

and property and improvement to transportation, the national, regional, or local economy, the environment, or the national security interests of the United States.

12. The name of the non-federal interest planning to act as the sponsor, or all non-federal interests in the case of a modification to an environmental infrastructure program authority, including any non-federal interest that has contributed to or is expected to contribute toward the non-federal share of the proposed feasibility study or modification.

13. A statement of support from each associated non-federal interest. Optional: attach letter(s) of support by others. Letters may be addressed generically to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the local Corps District office, or the Assistant Secretary of the Army of Civil Works office.

14. State if the non-federal interest has the financial ability to provide for the required cost share.

15. State if there is local support for the proposal, and (optional) describe the local support.

A complete list of information requested on the proposal form is available on the USACE Headquarters Annual Report web page: <https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Project-Planning/WRRDA-7001-Proposals/>.

The information provided in a proposal will be included in the Annual Report or posted to the Headquarters public website for the Annual Report. Therefore, any information that is Confidential Business Information, information that should not be disclosed because of statutory restrictions, or any other information that a non-federal interest would not want to appear publicly should not be included in the proposal.

#### D. Evaluation Criteria

All proposals submitted within the time frame set forth in this notice will be considered for inclusion in the 2027 Annual Report to Congress on Future Water Resources Development. To be included in the Annual Report table, the proposals must meet all the following five criteria established by Congress:

1. The proposal is related to USACE missions and authorities. The proposal must involve a proposed or existing USACE water resources project or effort where the primary purpose is flood and/or coastal storm damage reduction, commercial navigation, aquatic ecosystem restoration, or municipal or agricultural water supply. Proposals for recreation or hydropower are eligible for inclusion if undertaken in conjunction

with one of the primary purposes listed with one of the primary purposes described in this paragraph. For the purposes of this criterion, environmental infrastructure proposals will also be considered "related to USACE missions and authorities."

2. The proposal requires specific Congressional authorization, including by an Act of Congress.

3. The proposal has not been previously authorized by Congress.

4. The proposal has not been included in the Annual Report table of any previous Annual Report to Congress on Future Water Resources Development.

5. The proposal, if authorized, could be carried out by USACE.

The purpose of the five criteria is, primarily, to determine if a proposal will require Congressional authorization for USACE to undertake the proposed water resources study or project with the non-federal interest.

Environmental infrastructure proposals are an exception to the criteria. To be included in the table within the Annual Report, a proposal for a modification to a program authority must identify a programmatic modification to an environmental infrastructure assistance program that was not included in any previous Annual Report. Additional information and frequently asked questions on the five criteria are available on the USACE Headquarters Annual Report web page: <https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Project-Planning/WRRDA-7001-Proposals/>.

#### E. Contents of the Annual Report

The Annual Report will be transmitted to Congress by the ASA(CW) and posted to the USACE Headquarters website at <https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Project-Planning/WRRDA-7001-Proposals/>.

1. The Annual Report will include a certification by the ASA(CW) stating that each proposal included in the Annual Report meets the five criteria established by Congress or the requirements for proposed modifications to environmental infrastructure program authorities.

2. Signed Chief's Reports recommending authorization of a water resources project will be included in the Annual Report table by the ASA(CW); these proposals should not be submitted in response to this notice.

3. Section 902 of WRDA 1986, as amended, (33 U.S.C. 2280) establishes a maximum authorized cost for water resources projects (also known as the 902 limit). A post authorization change report is required to be completed to

support potential modifications to the project authority, including updates to authorized project costs. Completed post authorization change reports recommending modifications to the authorization of a water resources project will be included in the Annual Report table by the ASA(CW); these proposals should not be submitted in response to this notice.

4. Proposals that do not meet all five criteria established by Congress or the requirements for proposed modifications to environmental infrastructure program authorities will be included in an appendix table included in the Annual Report to Congress on Future Water Resources Development. Proposals in the appendix table will include a description of why those proposals did not meet the criteria established by Congress.

#### F. Sources of More Information

The following are sources of more information for the Annual Report and the proposal submittal and evaluation process:

1. USACE will host two public virtual information sessions about the Annual Report and the proposal submission and evaluation process for the 2027 Annual Report on June 29, 2026, and August 10, 2026. The Headquarters website (<https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Project-Planning/WRRDA-7001-Proposals/>) contains additional information and frequently asked questions about the Annual Report.

