

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Indian Affairs****Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request**

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the Information Collection Request for Adult Education Annual Report Form OMB #1076-0120 requires renewal. The proposed information collection requirement, with no appreciable changes, will be submitted after the comment period to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The Bureau is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before October 30, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments are to be mailed or hand delivered to William Mehojah, Director, Office of Indian Education Programs, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1849 C St., NW, Mail Stop Room 3512-MIB, Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Garry Martin, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, MS 3512, Washington, DC 20240; 202-208-3478.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

The information collection is necessary to assess the need for adult education programs in accordance with 25 CFR 46, Subpart A, Sections 46.20 and 46.30.

II. Method of Collection

The Adult Education Program regulations under 25 CFR 46, Subpart A, contain the program requirements which govern the program. Information collected from the contractors will be used for administrative planning, setting short- and long-term goals, and analyzing and monitoring the use of funds.

III. Data

Title of the collection of information: Bureau of Indian Affairs Adult Education Program Annual Report Form. OMB Number: 1076-0120; Expiration Date: August 31, 2001.

Type of review: Renewal of a currently approved information collection.

Summary of the collection of information: The collection of information provides pertinent data concerning the adult education programs.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use of the information: Submission of this information is necessary to assess the need for adult education programs. The information is needed for the utilization and management of program resources to provide education opportunities for adult American Indians and Alaska Natives to complete high school requirements, and to gain new skills and knowledge for individual student self-enhancement.

The information collected with the annual report will be used by the Bureau or tribally-controlled programs for fiscal accountability and appropriate direct services documentation. The results of the data are used for administrative planning.

Affected entities: Tribal adult education contractors.

Estimated number of respondents: 70. Respondents are tribal adult education program administrators.

Proposed frequency of responses: Annually.

Burden: The estimate of total annual reporting and record keeping burden that will result from the collection of information: Reporting 4 hours per response $\times$ 70 respondents = 280 hours.

Estimated annual costs: \$5,040.00 (4 hours $\times$ 70 $\times$ \$18.00 = salary dollars). Cost for record keeping, auditing, is part of their costs for administering this program under Tribal Priority Allocation activity of the tribal budget

IV. Request for Comments

The Department of the Interior invites comments on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the

agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the agencies' estimate of the burden (including the hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumption used;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information, to search data sources, to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection. They also will become a matter of public record.

All written comments will be available for public inspection in Room 3543 of the Main Interior Building, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information, unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget control number.

Dated: June 20, 2001.

James H. McDivitt,

Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs (Management).

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