

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

[Docket No.: ED–2025–SCC–0778]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Independent Living Services for Older Individuals Who Are Blind Annual Report (7–OB)**

**AGENCY:** Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing a revision of a currently approved information collection request (ICR).

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 17, 2025.

**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–2025–SCC–0778. 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. If the [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) site is not available to the public for any reason, the Department will temporarily accept comments at [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov). Please include the docket ID number and the title of the information collection request when requesting documents or submitting comments. Please note that comments 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 Rehabilitative Services Administration, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, LBJ, Room 4B203, Washington, DC 20202–1200.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Zunaira Wasif, 202–245–6518.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department, 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. The Department is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department 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:* Independent Living Services for Older Individuals Who are Blind Annual Report (7–OB).

*OMB Control Number:* 1820–0608.

*Type of Review:* A revision of a currently approved ICR.

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

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 56.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 280.

*Abstract:* RSA uses this form to meet the specific data collection requirements of Section 752 of the Rehabilitation Act, as amended by the Workforce Innovation Act (WIOA) and implementing regulations at 34 CFR 367.31(c). Each Designated State Agency (DSA) that administers the ILOIB program is required to submit the RSA–7–OB report annually to the RSA Commissioner within 120 days of the end of the reported fiscal year.

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION****Withdrawal of Notices Inviting Applications (NIA) and Cancellation of the Competitions for the Strengthening Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions Part A (ANNH Part A), Strengthening Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions Part A (AANAPISI Part A), Strengthening Native American-Serving Nontribal Institutions Part A (NASNTI Part A) and Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions programs (DHSI)**

**AGENCY:** Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice; cancellation.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Education (Department) withdraws the NIAs for fiscal year (FY) 2025 for new awards under the ANNH Part A, AANAPISI Part A, NASNTI Part A, and DHSI programs.

**DATES:** The Notices Inviting Applications published in the **Federal Register** on June 3, 2025 (90 FR 23520) and July 14, 2025 (90 FR 31190, 90 FR 31181, and 90 FR 31176) are withdrawn and the competitions cancelled as of September 18, 2025.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Victor Shirley, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: (202) 987–1554. Email: [OPEGrants@ed.gov](mailto:OPEGrants@ed.gov).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 3 and July 14, 2025, the Department published NIAs for each of the aforementioned programs in the **Federal Register**. The Department is withdrawing these NIAs following the U.S. Solicitor General's July 2025 determination that the Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) programs violate the equal protection component of the Fifth Amendment's Due Process Clause. As a result, the Department of Justice has declined to defend the programs in ongoing litigation.

The Department agrees that the racial quotas in the HSI programs are unconstitutional and, consequently, has decided to cancel the DHSI competition. In addition, due to similar issues with all MSI programs, including ANNH Part A, AANAPISI Part A, and NASNTI Part A, the Department is also canceling these competitions.

*Intergovernmental Review:* This program is subject to Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79.