

institutions and the percentage change in FAFSA submissions for the last completed or almost completed application cycle. The ABM is also based on the application options available to students and parents. The Department accounts for each application component based on web trending tools, survey information, and other Department data sources.

For 2013–2014, the Department is reporting a net burden reduction of 3,398,000 hours. The reduction is a reflection of the effects of simplifying FAFSA on the Web, which is utilized by the majority of applicants who apply for aid. Simplification of the application is demonstrated by (1) the average completion times for initial submissions and; (2) fewer corrections being made to the application.

The projected average completion times for initial submissions has

decreased by 11 minutes for 2013–14. In data reported in the 2012–2013 supporting statement, first-time filers using FOTW would take approximately 1.30 hours (78 minutes) to submit an application. The data from 2011–12 indicate that the same user would be able to submit their application in 1.12 hours (67 minutes), reducing their burden by .18 hours (11 minutes).

Corrections are also projected to decrease by 760,696 responses for 2013–14. Fewer corrections mean that more comprehensive and accurate data was captured in the initial submission of the application.

Updated completion times were calculated for each component and have been used to estimate the burden, excluding the change in the applicant volume. The results demonstrate that the burden for all applicants would have decreased by almost 13 percent or

3,758,702 hours, if the application volume had remained constant.

If the Department had not simplified the application process, thus reducing the time required to complete the FAFSA, the new burden estimates would only need to account for the change in applicants. The 1.43% increase in applicants would result in an increase in burden of 347,945 hours.

Accounting for both the increase in total applicants and the decrease in individual applicant burden, the net change is an overall decrease of almost 12 percent or 3,398,000 hours. The following Table shows the net burden change and total cost for applicants. The change in total annual responses is also listed in the Table. Total annual responses include the original FAFSA submission and corrections.

TABLE 2—NET BURDEN CHANGE

	2012–2013	2013–2014	Change	% Change	Burden disposition
Accounting for change in applicant burden and change in applicants.					
Total Applicants	24,705,864	25,053,809	+347,945	+1.41	Net decrease in burden. The 1.41% increase in applicants is offset by the results of the simplification changes implemented by the Department. This has resulted in an overall decrease in burden of 11.57% or 3,397,545 hours.
Total Applicant Burden	29,357,853	25,959,853	– 3,398,000	– 11.6	
Total Annual Responses	46,447,024	46,099,007	– 348,017	– .75	
Cost for All Applicants	\$234,804.24	\$190,224.76	\$44,579.48	– 18.99	

The Department takes pride in the continued efforts to simplify the FAFSA submission process and the continued decrease in burden associated with the application process, even as the Department serves more students each year. The results confirm the significant improvements that have been made to the application process. The Department believes that these changes will lead to more students completing the FAFSA and will assist more students with their pursuit of postsecondary education through access to Title IV, HEA program assistance.

The Secretary is publishing this request for comment under the Provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.* Under that Act, the Department must obtain the review and approval of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) before it may use a form to collect information. However, under procedure for obtaining approval from OMB, the Department must first obtain public comment of the proposed form, and to obtain that comment, the Department must publish this notice in

the **Federal Register**. In addition to comments requested above, to accommodate the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Secretary is interested in receiving comments with regard to the following matters: (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: August 2, 2012.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests; Office of Vocational and Adult Education; Perkins Discretionary Grant Performance Report

SUMMARY: The Perkins Discretionary Grant Performance Report will be used for interim and final performance reporting. The Perkins Discretionary Grant Performance Report form will also be used by grant recipients for other interim reporting such as quarterly or semi-annual performance and/or financial reporting.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 15, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or mailed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202–4537. Copies of the proposed information collection request may be

accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 04912. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202-401-0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection and OMB Control Number when making your request.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that Federal agencies provide interested parties an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. 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. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Perkins Discretionary Grant Performance Report.
OMB Control Number: 1830-NEW.
Type of Review: New.
Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 88.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 1,556.

Abstract: The Perkins Discretionary Grant Performance Report form and instructions will be used by grantees to meet Department of Education deadline dates for submission of performance and financial reports for the Office of Vocational Adult Education office (OVAE) Division of Academic and

Technical Education (DATE) discretionary grant programs, as required by the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR 34 CFR 74.51, 74.52, 75.118, 75.253, 75.590, and 80.40). The Perkins Discretionary Grant Performance Report will be used by OVAE discretionary grant recipients in lieu of the ED 524B Grant Performance Report and instructions because the ED 524B is not compatible with OVAE-DATE's new Perkins Information Management System. Recipients of multi-year discretionary grants must submit interim performance reports, usually annually, for each year funding has been approved in order to receive a continuation award. The annual performance report should demonstrate whether substantial progress has been made toward meeting the approved goals and objectives of the project. OVAE also requires recipients of "forward funded" grants that are awarded funds for their entire multi-year project up-front in a single grant award to submit an annual performance report. The Perkins Discretionary Grant Performance Report will be used for interim and final performance reporting. In both the annual and final performance reports, grantees are required to provide data on established performance measures for the grant program (e.g., Government Performance and Results Act measures) and on project performance measures that were included in the grantee's approved grant application, in order to demonstrate project success, impact and outcomes. The Perkins Discretionary Grant Performance Report form will also be used by grant recipients for other interim reporting such as quarterly or semi-annual performance and/or financial reporting.

Dated: August 9, 2012.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Applications for New Awards; Comprehensive Centers Program (CFDA 84.283B); Correction

AGENCY: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: On June 6, 2012, we published in the **Federal Register** (77

FR 33564) a notice inviting applications for new awards using fiscal year (FY) 2012 funds for the Comprehensive Centers program (2012 notice). The 2012 notice erroneously listed deadline dates for intergovernmental review under Executive Order (EO) 12372 and its implementing regulations in 34 CFR part 79. The Secretary had decided to waive the EO 12372 review of the 2012 notice, as authorized under part 79, but the notice did not reflect that decision. The Secretary made the decision to waive this review because we would otherwise not be able to make timely grant awards for the Comprehensive Centers program for FY 2012. We are correcting the 2012 notice to remove the requirement that applicants submit their applications for intergovernmental review.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fran Walter, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., Room 3W115, Washington, DC 20202-0001. Telephone: (202) 205-9198 or by email: fran.walter@ed.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *We make the following corrections:*

1. On page 33564, first column, under the heading **DATES**, we are removing the last sentence, which reads "Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: October 4, 2012".

2. On page 33567, second column, under the heading "3. *Submission Dates and Times*", we are removing the last sentence, which reads "Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: October 4, 2012".

3. On page 33567, second column, under the heading "4. *Intergovernmental Review*", we are removing the second sentence.

Accessible Format: Individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an accessible format (e.g., braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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