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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection requests.

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: An emergency review has been requested in accordance with the Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3507(j)), since public harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by September 15, 1998. A regular clearance process is also beginning. Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 9, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding the emergency review 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, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address Pat_Sherrill@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202-708-8196.

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 Director of OMB provide interested Federal agencies and the

public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (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 at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. 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. ED 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: September 3, 1998.

Sally Budd,

*Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Federal Direct Consolidation Loan Program Application Documents.

Abstract: These forms are the means by which a borrower applies for/promises to repay a Federal Direct Consolidation Loan and a lender verifies an eligible loan to be consolidated.

Additional Information: This information collection includes an application and promissory note, a promissory note endorser addendum, a verification certificate, and a request form to add loans to an existing Federal Direct Consolidation Loan.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Businesses or other for-profits.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 747,000.

Burden Hours: 528,250.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request.

SUMMARY: The Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the 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 October 13, 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, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. 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.

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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.

Dated: September 3, 1998.

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Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

*Office of Special Education and
Rehabilitative Services*

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: Section 704 Annual

Performance Report (Parts I and II).

Frequency: Annually.

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

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 325.

Burden Hours: 13,000.

Abstract: Section 752 (I) (2) (A) of the Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1992 require each grantee under this program to submit an annual report to the Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) on essential demographic, service and outcome information. The information collected by RSA will be used to evaluate the program, including the new Government Performance Results Act (GPRA) requirements, and make recommendations to Congress. It provides RSA with a uniform and efficient method of monitoring the program for compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements and to determine substantial progress required for funding of all non-competing continuation discretionary grants. The respondents are Centers for Independent Living and Designated State Units.

*Office of Intergovernmental and
Interagency Affairs*

Type of Review: Existing.

Title: Sign-on Forms for Partnership for Family Involvement in Education and America Goes Back to School.

Frequency: One time.

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

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 1,000.

Burden Hours: 300.

Abstract: The Partnership for Family Involvement in Education (PFIE) offers a vehicle for schools, community organizations, employers, and faith organizations to commit to promoting children's learning through development of family-school-community partnerships. America Goes Back to School (AGBTS) is an annual PFIE initiative to focus attention on improving education across America through sponsorship of AGBTS events during the back-to-school period. PFIE utilizes four specially-tailored sign-on forms, each developed by members of the respective sector, to add to a database of member organizations. AGBTS utilizes an event sign-on form to acquire information on planned back-to-school events.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Postsecondary Education; Deadline of Submission of Institutional Agreement in the Federal Perkins Program Expanded Leading Option

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of deadline of submission of institutional agreement for participation in the Federal Perkins Program Expanded Lending Option.

SUMMARY: This notice establishes the deadline for submission of the "Institutional Agreement For Participation In the Federal Perkins Loan Program Expanded Lending Option (ELO)" (ELO Participation Agreement) by those eligible institutions that elect to participate in the Federal Perkins Loan Program ELO in the 1998-99 award year (the period from July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999).

CLOSING DATE FOR TRANSMITTAL OF ELO PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT: To ensure participation in the Federal Perkins Loan Program ELO in the 1998-99 award year, an eligible institution that elects to participate must submit its ELO Participation Agreement by October 1, 1998.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Perkins Loan Program provides low-interest loans to financially needy students attending institutions of higher

education to help them pay their educational costs. The ELO is available for the 1998-99 award year for institutions of higher education that participate in the Federal Perkins Loan Program.

To be eligible to participate in the Federal Perkins Loan Program ELO for 1998-99, an institution must have had a Federal Perkins Loan cohort rate of 15 percent or less as of June 30, 1997, and must have participated in the Federal Perkins Loan Program for the two previous award years (1996-97 and 1997-98). In addition, an institution must enter into a special ELO Participation Agreement with the Secretary. An institution that elects to participate in the ELO must request participation in the Expanded Lending Option by selecting the "Yes" box in Part II of Section C of its Fiscal Operations Report for 1997-98 and Application to Participate for 1999-2000 (FISAP), print the ELO Institutional Agreement from the Electronic FISAP software, and complete, sign, date, and submit the ELO Participation Agreement by the deadline date to obtain approval.

Institutions that become Federal Perkins Loan Program ELO participants will be required to increase the Institutional Capital Contribution (ICC) to at least a dollar-for-dollar match with any portion of the 1998-99 award year Federal Capital Contribution (FCC) received. Only new FCC received on or after July 1, 1998, would be matched at the increased rate. Institutions would not match funds received prior to July 1, 1998, at the higher rate.

Institutions that become Federal Perkins Loan Program ELO participants may make loans to eligible students at higher maximum annual and aggregate limits than is the case with nonparticipating institutions. ELO participating institutions that do not ultimately make any loans at the higher ELO levels for the 1998-99 award year must still honor the ELO Participation Agreement to deposit in the Federal Perkins Loan Program Fund an ICC at least equal to the 1998-99 award year FCC deposited into the Fund. All other administrative procedures would remain the same as for institutions not participating in the Federal Perkins Loan Program ELO.

ELO Participation Agreement Delivered by Mail: An ELO Participation Agreement delivered by mail must be addressed to the U.S. Department of Education, Student Financial Assistance Programs, Institutional Financial management Division, Campus-Based Programs—Expanded Lending Option,