOCATION: Room 100, 80 F St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20208-7564.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thelma Leenhouts, Designated Federal Official, National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, Washington, DC 20208-7564. Tel.: (202) 219-2065; fax: (202) 219-1528; e-mail: Thelma_Leenhouts@ed.gov. The main telephone number for the Board is (202) 208-0692.

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Dated: November 6, 1998.

Eve M. Bither,

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science; Continuation of Solicitation for the Office of Science (Formerly the Office of Energy Research) Financial Assistance Program—Notice 99-01

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Annual Notice of Continuation of Availability of Grants and Cooperative Agreements.

SUMMARY: The Office of Science of the Department of Energy hereby announces its continuing interest in receiving grant applications for support of work in the following program areas: Basic Energy Sciences, High Energy Physics, Nuclear Physics, Computational and Technology Research, Fusion Energy Sciences, Biological and Environmental Research and Energy Research Analyses. On