

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION****Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Invitation to comment on the proposed information collection requests.

**SUMMARY:** The Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the 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 September 7, 1999.

**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 Acting 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.

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: July 1, 1999.

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**Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services**

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title:* Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) Peer Review Qualifications Statement.

*Frequency:* Biennially.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:* Responses: 5,000 Burden Hours: 1,250.

*Abstract:* In order for OSERS to conduct a review of its discretionary grant applications, it must be able to select qualified reviewers. This selection is based on the information from the OSERS Peer Reviewer Qualifications Statement that is entered into the OSERS Peer Review System. The potential peer reviewers come from the rehabilitation and special education fields.

Requests for copies of this information collection should be addressed to Vivian Reese, U. S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the Internet address *Vivian Reese @ed.gov*, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

For questions regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements, contact Sheila Carey at 202-708-6287 or electronically mail her at 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.

**Office of Student Financial Assistance**

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title:* Federal Direct Stafford/Ford Loan and/or Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford/Ford Loan Borrower Promises to Repay His or Her Loan.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

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

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:* Responses: 1,828,224 Burden Hours: 1,828,224.

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For questions regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements, contact Joseph Schubart at 202-708-9266 or electronically mail him at 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.

**Office of Postsecondary Education**

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement.

*Title:* The Program for North American Mobility in Higher Education (A Special Focus Competition of FIPSE).

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:* Responses: 80 Burden Hours: 2,400.

*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.

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