

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Office of the Secretary****Meeting Notice—Military Justice Review Panel**

**AGENCY:** General Counsel of the Department of Defense, Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The DoD is publishing this notice to announce that the Military Justice Review Panel will host an open meeting on January 16–17, 2024.

**DATES:** Tuesday, January 16, 2024—Open to the public from 9:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. to 2 p.m. eastern standard time (EST) and Wednesday, January 17, 2024—Open to the public from 10:15 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. EST.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held at the General Gordon R. Sullivan Conference and Event Center, 2425 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22201. The meeting can be accessed virtually via the following dial-in number and links: Dial-in: +1 646 828 7666, Meeting ID: 161 535 0618 Passcode: 654321. Link: <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1615350618?pwd=NfowUHFkSVQvOUprZUFaOVd6RmxjZz09>. Meeting ID: 161 535 0618 Passcode: 654321. For those who would like to attend, please send registration information to [whs.pentagon.em.mbx.mjrp@mail.mil](mailto:whs.pentagon.em.mbx.mjrp@mail.mil), providing your name, email, organization (if applicable), and telephone number.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Pete L. Yob, 703–693–3857 (Voice), [louis.p.yob.civ@mail.mil](mailto:louis.p.yob.civ@mail.mil) (Email). Mailing address is MJRP, One Liberty Center, 875 N Randolph Street, Suite 150, Arlington, Virginia 22203. The most up-to-date changes to the meeting agenda can be found on the website: <https://mjrp.osd.mil>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to § 5521 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017, as amended by § 531(k) of the FY 2018 NDAA, the Secretary of Defense established this panel to conduct independent periodic reviews and assessments of the operation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). (10 U.S.C. 946. Art. 146 (effective Jan 1, 2019)).

*Purpose of the Meeting:* Pursuant to UCMJ, Article 146, the MJRP shall conduct independent periodic reviews and assessments of the operation of the UCMJ. This will be the ninth meeting held by the MJRP. On Day 1, the MJRP will hold two open sessions. The first

session will be composed of former military judges. After a lunch break, the MJRP will hear from a panel of special victims' counsel. On Day 2, MJRP members will hold two open sessions. First, the MJRP will hear from a panel composed of military appellate government counsel followed by a second session composed of military appellate defense counsel.

Dated: December 21, 2023.

**Aaron T. Siegel,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION****Applications for New Awards; Office of Indian Education Formula Grants to Local Educational Agencies**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Education (Department) is issuing a notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2024 for Office of Indian Education (OIE) Formula Grants to Local Educational Agencies (Formula Grants), Assistance Listing Number 84.060A. This notice relates to the approved information collection under OMB control number 1810–0021.

**DATES:**

*Part I of Electronic Application System for Indian Education (EASIE) Applications Available:* February 5, 2024.

*Deadline for Transmittal of EASIE Part I:* March 8, 2024.

*Part II of EASIE Applications Available:* April 1, 2024.

*Deadline for Transmittal of EASIE Part II:* May 10, 2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions about the Formula Grants program, contact Crystal C. Moore, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, MS 6335, Washington, DC 20202–6335. Telephone: (202) 987–0607. Email: [crystal.moore@ed.gov](mailto:crystal.moore@ed.gov).

For technical questions about the EASIE application and uploading documentation, contact the Partner Support Center (PSC). Telephone: 877–457–3336. Email: [OIE.EASIE@ed.gov](mailto:OIE.EASIE@ed.gov).

If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability and wish to access telecommunications relay services, please dial 7–1–1.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Full Text of Announcement**

*Note:* Applicants must meet the deadlines for both EASIE Part I and Part II to be eligible to receive a grant. Failure to submit the required supplemental documentation, described under *Content and Form of Application Submission* in section IV of this notice, by the EASIE Part I or II deadline, will result in an incomplete application that will not be considered for funding. OIE recommends uploading the documentation at least 4 days prior to the deadlines to ensure that any potential submission issues are resolved prior to the deadlines.

