Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Fiscal Operations Report for 2014–2015 and Application To Participate 2016–2017 (FISAP) and Reallocation Form

SUMMARY: Notice.

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 3501 et seq.), ED is proposing an extension of an existing information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 11, 2016.

If you need assistance in viewing the electronic form, please contact Beth Grebeldinger, 202–377–4018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Beth Grebeldinger, 202–377–4018.

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.

The Department assesses the impact of its information collection requirements and minimizes 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?
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.


OMB Control Number: 1845–0030.

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

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

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 4,223.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 86,022.

Abstract: The data submitted electronically in the Fiscal Operations Report and Application to Participate (FISAP) through FISAP on the Web is used by the Department of Education to determine the institution’s funding need for the award year and monitor program effectiveness and accountability of fund expenditures.

For the award year, ED must specify the anticipated remaining unused amount to the Secretary. In addition to renewing the expiration dates, references to dates and award years have been updated on the forms and in the instructions for both documents.

The FISAP form has been revised: (1) To use technology to gather existing data electronically from other sources requiring less data entry concerning Additional Institutions in Part I; (2) per discussions with OMB staff on 11/26/12 with concurrence on 11/30/12 to allow applicable aggregate level data entry concerning graduate and professional students for schools with non-traditional academic calendars; and (3) per OMB staff request and discussions on 8/21/12 with concurrence on 8/24/12, to expand the income grid in the Part VI summary to collect a more concise breakdown of student data at the aggregate level.

Dated: February 8, 2016.

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