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Title of Collection: Data Challenges and Appeals Solution (DCAS).

OMB Control Number: 1845-0137.

Type of Review: An extension of an existing information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Private Sector, State, Local and Tribal Governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 1,029,889.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 175,081.

Abstract: This is a request for an extension of the emergency clearance that was granted on this collection for the Data Challenges and Appeals Solution (DCAS), a new system that will allow institutions to challenge their self-reported data as well as Department calculated metrics. The system will ultimately provide for the receipt, processing, data storage and archiving of data challenges received from institutions for challenges of Gainful Employment (GE) metrics, Cohort Default Rates (institutional and programmatic), and Disclosure Rates and Metrics. This request is for the first phase of DCAS, the institutional challenge to the GE completers list provided to institutions by the Department of Education. The other aspects of DCAS will be made functional and available to institutions in stages, to allow for full development and testing, through subsequent system releases.

Dated: November 25, 2015.

Kate Mullan,

Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2015-ICCD-0090]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; EDFacts Data Collection School Years 2016-17, 2017-18, and 2018-19

AGENCY: National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 3501 *et seq.*), ED is proposing a revised information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 31, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting Docket ID number ED-2015-ICCD-0090 or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. If the regulations.gov site is not available to the public for any reason, ED will temporarily accept comments at ICDocketMgr@ed.gov.

Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted; ED will ONLY accept comments during the comment period in this mailbox when the regulations.gov site is not available. Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, LBJ, Mailstop L-OM-2-2E319, Room 2E103, Washington, DC 20202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Kashka Kubzdela at (202) 502-7411 or by email kashka.kubzdela@ed.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. 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: EDFacts Data Collection School Years 2016-17, 2017-18, and 2018-19.

OMB Control Number: 1850-NEW.

Type of Review: A revised information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 61.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 126,880.

Abstract: EDFacts is a U.S. Department of Education (ED) initiative to collect, analyze, report on and promote the use of high-quality, pre-kindergarten through grade 12 (pre-K-12) performance data for use in education planning, policymaking, and management and budget decision making to improve outcomes for students. EDFacts enables the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) to report on students, schools, staff, services, and education outcomes at the state, district, and school levels, by centralizing data provided by state education agencies, local education agencies, and schools. This centralized approach provides ED users with the ability to efficiently analyze and report on submitted data and has reduced the reporting burden for state and local data producers through the use of streamlined data collection, analysis, and reporting tools. EDFacts collects information on behalf of ED grant and program offices for approximately 180 data groups for all 50 states, Washington DC, Puerto Rico, and seven outlying areas and freely associated states (American Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Marshall Islands, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Republic of Palau, and the U.S. Virgin Islands), the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA), and the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE). NCES seeks authorization from OMB to continue its EDFacts data collection and is requesting a new clearance for the 2016-17, 2017-18, and 2018-19 school years in order to continue to provide EDFacts data to Department of Education program offices, as well as SEAs, LEAs, and schools. In response to the 60-day public comment period announced in the **Federal Register** on July 9, 2015, ED received 52 comments from 49 commenters. A summary of the comments and ED's responses are provided in Attachment F. This notice announces that the revised collection package is now available for a 30-day public comment period. This submission includes a few proposed

changes to the EDFacts data collection. In addition to reviewing the proposed changes (detailed in Attachment C and the B Attachments), ED requests that SEAs and other stakeholders respond to the directed questions found in Attachment D.

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Kate Mullan,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology

AGENCY: Office of Science, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation for comments.

SUMMARY: The President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) is interested in hearing from stakeholders on a series of questions related to forensic science.

DATES: Please submit all responses by December 23, 2015, 12:00 p.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: input must be submitted electronically using the Web-based form available at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/webform/pcast-forensic-science-solicitation-questions-0>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Specific questions about this notice should be sent via email to Ms. Jennifer Michael at Jennifer_L_Michael@ostp.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) is an advisory group of the Nation's leading scientists and engineers, appointed by the President to augment the science and technology advice available to him from inside the White House, Cabinet Departments, and other Federal agencies. See the Executive Order at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/ostp/pcast>. PCAST is consulted about and provides analyses and recommendations concerning a wide range of issues where understandings from the domains of science, technology, and innovation may bear on the policy choices before the President. PCAST is co-chaired by Dr. John P. Holdren, Assistant to the President for Science and Technology, and Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President, The White House; and Dr.

Eric S. Lander, President, Broad Institute of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard.

Please note that because PCAST operates under the provisions of FACA, all public comments and/or presentations will be treated as public documents and will be made available for public inspection, including being posted on the PCAST Web site.

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Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

National Offshore Wind Strategy Workshop

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notification of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) Wind and Water Power Technologies Office (WWPTO) and the Department of the Interior (DOI) Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Office (BOEM) are convening a workshop to obtain individual stakeholder insight into the technical and market challenges and potential pathways to facilitate the development of the offshore wind industry in the United States. The workshop seeks individual input across the range of U.S. offshore wind stakeholders to better inform efforts to update and refine the 2011 *A National Offshore Wind Strategy*.

DATES: DOE and DOI will hold a workshop on Thursday, December 10th, 2015, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Washington, DC. RSVP is required by December 7th, 2015.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the Hotel Palomar DC located at 2121 P St NW., Washington, DC 20037.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions may be directed to Greg Matzat, Department of Energy at (202) 586-2776 or Greg.Matzat@ee.doe.gov, or Jim Bennett, Department of the Interior at (703) 787-1300 or James.Bennett@boem.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Since the release of the 2011 *A National Offshore Wind Strategy: Creating an Offshore Wind Energy Industry in the United States*, DOE has invested in 55 projects and demonstrations and DOI has held

five offshore wind lease sales. A 2016 update to *A National Offshore Wind Strategy* is currently underway at the agencies, which aims to better understand how the industry has changed in the past five years, identify the key challenges still facing the U.S. industry, explore potential pathways for offshore wind in the U.S., and identify the activities needed to facilitate offshore wind development.

The focus of the workshop will be for agencies to receive public input, questions, and recommendations for areas of potential improvement in the refinement and updating of the 2011 *A National Offshore Wind Strategy*. Particular areas of interest will include technical and market challenges facing offshore wind and potential pathways forward. Participants should limit information and comments to those based on personal experience, individual advice, information, or facts regarding these topics.

It is not the object of this session to obtain any group position or consensus relating to the strategic actions or inactions of the industry as a whole or those of DOE or DOI; rather, the agencies are seeking as much insight as possible from all the individuals at this meeting. To most effectively use the limited time please refrain from passing judgment on another participant's recommendations or advice and, instead, concentrate on your individual experiences.

Public Participation: This meeting is open to the public, subject to space availability. Stakeholders from all sectors in U.S. offshore wind energy are encouraged to attend. Pre-registration is required as space is limited.

Pre-Registration: To pre-register, please include/enter your registration information at the following URL online: <http://goo.gl/forms/1zm7Np2wCt>. If you have any questions about registration, please contact Ronee Penoi via email at rpenoi@cbuilding.org or by telephone at (202) 853-9005.

Participants interested in attending should pre-register no later than the close of business on December 7th, 2015. All attendees are required to pre-register. Space will be limited, and DOE and DOI will continue to accept RSVPs until they have reached maximum attendance based on space limitations.

Privacy Notice: DOE and DOI are requesting your name, company/organization, work email address and work telephone number in order to register you for this government-led event and to facilitate feedback, provide updates, and potentially to plan for future workshops. Providing this information is voluntary, but is