**I. Funding Opportunity Description**

*Purpose of Program:* The Formula Grants program provides grants to support local educational agencies (LEAs), Indian Tribes and organizations, and other eligible entities in developing and implementing elementary and secondary school programs that serve Indian students. These funds must be used to support comprehensive programs that are designed to meet the unique cultural, language, and educational needs of American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) students and ensure that all students meet challenging State academic standards. The information gathered from the project's final annual performance report (APR) will be utilized to complete OIE's required annual reporting. Specifically, that report covers the Secretary's established performance measures for assessing the effectiveness and efficiency of the Formula Grants program as detailed in this notice.

*Integration of Services Authorized:* As authorized under section 6116 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA), the Secretary will, upon receipt of an acceptable plan for the integration of education and related services, and in cooperation with other relevant Federal agencies, authorize the entity receiving the funds under this program to consolidate all Federal funds that are to be used exclusively for Indian students. Instructions for submitting an integration of education and related services plan are included in EASIE, which is described under *Application and Submission Information* in section IV of this notice.

*Note:* Under the Formula Grants program, all applicants are required to develop proposed projects in open consultation, including through public hearings to provide a full opportunity to understand the program and to offer recommendations regarding the program

(section 6114(c)(3)(C) of the ESEA), with parents and teachers of Indian children, representatives of Indian Tribes on Indian lands located within 50 miles of any school that the LEA will serve if such Tribes have any children in such school, Indian organizations (IOs), and, if appropriate, Indian students from secondary schools. LEA applicants are required to develop proposed projects with the participation and written approval of an Indian Parent Committee whose membership includes parents and family members of Indian children in the LEA's schools; representatives of Indian Tribes on Indian lands located within 50 miles of any school that the LEA will serve if such Tribes have any children in such school; teachers in the schools; and, if appropriate, Indian students attending secondary schools of the LEA (ESEA section 6114(c)(4)). The majority of the Indian Parent Committee members must be parents and family members of Indian children (ESEA section 6114(c)(4)(B)).

*Definition:* The following definition is from ESEA section 6112(d)(3):

*Indian community-based organization (ICBO)* means any organization that (1) is composed primarily of Indian parents, family members, and community members, Tribal government education officials, and Tribal members, from a specific community; (2) assists in the social, cultural, and educational development of Indians in such community; (3) meets the unique cultural, language, and academic needs of Indian students; and (4) demonstrates organizational and administrative capacity to manage the grant.

*Statutory Hiring Preference:* Awards are subject to the provisions of section 7(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5307(b)). To the greatest extent feasible, a grantee is required to—

- (1) Give to Indians preferences and opportunities for training and employment in connection with the administration of the grant; and
- (2) Give to Indian organizations and to Indian-owned economic enterprises, as defined in section 3 of the Indian Financing Act of 1974 (25 U.S.C. 1452(e)), preference in the award of contracts in connection with the administration of the grant.

For purposes of this requirement, an Indian is a member of any federally recognized Indian Tribe (25 U.S.C. 1452(b)).

*Program Authority:* 20 U.S.C. 7421, *et seq.*

*Note:* Projects will be awarded and must be operated in a manner consistent with the nondiscrimination

requirements contained in Federal civil rights laws.

*Applicable Regulations:* (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations in 34 CFR parts 75, 77, 81, 82, 84, 97, 98, and 99. (b) The Office of Management and Budget Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement) in 2 CFR part 180, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 2 CFR part 3485. (c) The Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards in 2 CFR part 200, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 2 CFR part 3474.

## II. Award Information

*Type of Award:* Formula grants.

*Estimated Available Funds:* The Administration requested \$117,381,000 for the Formula Grants program for FY 2024. 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.

*Estimated Range of Awards:* \$4,000 to \$2,653,404.

*Estimated Average Size of Awards:* \$86,000.

*Estimated Number of Awards:* 1,300.

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

*Project Period:* 12 months.

