

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. The OMB is particularly interested in comments which: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: September 15, 2011.

Darrin King,

Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title of Collection: Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program Final Performance Report.

OMB Control Number: 1840-0598.

Agency Form Number(s): N/A.

Frequency of Responses: Annually.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 57.

Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 570.

Abstract: The information collected in the Final Performance Report ensures that State Education Agencies (SEA) are making scholarships available in accordances with the legislations and regulations that govern the Robert C. Byrd Honors scholarship Program. The Department will use the information to monitor and evaluate the compliance of SEAs.

Copies of the information collection submission for OMB review may be accessed from the RegInfo.gov Web site at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain> or from the Department's Web site at <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 4642. 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., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202-401-0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection and OMB Control Number when making your request.

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.

ACTION: Comment Request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Education (the Department), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the reporting burden on the public and helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records 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 November 21, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or mailed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that Federal agencies provide interested parties an early opportunity to comment

on information collection requests. The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. 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: September 15, 2011.

Darrin King,

Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management.

Institute of Education Sciences

Type of Review: Revision.

Title of Collection: Impact Evaluation of Race to the Top and School Improvement Grants.

OMB Control Number: 1850-0884.

Agency Form Number(s): N/A.

Frequency of Responses: Once.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 1,529.

Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 2,459.

Abstract: This OMB package requests clearance for data collection, analysis, and reporting activities from 50 states and the District of Columbia, and approximately 134 districts and 1,200 schools as part of an evaluation of Race to the Top (RTT) and School Improvement Grants (SIG). The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act contained substantial funding for systemic education reform. This included \$4 billion in RTT grants, which were awarded to 11 states and the District of Columbia based both on their education reform plans and their past success in creating the conditions for reform, and \$3 billion in additional funding for SIG, which is aimed at implementing one of four school turnaround models (STMs) in the lowest-performing schools. The evaluation is designed to (1) study the implementation of RTT and SIG; (2) analyze the impact of SIG- or RTT-funded STMs on student outcomes

using a regression discontinuity design; (3) analyze the relationship between receipt of RTT funds and student outcomes using an interrupted time series design; and (4) investigate the relationship between STM turnaround models (and strategies within those models) and student outcomes in low-performing schools. This Office of Management and Budget package follows a previously approved package for recruitment activities (#1850-0884), and includes data collection forms, and burden estimates of the number of respondents and hours of response time.

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 4718. 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., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202-401-0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection and OMB Control Number when making your request.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Applications for New Awards; Statewide, Longitudinal Data Systems Program

AGENCY: Institute of Education Sciences, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

Overview Information: Statewide, Longitudinal Data Systems Program. Notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2012.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.372A.

DATES: *Request for Applications (RFA)* Available: September 15, 2011.

Application Package Available: September 26, 2011.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: December 15, 2011.

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: The Statewide, Longitudinal Data Systems program awards grants to State educational

agencies (SEAs) to design, develop, and implement statewide, longitudinal data systems to efficiently and accurately manage, analyze, disaggregate, and use individual student data. The Department's long-term goal in operating the program is to help all States create comprehensive P-20W (early learning through workforce) systems that foster the generation and use of accurate and timely data, support analysis and informed decision-making at all levels of the education system, increase the efficiency with which data may be analyzed to support the continuous improvement of education services and outcomes, facilitate research to improve student academic achievement and close achievement gaps, support education accountability systems, and simplify the processes used by SEAs to make education data transparent through Federal and public reporting.

Priorities

SEAs may apply for grants under one of three priorities:

- (1) To design, develop, and implement statewide, longitudinal kindergarten through grade 12 (K-12) data systems;
- (2) To develop and link early childhood data to the State's K-12 data system; or
- (3) To develop and link postsecondary and/or workforce data to the State's K-12 data system.

Grants will not be made available to support ongoing maintenance of data systems.

An SEA may submit only one application under this competition.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 9607.

Applicable Regulations: The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 77, 80, 81, 82, 84, 85, 97, 98, and 99. In addition, the regulations in 34 CFR part 75 are applicable, except for the provisions in 34 CFR 75.100, 75.101(b), 75.102, 75.103, 75.105, 75.109(a), 75.200, 75.201, 75.209, 75.210, 75.211, 75.217(a)-(c), 75.219, 75.220, 75.221, 75.222, and 75.230.

II. Award Information

Type of Award: Cooperative agreements.

Estimated Available Funds: The Administration has requested \$100,000,000 for this program in FY 2012. Although Congress has not enacted a final appropriation for FY 2012, the Institute of Education Sciences (Institute or IES) is inviting applications for this competition now so that it may be prepared to make awards following final action on the

Department's appropriations bill. The actual award of grants will depend on the availability of funds.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000 for the entire project period.

Maximum Award: We will reject any application that proposes a budget exceeding the following amounts for a project period of 36 months:

For grants to design, develop, and implement a K-12 statewide, longitudinal data system (Priority 1), \$5,000,000.

For grants to develop and link early childhood data to the State's K-12 data system (Priority 2) or to develop and link postsecondary and/or workforce data to the State's K-12 data system (Priority 3), \$4,000,000.

The Director of the Institute may change the maximum amount through a notice published in the **Federal Register**.

Estimated Number of Awards: The number of awards made under this competition will depend upon the quality of the applications received and the level of funding available.

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

Project Period: Three years.

III. Eligibility Information

1. *Eligible Applicants:* Eligible applicants are limited to SEAs. An SEA is the agency primarily responsible for the State supervision of elementary schools and secondary schools. See 20 U.S.C. 9601 (which incorporates by reference the definition of SEA set out in section 9101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA), 20 U.S.C. 7801). The SEAs of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands are eligible.

SEAs that received SLDS grants in June 2010 from funds appropriated under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) will not be considered for 2012 SLDS grants under this competition. Their ARRA SLDS grants, awarded in FY 2010, will still be underway when the 2012 grants are awarded.

2. a. *Cost Sharing or Matching:* This competition does not require cost sharing or matching.

b. *Supplement-Not-Supplant:* A supplement-not-supplant requirement applies to this program. Funds made available under this grant program are to supplement, and not supplant, other State or local funds used for developing