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Dated: June 23, 2004.

**Angela C. Arrington,**

*Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

#### Office of Postsecondary Education

**Type of Review:** Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

**Title:** Technological Innovation and Cooperation for Foreign Information Access.

**Frequency:** Annually.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or household (primary).

**Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:**

Responses: 813.

Burden Hours: 813.

**Abstract:** This collection is used to obtain the programmatic and budgetary information needed to evaluate applications and make funding decisions. Without the information collected on this form the Department would not be able to make awards and disperse appropriated funds in accordance with the authorizing legislation.

Requests for copies of the submission for OMB review; comment request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and

by clicking on link number 2573. 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 the Internet address [OCIO\\_RIMG@ed.gov](mailto:OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-245-6621. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Joe Schubart at his e-mail address [Joe.Schubart@ed.gov](mailto:Joe.Schubart@ed.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

##### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before July 30, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Alice Thaler, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10222, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or faxed to (202) 395-6974.

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Dated: June 25, 2004.

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*Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

#### Institute of Education Sciences

**Type of Review:** New.

**Title:** Early Reading First National Evaluation.

**Frequency:** On Occasion.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or household; Businesses or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions.

**Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:**

Responses: 5,685.

Burden Hours: 2,256.

**Abstract:** The proposed data collection is necessary to complete the national evaluation of Early Reading First. The ERF national evaluation will use a regression discontinuity design, including a baseline and two follow-up assessment points, to determine the extent to which the additional funds and technical assistance given to ERF grantees change the instructional content and children's outcomes compared to the content and outcomes in the absence of ERF. The evaluation will also explore the extent to which variations in program quality and implementation are associated with differences in participant outcomes. The respondents for this research initiative include children, parents, teachers and preschool directors. The evaluation results will be used by policymakers to document ERF's effectiveness, understand best practices, and inform decisions about expansion.

Requests for copies of the submission for OMB review; comment request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2531. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Potomac Center, 9th Floor, Washington,

DC 20202-4700. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address [OCIO\\_RIMG@ed.gov](mailto:OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-245-6623. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Kathy Axt at her e-mail address [Kathy.Axt@ed.gov](mailto:Kathy.Axt@ed.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, 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 August 30, 2004.

**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 Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, 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: June 25, 2004.

Angela C. Arrington,

Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

### Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* Improving Literacy Through School Libraries Program Final Grant Report.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* State, local, or tribal gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 100.

Burden Hours: 500.

*Abstract:* The Improving Literacy Through School Libraries Program Final Grant Report will be used by grantees at the end of the project period to show necessary data on the accomplishment of approved activities. The report will identify, by occupation and contributed time, key personnel. It will confirm the schools and the number of students served. It will show changes in school library access hours. School districts will show the differences between the number of library resources and computers before and during the year of the award. The beneficiaries of professional development activities, if applicable, are also requested. The breakdown of grant expenditures per activity is also described. Important data on student reading achievement by school is also requested.

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 2564. 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 the Internet

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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### Small, Rural School Achievement Program

**AGENCY:** Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice announcing application deadline.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Small, Rural School Achievement (SRSA) Program, we award grants on a formula basis to eligible local educational agencies (LEAs) to address the unique needs of rural school districts. In this notice, we establish the deadline for submission of the fiscal year (FY) 2004 SRSA grant applications.

As discussed in this notice, some LEAs that are eligible for FY 2004 SRSA funds are considered already to have met the application requirement based on their previously submitted application and do not have to submit a new application to the Department to receive their FY 2004 SRSA grant awards.

**DATES:** *Application Deadline:* July 30, 2004, 4:30 p.m. eastern time.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Which LEAs Are Eligible for an Award Under the SRSA Program?

An LEA is eligible for an award under the SRSA Program if—

(a) The total number of students in average daily attendance at all of the schools served by the LEA is fewer than 600; or each county in which a school served by the LEA is located has a total population density of fewer than 10 persons per square mile; and

(b) All of the schools served by the LEA are designated with a school locale code of 7 or 8 by the Department's National Center for Education Statistics; or the Secretary has determined, based on a demonstration by the LEA and