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Dated: October 10, 2007.

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Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Written Application for the Independent Living Services for Older Individuals Who are Blind Formula Grant.

Frequency: Every 3 years.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 56.

Burden Hours: 9.

Abstract: This document is used by States to request funds to administer the Independent Living Services for Older Individuals Who are Blind (IL-OIB) program. The IL-OIB program is provided for under Title VII, Chapter 2 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended to assist individuals who are age 55 or older whose significant visual impairment makes competitive employment extremely difficult to attain, but for whom independent living goals are feasible.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Correction notice.

SUMMARY: On October 12, 2007, the Department of Education published a comment period notice in the **Federal Register** (Page 58063, Column 2) for the information collection, "U.S. Department of Education Grant Performance Report Form and Instructions (ED 524B)". The abstract has been corrected to state a 3-year clearance instead of a 2-year clearance. The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, hereby issues a correction notice as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

Dated: October 16, 2007.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Final Guidance on Maintaining, Collecting, and Reporting Racial and Ethnic Data to the U.S. Department of Education

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Education.

ACTION: Final guidance.

SUMMARY: The Secretary is issuing final guidance to modify the standards for racial and ethnic data used by the Department of Education (Department). This guidance provides educational institutions and other recipients of grants and contracts from the Department with clear and straightforward instructions for their collection and reporting of racial and ethnic data.

DATES: This guidance is effective December 3, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patrick J. Sherrill, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 6C103, Washington, DC 20202-0600, telephone: (202) 708-8196 or Edith K. McArthur, U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 1990 K Street, NW., room 9115, Washington, DC 20006, telephone: (202) 502-7393.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 7, 2006, the Secretary published a Notice of Proposed Guidance on Maintaining, Collecting, and Reporting Data on Race and Ethnicity to the U.S. Department of Education in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 44866).

In the proposed guidance, the Secretary discussed on pages 44866 through 44868 the major elements of how the Department proposed to modify standards and aggregation categories for collecting racial and ethnic data. As explained in the proposed guidance, these changes are necessary in order to implement the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) 1997 Standards for Maintaining, Collecting, and Presenting Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity (1997 Standards).¹ The 1997 Standards instituted a number of changes for how Federal agencies should collect racial and ethnic data.

This guidance directly addresses three sets of issues:

(1) How educational institutions and other recipients will collect and maintain racial and ethnic data from students and staff;

(2) How educational institutions and other recipients will aggregate racial and ethnic data when reporting those data to the Department; and

(3) How data on multiple races will be reported and aggregated under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as reauthorized by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB).

In addition, this final guidance provides information regarding the implementation schedule for these changes.

¹ See OMB, Revisions to the Standards for the Classification of Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity, 62 FR 58782-58790 (October 30, 1997); <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/fedreg/1997standards.html>.