## III. Eligibility Information

1. *Eligible Applicants:* The following entities are eligible under this program: certain LEAs, as prescribed by ESEA section 6112(b), including charter schools authorized as LEAs under State law; certain schools funded by the Bureau of Indian Education of the U.S. Department of the Interior (BIE), as prescribed by ESEA section 6113(d); Indian Tribes and IOs under certain conditions, as prescribed by ESEA section 6112(c); and ICBOs, as prescribed by ESEA section 6112(d). Consortia of two or more eligible entities are also eligible under certain circumstances, as prescribed by ESEA section 6112(a)(4).

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

b. *Supplement Not Supplant:* ESEA section 6114(c)(1) requires an LEA to use these grant funds only to supplement the funds that, in the absence of these Federal funds, such agency would make available for services described in this application, and not to supplant such funds.

c. *Indirect Cost Rate Information:* This program uses a restricted indirect cost rate. For more information regarding restricted indirect costs, or to obtain a negotiated restricted indirect cost rate, please see: [www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocfo/intro.html](http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocfo/intro.html).

d. *Administrative Cost Limitation:* Under ESEA section 6115(d), no more than five percent of funds awarded for a grant under this program may be used for administrative purposes. Note that, since fiscal year 2020, Congress has included language in appropriations acts to clarify that the statutory 5 percent limit does not include indirect costs. In the event such language is not included in the FY 2024 appropriations act, the Department will work with successful applicants to make budget adjustments to align with administrative cost restrictions, if necessary.

## IV. Application and Submission Information

1. *How to Request an Application Package:* You can obtain an entity-specific link for the electronic application for grants under this program by contacting the PSC listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

On request to the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an accessible format. The Department will provide the requestor with an accessible format that may include Rich Text Format (RTF) or text format (txt), a thumb drive, an MP3 file, braille, large print, audiotape, or compact disc, or other accessible format.

2. *Content and Form of Application Submission:* Requirements concerning the content of an application, together with the forms you must submit and technical assistance resources, are located on the EASIE Communities of Practice website at <https://easie.communities.ed.gov/>.

*Note:* OIE and PSC will provide comprehensive documentation to support applicants and grantees with accessing, navigating, and entering data and submitting their responses into the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) MAX Survey. Prior to the opening of EASIE Part I, this documentation will be announced and posted on the EASIE Communities of Practice website at: <https://easie.communities.ed.gov/>.

User accounts were replaced with an entity-specific link (also known as a token) to access the EASIE application in the OMB MAX Survey. Only individuals that are registered as the

current Point of Contact (POC), Project Director (PD), or Authorized Official Representative (AOR) will receive the entity-specific link to access the application for EASIE Part I and II. The AOR can continue to delegate the responsibility of completing the EASIE application in the new OMB MAX Survey to other entity contacts by sharing their entity-specific link internally. The AOR is ultimately responsible for reviewing and certifying the application. Please contact the PSC with any questions related to this change.

**Supplementary Documentation:** The EASIE application requires submission of the following supplementary documentation in electronic Portable Document Format (PDF):

(1) In EASIE Part I, applicants that are Tribes, IOs, or ICBOs must submit the appropriate "Applying in Lieu of the LEA" agreement form with their application to verify their eligibility no later than March 8, 2024 (which is the closing date of EASIE Part I). Each separate eligibility document is identified by applicant type as either Tribe Applying in Lieu of an LEA Agreement; IO Agreement; or ICBO Agreement. These are available on the EASIE Communities of Practice website (<https://easie.communities.ed.gov/>) as downloadable documents. The details of the verification process, which are necessary to meet the statutory eligibility requirements for Tribes, IOs, and ICBOs, are in the application package.

(2) In EASIE Part I, the lead applicant for a consortium must use the consortium agreement form that is available on the Getting Started page in the EASIE Portal as a downloadable document and upload it to EASIE no later than March 8, 2024 (the closing date of EASIE Part I).

