

disabilities. The grant application package contains program profiles, standard forms, program regulations, sample rating forms, and transmitting instructions. Applicants are primarily institutions of higher education, but may also include hospitals, State Rehabilitation education agencies and voluntary and profit organizations. The public will note that there have been no changes to the collection's contents since it was last available to them.

This information collection is being submitted under the Streamlined Clearance Process for Discretionary Grant Information Collections (1890-0001). Therefore, the 30-day public comment period notice will be the only public comment notice published for this information collection.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 2, 2007.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and

Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment. 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.

Dated: January 26, 2007.

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### Institute of Education Sciences

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* What Works Clearinghouse Database Forms and Customer Surveys.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or household; Businesses or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government; State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

*Responses:* 7,273.

*Burden Hours:* 861.

*Abstract:* The What Works Clearinghouse (WWC) public submission databases will allow members of the public to submit nominations for studies, interventions,

and topics that they would like the WWC to review. The evaluator database will enable the WWC to provide the public with a directory of available evaluators. Data from the customer surveys will be used to create indicators of how successfully the WWC is meeting the needs of various groups of its users.

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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.

Dated: January 26, 2007.

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#### Institute of Education Sciences

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* The Effect of Connected Mathematics 2(CM2) on the Math Achievement of Middle School Students.

*Frequency:* Monthly; Annually.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs; Individuals or household; Businesses or other for-profit.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

*Responses:* 11,410.

*Burden Hours:* 3,488.

**Abstract:** This study will address the methodological flaws in the existing research base on Connected Mathematics 1 (CM1) by incorporating methodological lessons from the What Works Clearinghouse review of CM1, as reported in the Intervention Report on the website, into the current study design of Connected Mathematics 2 (CM2). This will, to our knowledge, be the first formal study to look at the efficacy of CM2. Understanding the effects of curricula like CM2 will provide more evidence for ED in developing evidence-based approaches

to mathematics instruction and informing parents and schools about those approaches. The primary respondents in this study will be 6th grade math students and their teachers.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 3271. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Potomac Center, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20202-4700. Requests may also be electronically mailed to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-245-6623. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

##### Office of Innovation and Improvement; Overview Information; Credit Enhancement for Charter School Facilities Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2007

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number:* 84.354A.

*Dates:* Applications Available: February 1, 2007.

*Date of Pre-Application Meeting:* March 20, 2007.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* April 2, 2007.

*Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:* June 1, 2007.

*Eligible Applicants:* (A) A public entity, such as a State or local governmental entity; (B) A private, nonprofit entity; or (C) A consortium of entities described in (A) and (B).

**Note:** The Secretary will make, if possible, at least one award in each of the three categories of eligible applicants.

*Estimated Available Funds:* The Administration has requested \$36,611,190 for this program for FY 2007. The actual level of funding, if any, depends on final congressional action. However, we are inviting applications to

allow enough time to complete the grant process if Congress appropriates funds for this program.

Contingent upon the availability of funds and the quality of applications, we may make additional awards in future years from the list of unfunded applications from this competition.

**Note:** The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

*Project Period:* From the start date indicated on the grant award document until the Federal funds and earnings on those funds have been expended for the grant purposes or until financing facilitated by the grant has been retired, whichever is later.

#### Full Text of Announcement

##### I. Funding Opportunity Description

*Purpose of Program:* This program provides grants to eligible entities to permit them to enhance the credit of charter schools so that they can access private-sector and other non-Federal capital in order to acquire, construct, and renovate facilities at a reasonable cost. Grant projects awarded under this program will be of sufficient size, scope, and quality to enable the grantees to implement effective strategies for reaching that objective.

*Priority:* In accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(ii), this priority is from the regulations for this program (34 CFR 225.12).

*Competitive Preference Priority:* For FY 2007 and any subsequent year in which we make awards based on the list of unfunded applications from this competition, this priority is a competitive preference priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i) we award up to an additional 15 points to an application, depending on how well the application meets this priority.

This priority is:

The capacity of charter schools to offer public school choice in those communities with the greatest need for school choice based on—

(1) The extent to which the applicant would target services to geographic areas in which a large proportion or number of public schools have been identified for improvement, corrective action, or restructuring under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001;

(2) The extent to which the applicant would target services to geographic areas in which a large proportion of students perform below proficient on State academic assessments; and

(3) The extent to which the applicant would target services to communities