

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**[Docket No.: ED–2026–SCC–0661]****Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; IDEA Part B State Performance Plan (SPP) and Annual Performance Report (APR)****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 October 15, 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 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* 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 Christine Pilgrim, (202) 245–6292.**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:* IDEA Part B State Performance Plan (SPP) and Annual Performance Report (APR).*OMB Control Number:* 1820–0624.*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved ICR.*Respondents/Affected Public:* State, Local, and Tribal Governments.*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 60.*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 107,100.*Abstract:* In accordance with 20 U.S.C. 1416(b)(1), not later than one year after the date of enactment of the Individuals with Disabilities Education, as revised in 2004, each State must have in place a performance plan that evaluates the State’s efforts to implement the requirements and purposes of Part B and describe how the State will improve such implementation. This plan is called the Part B State Performance Plan (Part B—SPP). In accordance with 20 U.S.C. 1416(b)(2)(C)(ii) the State shall report annually to the public on the performance of each local educational agency located in the State on the targets in the State’s performance plan. The State also shall report annually to the Secretary on the performance of the State under the State’s performance plan. This report is called the Part B Annual Performance Report (Part B—APR).**Ross Santy,***Chief Data Officer, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development.*

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BILLING CODE 4000–01–P**U.S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION****Agency Information Collection Activities: ESTEP Application for Testing****AGENCY:** Election Assistance Commission.**ACTION:** Notice; request for comment.**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) announces an information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. The EAC intends to submit this proposed information collection to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget for approval. The EAC is publishing an information collecting form for its Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program (ESTEP). The information collected is to be used to

obtain information about election-supporting technologies submitted for evaluation under ESTEP certification programs. Participation in this program is voluntary.

DATES: Comments must be received by 5 p.m. Eastern on Monday, November 16, 2026.**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the proposed Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program forms should be submitted electronically via <https://www.regulations.gov> (docket ID: EAC–2026–0265). Written comments on the proposed information collection can also be sent to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 633 3rd Street NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20001, Attn: Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elizabeth Beatrice, Election Technology Specialist, Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program, 202–451–2031, estep@eac.gov. All requests and submissions should be identified by the title of the information collection.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:***Titles and OMB Number:* ESTEP Application for Testing; OMB Number 3265–0027.**Purpose**Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), Federal Agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. “Collection of information” is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes Agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA requires Federal Agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, the EAC is publishing notice of the proposed collection of information set forth in this document.

The EAC Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program evaluates the functionality, security, and accessibility of election-supporting technologies, including electronic poll books, voter registration systems, electronic ballot delivery systems, and election night reporting databases.

The program is publishing the ESTEP Application for Testing form to collect key administrative information regarding new or modified election-

supporting technologies submitted for testing by a registered manufacturer.

This information is collected to improve the quality of election-supporting technology used in federal elections.

Public Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the EAC to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary and sufficient for the proper functions of the

Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program.

- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of burden for these proposed collections, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
 - Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
 - Minimize the reporting burden on those who are responding, including the use of information technology.
- Please note that comments submitted in response to this notice are public

record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Respondents: Election Supporting Technology Manufacturers, State and Local Election Officials.

Annual Reporting Burden

OMB approval is requested for 3 years.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES FOR ESTEP APPLICATION FOR TESTING

	Estimated number of respondents	Estimated responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total annual burden hours	Total cost to respondents (\$78.10/hr)
First-Time Submissions	3	1	240	720	\$56,232
Subsequent Submissions	6	3	32	576	44,985.60
Total				1296	101,217.60

Estimated burden in hours—1,296.

Estimated burden cost—\$101,217.60.

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U.S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: ESTEP Manufacturer Registration Form

AGENCY: Election Assistance Commission.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) announces an information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. The EAC intends to submit this proposed information collection to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget for approval. The EAC is publishing an information collecting form for its Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program (ESTEP). The information collected is to be used to obtain information about election-supporting technology manufacturers under ESTEP certification programs. Participation in this program is voluntary.

DATES: Comments must be received by 5 p.m. Eastern on Monday, November 16, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the proposed Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program forms should be submitted electronically via <https://www.regulations.gov> (docket ID: EAC-2026-0266). Written comments on the proposed information collection can also be sent to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 633 3rd Street NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20001, Attn: Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Beatrice, Election Technology Specialist, Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program, 202-451-2031, estep@eac.gov. All requests and submissions should be identified by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Titles and OMB Number: ESTEP Manufacturer Registration; OMB Number 3265-0028.

Purpose

Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), Federal Agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. "Collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes Agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA requires Federal Agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, before submitting the

collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, the EAC is publishing notice of the proposed collection of information set forth in this document.

The EAC Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program evaluates the functionality, security, and accessibility of election-supporting technologies, including electronic poll books, voter registration systems, electronic ballot delivery systems, and election night reporting databases.

The program is publishing the ESTEP Manufacturer Registration form to collect key information about manufacturers seeking to participate in the EAC's Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program, including ownership information, contact information for management and technical representatives, and information regarding the manufacturer's quality processes.

This information is collected to improve the quality of election-supporting technology used in federal elections.

Public Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the EAC to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary and sufficient for the proper functions of the Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of burden for these proposed collections, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.