(3) In EASIE Part II, for an applicant that is an LEA or a consortium of LEAs, the EASIE application requires the electronic PDF submission of the Indian Parent Committee Approval form no later than May 10, 2024 (which is the deadline for transmittal of EASIE Part II). Applicants are encouraged to begin planning parent committee meetings early to ensure parent committee requirements are met before EASIE Part II closes. The form is available on the EASIE Communities of Practice website at <https://easie.communities.ed.gov/>.

**3. Submission Dates and Times:** Part I of the Formula Grant EASIE Applications Available: February 5, 2024.

Deadline for Transmittal of EASIE Part I: March 8, 2024, 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time.

Part II of the Formula Grant EASIE Applications Available: April 1, 2024.

Deadline for Transmittal of EASIE Part II: May 10, 2024, 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time.

Submit applications for grants under this program electronically using EASIE located in the OIE-provided portal. For information (including dates and times) about how to submit your application, please refer to *Other Submission Requirements* in section IV of this notice.

OIE will only consider applications that are compliant with deadline requirements.

Individuals with disabilities who need an accommodation or auxiliary aid in connection with the application process should contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. If the Department provides an accommodation or auxiliary aid to an individual with a disability in connection with the application process, the individual's application remains subject to all other requirements and limitations in this notice.

**4. Intergovernmental Review:** This program is not subject to Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79.

**5. Unique Entity Identification (UEI) Number, Taxpayer Identification Number, and System for Award Management:** To do business with the Department, you must—

- a. Have a Unique Entity Identification (UEI) number and a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN);
- b. Register both your UEI number and TIN with the System for Award Management (SAM), the Government's primary registrant database;
- c. Provide your UEI number and TIN on your SAM application; and
- d. Maintain an active SAM registration with current information while your application is under review by the Department and, if you are awarded a grant, during the project period.

You can obtain a UEI number from *SAM.gov* at the following website: <https://sam.gov/>. A UEI number can be created within one to two business days.

If you are a corporate entity, agency, institution, or organization, you can obtain a TIN from the Internal Revenue Service. If you are an individual, you can obtain a TIN from the Internal Revenue Service or the Social Security Administration. If you need a new TIN, please allow 2 to 5 weeks for your TIN to become active.

The SAM registration process can take approximately seven business days, but may take upwards of several weeks,

depending on the completeness and accuracy of the data you enter in the SAM database. Thus, if you think you might want to apply for Federal financial assistance under a program administered by the Department, please allow sufficient time to obtain and register your UEI number and TIN. We strongly recommend that you register early.

If you are currently registered with SAM, you may not need to make any changes. However, please make certain that the TIN associated with your UEI number is correct. Also note that you will need to update your registration annually. This may take three or more business days.

Information about SAM is available at <https://sam.gov/>. To further assist you with obtaining and registering your UEI number and TIN in SAM or updating your existing SAM account, we have prepared a *SAM.gov* Tip Sheet, which you can find here: [www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oeo/docs/unique-entity-identifier-transition-fact-sheet.pdf](http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oeo/docs/unique-entity-identifier-transition-fact-sheet.pdf).

**6. Other Submission Requirements:**  
a. *Electronic Submission of Applications.*

EASIE is an electronic application within OMB MAX Survey that users access via an entity-specific link. It is divided into two parts: EASIE Part I and EASIE Part II.

EASIE Part I (student count) provides the appropriate data entry screens to submit verified, aggregated, Indian student count totals based on either the Indian School Equalization Program (ISEP) count or the Indian Student Eligibility Certification Form (ED 506 Form). All applicants must submit a current Indian student count for FY 2024. Applicants must use the ED 506 Form to document eligible Indian students; however, BIE schools may use either the ISEP count or the ED 506 Form count to verify their Indian student counts. Applicants must protect the privacy of all individual data collected and only report aggregated data to the Secretary.

Applicants that verify their Indian student count with the ED 506 Form must document their Indian student counts by completing the following: (1) annually, the applicant must verify there is a valid ED 506 Form for each Indian child included in the count; (2) all ED 506 Forms included in the count must be completed, signed, and dated by the parent or legal guardian, and be on file with the applicant; (3) the applicant must maintain a copy of the student enrollment roster(s) covering the same period of time indicated in the application as the count period; and (4) each Indian child included in the count

must be listed on the LEA's enrollment roster(s) and in attendance for at least 1 day during the count period.

