

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**[Docket No. ED–2016–ICCD–0141]****Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Grant Application Form for Project Objectives and Performance Measures Information****AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Education (ED).**ACTION:** Notice.**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing a new information collection.**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 12, 2017.**ADDRESSES:** To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED–2016–ICCD–0141. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* 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, Room 224–82, Washington, DC 20202–4537.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Alfreida Pettiford, 202–245–6110.**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: Grant Application Form for Project Objectives and Performance Measures Information.*OMB Control Number:* 1894–NEW.*Type of Review:* A new information collection.*Respondents/Affected Public:* Private Sector.*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 6,349.*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 31,745.*Abstract:* The U.S. Department of Education Grant Application Form for Project Objectives and Performance Measures Information serves as a precursor to the U.S. Department of Education Grant Performance Report Form (ED 524 B) in which project objectives, measures, and targets will be entered by applicants at the time that grant applications are entered in *Grants.gov*.

The Grant Application Form for Project Objectives and Performance Measures Information form and instructions are used by many ED discretionary grant programs to enable grantees to meet ED deadline dates for submission of performance reports to the Department.

Dated: March 7, 2017.

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

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BILLING CODE 4000–01–P**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION****[Docket No. ED–2017–ICCD–0021]****Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Consolidated State Plan****AGENCY:** Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE), Department of Education (ED).**ACTION:** Notice.**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction of 1995, ED is requesting the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to conduct an emergency review of a new information collection.**DATES:** Approval by the OMB has been requested by 3/13/2017. A regular clearance process is also hereby being initiated. Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 12, 2017.**ADDRESSES:** To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED–2017–ICCD–0021. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted. 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, Room 226–62, Washington, DC 20202–4537.
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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: Consolidated State Plan.

OMB Control Number: 1810–0576.

Type of Review: A revision to an existing information collection.

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

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 52.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 108,155.

Abstract: Section 8302 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), permits each SEA, in consultation with the Governor, to apply for program funds through submission of a consolidated State plan or a consolidated State application (in lieu of individual program State plans). The purpose of consolidated State plans as defined in ESEA is to improve teaching and learning by encouraging greater cross-program coordination, planning, and service delivery; to enhance program integration; and to provide greater flexibility and less burden for State educational agencies.

Additional Information: This is a request for an emergency clearance to enable Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE) to collect critical information for the Consolidated State Plan, the instrument through which State educational agencies (SEAs) apply for funding under the following programs:

Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA)
 Title I, Part A Improving Basic Programs Operated by Local Educational Agencies
 Title I, Part B, Section 1201 Grants for State Assessments and Related Activities
 Title I, Part C Education of Migratory Children
 Title I, Part D Prevention and Intervention Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Neglected, Delinquent, or At-Risk
 Title II, Part A Supporting Effective Instruction
 Title III, Part A English Language Acquisition, Language Enhancement, and Academic Achievement
 Title IV, Part A Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants
 Title IV, Part B 21st Century Community Learning Centers

Title VI, Part B, Subpart 2: Rural and Low-Income School Program
 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 1987

Title VII, Subtitle B Education for Homeless Children and Youths Program

On December 10, 2015, the programs above were reauthorized by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). On November 29, 2016, the Department received information collection clearance approval for a Consolidated State Plan aligned to the Notice of Final Regulations for Accountability and State Plans published in the **Federal Register** at 81 FR 86076. Congress is currently considering a joint resolution of disapproval under the Congressional Review Act (CRA) (5 U.S.C. 801–808) to overturn these regulations. If a resolution of disapproval is enacted, these regulations “shall have no force or effect.”

Pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.13, the Department requests that OMB review this collection under its emergency procedures. This request for emergency clearance is based on two factors: (1) The joint resolution of disapproval under the CRA presents an unanticipated event beyond the Department’s control; and (2) further uncertainty of the requirements for submission of consolidated State plans would prevent States from implementing the new ESSA requirements in school year 2017–2018.

Section 8302 of the ESEA, as amended by the ESSA, permits each SEA, in consultation with the Governor, to apply for program funds through submission of a consolidated State plan (in lieu of individual program State plans). The purpose of Consolidated State Plans as defined in ESEA is to improve teaching and learning by encouraging greater cross-program coordination, planning, and service delivery; to enhance program integration; and to provide greater flexibility and less burden for SEAs. The Department will use the information from the Consolidated State Plan as the basis for approving funding under the included programs for the duration of the reauthorization. Failure to collect this information in a timely manner will bar the Department from receiving the comprehensive data and information that is necessary to fulfill its fiduciary and oversight responsibilities, and endanger the missions of the individual programs.

Dated: March 7, 2017.

Stephanie Valentine,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Waivers; Comprehensive Centers Program

AGENCY: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of waivers.

SUMMARY: The Secretary waives the requirements that generally prohibit project periods exceeding five years and project period extensions involving the obligation of additional Federal funds. These waivers enable the 22 current grantees under the Comprehensive Centers program to continue to receive Federal funding for up to an additional 24 months through September 30, 2019.

DATES: These waivers are effective April 12, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Britt Jung, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., Room 3E206, Washington, DC 20202–6400. Telephone: (202) 205–4513 or by email: britt.jung@ed.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under the Comprehensive Centers program, the Department of Education (Department) supports grants to operate regional technical assistance centers and national content centers as authorized by sections 203 through 207 of the Educational Technical Assistance Act of 2002 (ETAA) (20 U.S.C. 9602–9606). The purpose of these centers is to provide technical assistance to States as States work to help local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools close achievement gaps in core content areas and raise student achievement in schools.

Eligible applicants for Comprehensive Center grants are research organizations, institutions, agencies, institutions of higher education, partnerships among these types of entities, or individuals with the demonstrated ability or capacity to carry out the activities described in the notice inviting applications published in the **Federal Register** on June 6, 2012 (77 FR 33564)