2. The local USACE district office will assist in researching and identifying existing Congressional authorities for Civil Works water resources feasibility studies, projects, and environmental infrastructure programs. Websites for all USACE district offices are available online at: <https://www.usace.army.mil/Contact/Unit-websites/>.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2026-SCC-0034]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; National Special Education Spending Study**

**AGENCY:** National Center for Education Evaluation (NCEE), Institute of

Education Sciences (IES), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

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

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 3, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice. Click on this link [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain) to access the site. Find this information collection request (ICR) by selecting "Department of Education" under "Currently Under Review," then check the "Only Show ICR for Public Comment" checkbox. [Reginfo.gov](http://Reginfo.gov) provides two links to view documents related to this information collection request. Information collection forms and instructions may be found by clicking on the "View Information Collection (IC) List" link. Supporting statements and other supporting documentation may be found by clicking on the "View Supporting Statement and Other Documents" link.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Matt Soldner, (202) 453-7441.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 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:* National Special Education Spending Study.

*OMB Control Number:* 1850-NEW.

*Type of Review:* New ICR.

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

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 5,051.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 11,501.

*Abstract:* The Institute of Education Sciences (IES), within the U.S.

Department of Education (ED), requests clearance from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for a new data collection, the National Study of Special Education Spending (NSSSES). The study will produce estimates for what is spent on special education services for students with disabilities (SWDs), both overall and by disability category, including expenditures made by states, districts, and schools. The NSSSES also will provide policymakers and special education administrators with an up-to-date understanding of the key factors that influence special education spending, what this spending pays for, and to what extent federal appropriations from the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 (IDEA) cover special education spending.

**Ross Santy,**

*Chief Data Officer, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[EERE-2026-BT-BC-0034]

### Updating and Improving the Methodology for Assessing Affordability and Cost-Effectiveness of Building Energy Codes

**AGENCY:** Office of Critical Minerals and Energy Innovation, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Request for information.

**SUMMARY:** Building energy codes have significantly increased the costs of building a home and extended average consumer payback periods. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has prioritized affordability in housing and new construction across the U.S., including taking swift action via building codes to lower construction costs and deliver greater value to American households and businesses. As part of this effort, DOE is seeking input on its methodology for assessing consumer impacts associated with residential and commercial building energy codes, toward the objective of ensuring transparency in building energy code evaluations. As directed by statute, DOE conducts technical analysis to quantify consumer cost increases associated with building energy codes, as well as the related savings. DOE requests feedback on its analysis methodology, data sources, and assumptions. In addition, DOE welcomes a critical examination of how to broadly reduce the cost of new

construction and reduce regulatory burden to improve housing affordability and consumer choice.

**DATES:**

*Meeting:* DOE may hold stakeholder workshop(s) associated with this request for information. See section IV, "Public Participation," for registration information and participant instructions.

*Comments:* Written comments and information are requested by August 3, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons may submit comments, identified by docket number EERE-2026-BT-BC-0034, by any of the following methods:

1. *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

2. *Email:* [BldgEnergyCodesMethodology2026BC0034@ee.doe.gov](mailto:BldgEnergyCodesMethodology2026BC0034@ee.doe.gov). Include EERE-2026-BT-BC-0034 in the subject line of the message.

3. *Postal Mail:* U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Office, Mailstop EE-5B, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121. If possible, please submit all items on a compact disc (CD), in which case it is not necessary to include printed copies.

4. *Hand Delivery/Courier:* U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Office, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121. Telephone: (202) 287-1445. If possible, please submit all items on a CD, in which case it is not necessary to include printed copies.

No telefacsimiles (faxes) will be accepted. For detailed instructions on submitting comments and additional information on the rulemaking process, see section IV of this document.

*Public Docket:* The docket, which includes notices published in the **Federal Register** and public comments received, is available for review at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). All documents in the docket are listed in the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) index. However, some documents listed in the index, such as those containing information exempt from public disclosure, may not be publicly available.

The docket web page can be found at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EERE-2026-BT-BC-0034>. The docket web page contains simple instructions on how to access all documents, including public comments, in the docket.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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