BIE schools that enter an ISEP count to verify their Indian student count must use the most current Indian student count certified by the BIE.

Once an Indian child is determined to be eligible to be counted for such grant award, the applicant must maintain a record of such determination and must not require a new or duplicate determination or form to be made for such child for a subsequent application for a grant under this program.

Applicants must indicate the time span for the project objectives and corresponding activities and services for AIAN students. Applicants can choose to set objectives that remain the same for up to four years to facilitate data collection and enhance long-term planning.

In EASIE Part II, all applicants are required to—

(1) Select the type of program being submitted as either regular formula grant project, formula grant project consolidated with a Title I schoolwide program, or integration of services under ESEA section 6116;

(2) Select the grade levels offered by the LEA or BIE school;

(3) Identify, from a list of possible Department grant programs (e.g., ESEA Title I), the programs in the LEA that are currently coordinated with a Formula Grant project, or with which the school district plans to coordinate during the project year, in accordance with ESEA section 6114(c)(5), and describe the comprehensive program for AIAN students with those grant programs;

(4) Describe the professional development opportunities that will be provided as part of a comprehensive program to ensure that teachers and other school professionals who are new to the Indian community are prepared to work with Indian children, and that all teachers who will be involved in programs assisted by this grant have been properly trained to carry out such programs, as required by ESEA section 6114(b)(5);

(5) Provide information on how the State assessment data of all Indian students (not just those served) are used and how such information will be disseminated to the Indian community, Indian Parent Committee, and Indian Tribes whose children are served by the LEA. Also describe how assessment data from the previous school year (SY) were used, as required by ESEA section 6114(b)(6);

(6) Indicate when the public hearing was held for SY 2024–25, as required by ESEA section 6114(c)(3)(C);

(7) For an applicant that is an LEA, BIE school, or a consortium of LEAs or BIE schools, describe the process the applicant used to meaningfully collaborate with Indian Tribes located in the community in a timely, active, and ongoing manner in the development of the comprehensive program and the actions taken as a result of such collaboration (ESEA section 6114(b)(7));

(8) Identify specific project objectives that will further the goal of providing culturally responsive education for AIAN students to meet their academic needs and help them meet State achievement standards (ESEA section 6115(b));

(9) For an LEA that selects a schoolwide application, identify how the use of such funds in a schoolwide program will produce benefits to Indian students that would not be achieved if the funds were not used in a schoolwide program (ESEA section 6115(c)(3));

(10) Submit a program budget and justification based on the estimated grant amount that the EASIE calculates from the Indian student count submitted in EASIE Part I. After the initial grant amounts are determined, additional funds may become available due to such circumstances as withdrawn applications or a reduction in another applicant's student count. An applicant whose award amount increases or decreases more than \$5,000 must submit a revised budget prior to receiving its grant award but will not need to re-certify its application. If an applicant's award amount increases or decreases by less than \$5,000, a budget update is not required. For an applicant that receives an increased award amount following submission of its original budget, the applicant must allocate the increased amount only to previously approved budget categories;

(11) As required by section 427 of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA), describe the steps the applicant proposes to take to ensure equitable access to, and participation in, the project or activity to be conducted with such assistance, by addressing the special needs of students, teachers, and other program beneficiaries in order to overcome barriers to equitable participation, including barriers based on gender, race, color, national origin, disability, and age; and

(12) If needed, provide additional comments to assist OIE in the review of the application.

