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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: March 3, 2004.

Angela C. Arrington,

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

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: State Data Collection for the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: State, local, or tribal gov't, SEAs or LEAs (primary).

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: Responses: 51. Burden Hours: 4,080.

Abstract: State Education Agencies will submit information to the Department of Education to be able to determine the extent to which States ensure homeless children and youth have access to a free, appropriate public education under Title X Part C of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. The purpose of the Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program is to improve the educational outcomes for children and youth in homeless situations. The statutes for this program are designed to ensure all homeless children and youth have equal access to public school education and for States and LEAs to review and revise policies and regulations to remove barriers to enrolling, attendance and academic achievement.

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 2476. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651 or to the e-mail address vivian_reese@ed.gov. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov or faxed to 202-708-9346. 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. 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 May 10, 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: March 4, 2004.

Angela C. Arrington,

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

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Grantee Reporting Form.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions, State, local, or tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: Responses: 350.

Burden Hours: 400.

Abstract: The Grantee Reporting Form is an information collection form that has been approved and extended with minor modifications by OMB until February 29, 2004. RSA currently uses the Grantee Reporting Form to assess grantees' compliance with program requirements and to report to Congress performance and progress in meeting the purpose for training programs as mandated in Title III of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended: to "ensure that skilled personnel are available to provide rehabilitation services to individuals with disabilities through vocational, medical, social, and psychological rehabilitation programs * * *". The Grantee Reporting Form will provide specific information in this regard, including the number of RSA scholars entering the public vocational rehabilitation workforce, in what rehabilitation field, and in what type of employment (*e.g.* State VR agency, nonprofit service provider or practice group).

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 2464. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651 or to the e-mail address vivian_reese@ed.gov. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov or faxed to (202) 708-9346. 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 Shelia Carey at her e-mail address Shelia.Carey@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.

ACTION: Correction notice.

SUMMARY: On March 3, 2004, the Department of Education published a 30-day public comment period notice in the **Federal Register** (Page 10005, Column 3) for the information collection, "U.S. Department of Education Budget Information—Non-Construction Programs Form and Grant Performance Report Form. The notice incorrectly referred to the Institute of Education Sciences. The correct office is the office of the Chief Financial Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sheila Carey at her e-mail address Sheila.Carey@ed.gov.

Dated: March 3, 2004.

Angela C. Arrington,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science Financial Assistance Program Notice DE-FG01-04ER04-15; Institutes for the Advancement of Computational Biology Research and Education

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice inviting grant applications.

SUMMARY: The Office of Advanced Scientific Computing Research (ASCR) of the Office of Science (SC), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), hereby announces its interest in receiving applications for institutes for the advancement of computational biology research and education, in support of the ASCR computational biology program, the ASCR-BER (Office of Biological and Environmental Research) DOE Genomic: GTL program, and the broader SC research programs. Prospective applicants should observe that:

(1) Applications serving two complementary objectives—the advancement of computational biology research as an intellectual pursuit; and innovative approaches to educating biologists as computational scientists—are sought;

(2) The focus of the proposed effort should be on advancing computational biology research and education as counterbalancing and complementary activities to experimental biology—rather than on computation as a support activity to experimental biology;

(3) Proposed research and educational activities should be relevant to the mission of the Office of Science and, in particular to the long term goals of the GTL program;

(4) Proposed activities should include a plan for an active dialogue with industry, universities, and other laboratories and centers in order to maximize the dissemination of information, promote and support technology commercialization, and avoid unnecessary duplication of effort;

(5) Multiple year funding is not guaranteed, although applicants may request periods of performance ranging up to 3 years.

More specific information on this solicitation is outlined in the Supplementary Information section below.

DATES: The deadline for receipt of formal applications is 4:30 p.m., eastern time, Tuesday, April 6, 2004, in order to be accepted for merit review and to permit timely consideration for award in Fiscal Year 2004.

ADDRESSES: Formal applications in response to this solicitation are to be electronically submitted by an authorized institutional business official through DOE's Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) at: <http://e-center.doe.gov/>. IIPS provides for the posting of solicitations and receipt of applications in a paperless environment via the Internet. In order to submit applications through IIPS your business official will need to register at the IIPS Web site. It is suggested that this registration be completed several days prior to the date on which you plan to submit the formal application. The Office of Science will include attachments as part of this notice that provide the appropriate forms in PDF fillable format that are to be submitted through IIPS. IIPS offers the option of using multiple files, please limit submissions to one volume and one file if possible, with a maximum of no more than four PDF files. Color images should be submitted in IIPS as a separate file in PDF format and identified as such. These images should be kept to a minimum due to the limitations of reproducing them. They should be numbered and referred to in the body of the technical scientific proposal as Color image 1, Color image 2, etc. Questions regarding the operation of IIPS may be e-mailed to the IIPS Help Desk at: helpdesk@pr.doe.gov or you may call the help desk at: (800) 683-0751. Further information on the use of IIPS by the Office of Science is available at: <http://www.sc.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html>.

If you are unable to submit the application through IIPS, please contact the Grants and Contracts Division, Office of Science at: (301) 903-5212 or (301) 903-3604, in order to gain assistance for submission through IIPS or to receive special approval and instruction on how to submit printed applications.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOE's Office of Science, in order to accomplish its mission, is faced with the need for computational biology capabilities that far exceed what is currently available. In particular, the Office of Science's needs for its GTL program are documented at the DOE Genomics: GTL Web site: <http://www.doe-genomestolive.org/>

The goals of the GTL program are:

- Identify the protein machines that carry out critical life functions;
- Characterize the gene regulatory networks that control these machines;
- Explore the functional repertoire of complex microbial communities in their natural environments to provide a