

Abstract: This Office of Management and Budget (OMB) package requests clearance for data collection, analysis, and reporting activities from 50 states and the District of Columbia, and approximately 134 districts and 1,200 schools as part of an evaluation of Race to the Top (RTT) and School Improvement Grants (SIG). The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act contained substantial funding for systemic education reform. This included \$4 billion in RTT grants, which were awarded to 11 states and the District of Columbia based both on their education reform plans and their past success in creating the conditions for reform, and \$3 billion in additional funding for SIG, which is aimed at implementing one of four School Turnaround Models (STMs) in the lowest-performing schools. The evaluation is designed to (1) study the implementation of RTT and SIG; (2) analyze the impact of SIG- or RTT-funded STMs on student outcomes using a regression discontinuity design; (3) analyze the relationship between receipt of RTT funds and student outcomes using an interrupted time series design; and (4) investigate the relationship between STM turnaround models (and strategies within those models) and student outcomes in low-performing schools. This OMB package follows a previously approved package for recruitment activities (#1850-0884), and includes data collection forms, and burden estimates of the number of respondents and hours of response time.

Copies of the information collection submission for OMB review may be accessed from the RegInfo.gov Web site at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain> or from the Department's Web site at <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 4718. 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 the Internet address 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Submission for OMB Review

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Comment Request.

SUMMARY: The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13).

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 12, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Education Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., Room 10222, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, be faxed to (202) 395-5806 or emailed to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov with a cc: to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

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. The OMB is particularly interested in comments which: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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 technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: December 8, 2011.

Darrin King,

Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management.

Office of Innovation and Improvement

Type of Review: Extension.

Title of Collection: Charter Schools Program Grand Award Database.

OMB Control Number: 1855-0016.

Agency Form Number(s): N/A.

Frequency of Responses: Annually.

Affected Public: State, Local and Tribal Government.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 40.

Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 98.

Abstract: This request is for renewal of Office of Management and Budget approval to collect data necessary for the *Charter Schools Program (CSP) Grant Award Database*. The CSP is authorized under Title V, Part B, Subpart 1, Sections 5201 through 5211 of the Elementary and Secondary Act (ESEA) of 1965, as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. Under Title V, Part B, Section 5205 of the ESEA, the Secretary reserves CSP funds to carry out national activities to provide charter schools with information, to evaluate and study charter schools, and to provide other types of technical assistance. This data collection is coordinated with the EDFacts initiative to reduce respondent burden and fully utilize data submitted by States and available to the U.S. Department of Education (ED) through the Education Data Exchange Network (EDEN). Under the current data collection, ED collects CSP grant award information from grantees (State agencies and some schools) for a database of current CSP-funded charter schools and award amounts; ED merges performance information extracted from the EDEN database with the database of CSP-funded charter schools. Together, these data allow ED to monitor CSP grant performance and analyze data related to accountability for academic performance, financial integrity, and program effectiveness.

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Dated: December 7, 2011.

Darrin King,

Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management.

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

Type of Review: Extension.

Title of Collection: Quarterly

Cumulative Caseload Report (RSA-113).

OMB Control Number: 1820-0013.

Agency Form Number(s): RSA-113.

Frequency of Responses: Annually; Quarterly.

Affected Public: State, Local and Tribal Government.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 80.

Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 320.

Abstract: State agencies that administer vocational rehabilitation programs provide key caseload data on this form, including numbers of persons who are applicants, determined eligible/ineligible, waiting for services, and their program outcomes. The Rehabilitative Services Administration collects this information quarterly from states and reports it in the Annual Report to Congress on the Rehabilitation Act.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Applications for New Awards; Research Fellowships Program

AGENCY: Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Service, National Institute

on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR), Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

Overview Information: Research Fellowships Program; Notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2012.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.133F-1.

DATES: *Applications Available:* December 13, 2011.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: February 13, 2012.

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: The purpose of the Research Fellowships Program is to build research capacity by providing support to highly qualified individuals, including those who are individuals with disabilities, to perform research on the rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities.

Note: This program is in concert with NIDRR's currently approved long range plan (the Plan). The Plan is comprehensive and integrates many issues relating to disability and rehabilitation research topics. The Plan, which was published in the **Federal Register** on February 15, 2006 (71 FR 8166), can be accessed on the Internet at the following site: <http://www2.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister/other/2006-1/021506d.html>.

Through the implementation of the Plan, NIDRR seeks to: (1) Improve the quality and utility of disability and rehabilitation research; (2) foster an exchange of expertise, information, and training to facilitate the advancement of knowledge and understanding of the unique needs of traditionally underserved populations; (3) determine the best strategies and programs to improve rehabilitation outcomes for underserved populations; (4) identify research gaps; (5) identify mechanisms of integrating research and practice; and (6) disseminate findings.

Priorities: This competition contains one absolute priority and two invitational priorities. In accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(ii), the absolute priority is from the regulations for this program (34 CFR 356.10).

Absolute Priority: For FY 2012, and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applicants from this competition, this priority is an absolute priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) we consider only applications that meet this priority.

This priority is:

Research Fellowships Program

Fellows must conduct original research in an area authorized by