

### **DOD Performance Measures Attachment F— Enrollment Systems**

**Performance:** DoD provides appropriate enrollment information to HCFA; applications are handled according to HCFA requirements.

**Criteria:** DoD can effectively interface with HCFA systems; applications are dated when received, handled first-come, first-served.

#### **Grievance and Appeals**

**Performance:** Process exists to handle beneficiary and provider complaints.

**Criteria:** DoD keeps an accurate log of complaints and addresses them promptly and appropriately.

#### **Marketing**

**Performance:** Process exists for assuring that beneficiaries are well-informed (beneficiaries are not misled, misrepresentations about the Medicare program are not made).

**Criteria:** DoD assures that beneficiaries are well informed, marketing materials are reviewed by HCFA before DoD distributes them.

#### **Access/Capacity**

**Performance:** DoD has adequate capacity and enrollees have adequate access to services.

**Criteria:** DoD demonstrates that TRICARE Senior Prime enrollees are getting the same priority and the same access as other military retirees who enroll in TRICARE Prime.

#### **Paying Providers**

**Performance:** Systems exist for processing payment to providers.

**Criteria:** DoD demonstrates ability to pay providers timely and accurately.

#### **Reimbursement/Level of Effort**

**Performance:** DoD has systems that receive and track payments from HCFA, and DoD can track actual costs for both space-available and enrollee care.

**Criteria:** DoD receives payment without problems; DoD demonstrates ability to track/allocate costs for space-available and enrollee care.

#### **Encounter Data**

**Performance:** DoD submits "test" data to fiscal intermediaries/carriers.

**Criteria:** DoD demonstrates successful data transmission.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

### **Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, 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 15, 1998.

**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.

**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 Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this 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: July 13, 1998.

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Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

### **Office of Educational Research and Improvement**

**Type of Review:** New.

**Title:** Third International Mathematics and Science Study Video—Repeat (TIMSS-R).

**Frequency:** On Occasion.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households; not-for-profit institutions.

**Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:**

Responses: 5,600.

Burden Hours: 567.

**Abstract:** Videotape study of 8th grade math and science classrooms in the United States, the Czech Republic, France, Japan, the Netherlands, and One Asian Nation during the 1998-1999 school year. Designed and conducted by the U.S., this study supplements the Main TIMSS-R academic assessment data collection in which 45 to 50 countries are expected to participate. This study is based on and extends the work of the previous TIMSS video study. That study included only mathematics and compared the U.S. data with two other countries—Japan and Germany. This study will include science in addition to mathematics lessons, will be conducted in five high-achieving nations, and will collect and produce video tapes that will be useful for improving teaching practices.

### **Office of Educational Research and Improvement**

**Type of Review:** Revision.

**Title:** The Blue Ribbon Schools Program.

**Frequency:** One time.

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

**Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:**

Responses: 515.

Burden Hours: 25,750.

**Abstract:** The Blue Ribbon Schools award is a national school improvement strategy with a threefold purpose: (1) to identify and give public recognition to outstanding public and private schools across the nation; (2) to make available a comprehensive framework of key criteria for school effectiveness that can serve as a basis for participatory self-assessment and planning in schools; and (3) to facilitate communication and sharing of best practices within and among schools based on a common

understanding of criteria related to success. The information collected will be used to determine by peer review which schools receive the award and information on their exemplary practices and policies will be made available to other schools.

#### **Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services**

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement.

*Title:* Annual Program Cost Report.

*Frequency:* Annually.

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

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 82.

Burden Hours: 385.

*Abstract:* Collected data submitted on the Annual Vocational Rehabilitation Program/Cost Report (RSA-2) by State vocational agencies for each fiscal year is used by the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) to administer and manage the Title I Program, to analyze expenditures, evaluate program accomplishments, and to examine data for indication of problem areas.

#### **Office of Educational Research and Improvement**

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title:* Eisenhower National Clearinghouse for Mathematics and Science Education, Evaluation.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 80,125.

Burden Hours: 3,159.

*Abstract:* This submission contains a suite of nine instruments to be used in general data collection for the Eisenhower National Clearinghouse (ENC). All responses are voluntary. Subjects will be obtained as a sample of convenience at ENC workshops, demonstrations and presentations, and from recipients of ENC publications and products. Instruments are designed to provide general information for planning and evaluation purposes.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### **Energy Information Administration**

#### **Agency Information Collection and Dissemination Activities: Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Energy Information Administration, DOE.

**ACTION:** Agency electric power information collection and dissemination activities: Proposed confidentiality comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Energy Information Administration (EIA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed revision to the EIA procedure of confidentiality treatment given to electric power data collected and disseminated by the EIA through a series of primarily mandatory surveys (Form EIA-411 is voluntary). This notice lists the electric power data elements the EIA considers could cause substantial competitive harm if made available to the public and EIA is proposing that these elements will be considered confidential if the provider documents substantial harm due to unrestricted disclosure.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted by August 31, 1998. The urgency to review and implement this policy requires close adherence to the scheduled comment period. If unusual circumstances arise during the comment period which could cause a delay in meeting the scheduled response date, please notify the contact person listed below at once. Effort will be made to accommodate all interested responders to this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to John G. Colligan, EI-53; Energy Information Administration, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.; Washington, D.C. 20585-0650; (202) 426-1174; e-mail jcolliga@eia.doe.gov; and fax (202) 426-1311.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the electric power forms and instructions should be directed to John Colligan at the address listed above. Please note, the EIA is not seeking comments on the survey forms per se, but rather on the level of confidentiality of specific data elements. A separate notice regarding forms design is being published and distributed.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

- I. Background
- II. Current Actions
- III. Request for Comments

## **I. Background**

In order to fulfill its responsibilities under the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (FEAA) (Pub. L. 93-275) and the Department of Energy Organization Act (Pub. L. 95-91), the Energy Information Administration (EIA) is obliged to carry out a central, comprehensive, and unified energy data and information program. As part of this program, EIA collects, evaluates, assembles, analyzes, and disseminates data and information related to energy resource reserves, production, demand, and technology, and related economic and statistical information relevant to the adequacy of energy resources to meet demands in the near and longer term future for the Nation's economic and social needs.

The EIA, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden (required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13)), conducts a presurvey consultation program to provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing reporting forms. This program helps to prepare data requests in the desired format, minimize reporting burden, develop clearly understandable reporting forms, and assess the impact of collection requirements on respondents. Also, EIA will later seek approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the collections under Section 3507(h) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, Title 44, U.S.C. Chapter 35).

The EIA conducts surveys to collect electric power data from electric utilities, electric power marketers, nonutility electric power producers (cogenerators, small power producers, and other nonutility electric power generators), and the North American Electric Reliability Council regions. The electric power data collected include but are not limited to: ownership; accounting/financial; generation; type and character of fuels consumed; capacity; heat rates; heat rate components; demand; purchases; sales; peak loads; imports/exports; revenues; plants; equipment; distribution systems; reliability; load management; and environmental data. EIA also collects projections of load, capacity, and other related information.

The EIA surveys used to collect this data and other information are:

- EIA-411, "Coordinated Bulk Power Supply Program;"
- EIA-412, "Annual Report of Public Electric Utilities;"