**Registration for Formula Grant EASIE:** Current, former, and new applicants interested in submitting a Formula Grants application must register for EASIE. Prior to the opening of EASIE Part I, PSC will send a broadcast to prior

year grantees and new prospective applicants that have contacted PSC and registered for EASIE. All recipients who receive PSC's broadcast will be asked to complete their intent to apply for the upcoming application period in the EASIE Portal. All prospective applicants will be provided the opportunity to confirm if any updates to their registration information are necessary, and/or if they would like to completely decline registration. Entities that do not have an active registration or are new applicants should contact the PSC listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** to register any time before the EASIE Part I application deadline date. Registration *does not* serve as the entity's grant application. For assistance registering, contact the PSC listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**Certification for Formula Grant EASIE:** The applicant's AOR must be a senior-level official (e.g., Superintendent, Tribal Chief, or similar) of the entity and legally authorized by the applicant organization to approve the application. The AOR must certify EASIE Part I and Part II by the deadline date. Each applicant should identify at least three system users, one for each of the following: Project Director, Authorized Official Representative, and another party (such as a Budget Director) designated to answer questions in the event the project director is unavailable. The certification process ensures that the information in the application is true, reliable, and valid. An applicant that provides a false statement in the application is subject to penalties under the False Claims Act, 18 U.S.C. 1001.

**b. Submission of Paper Applications by Mail.**

We discourage paper applications, but if electronic submission is not possible (e.g., you do not have access to the internet), you must provide a written statement that you intend to submit a paper application. Send this written statement no later than Wednesday, January 31, 2024.

If you mail your written statement to the Department, it must be postmarked no later than two weeks before the application deadline date of EASIE Part I. If you fax your written statement to the Department, we must receive the faxed statement no later than two weeks before the application deadline date of EASIE Part I. If you email the written statement, it must be sent no later than two weeks before the application deadline date to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Address and mail or fax your statement to: Crystal C. Moore, U.S. Department of Education, Office of

Indian Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, MS 6335, Washington, DC 20202–6335. FAX: (202) 205–0606.

Your paper application must be submitted in accordance with the mail or hand delivery instructions described in this notice.

You must mail the original and two copies of your application, on or before the application deadline dates for both EASIE Part I and Part II, to the Department at the following address: U.S. Department of Education, Office of Indian Education, Attention: Crystal Moore, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, MS 6335, Washington, DC 20202–6335.

You must show proof of mailing consisting of one of the following:

(1) A legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark.

(2) A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service.

(3) A dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier.

(4) Any other proof of mailing acceptable to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education.

If you mail your application through the U.S. Postal Service, we do not accept either of the following as proof of mailing:

(1) A private metered postmark.

(2) A mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Service.

*Note:* The U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark. Before relying on this method, you should check with your local post office.

We will not consider applications postmarked after the application deadline date for EASIE Part I or Part II.

**c. Submission of Paper Applications by Hand Delivery.**

If you are submitting a paper application, you (or a courier service) may deliver your paper application to the Department by hand. You must deliver the original and two copies of your application by hand, on or before the application deadline dates for both EASIE Part I and Part II, to the Department at the following address: U.S. Department of Education, Office of Indian Education, Attention: Crystal Moore, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, MS 6335, Washington, DC 20202–6335.

The program office accepts hand deliveries daily between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time, except Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays.

*Note for Mail or Hand Delivery of Paper Applications:* If you mail or hand deliver your application to the Department—

(1) You must indicate on the envelope and—if not provided by the

Department—in Item 11 of the SF 424 the Assistance Listing Number, including suffix letter, of this program—84.060A; and

(2) The program office will mail you a notification of receipt of your grant application. If you do not receive this notification within 15 business days from the application deadline date, you should contact the program office at (202) 987–0607.

## V. Grant Administration Information

**1. Risk Assessment and Specific Conditions:** Consistent with 2 CFR 200.206, before awarding grants under this program the Department conducts a review of the risks posed by applicants. Under 2 CFR 200.208, the Secretary may impose specific conditions and, under 2 CFR 3474.10, in appropriate circumstances, high-risk conditions on a grant if the applicant or grantee is not financially stable; has a history of unsatisfactory performance; has a financial or other management system that does not meet the standards in 2 CFR part 200, subpart D; has not fulfilled the conditions of a prior grant; or is otherwise not responsible.

**2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements:** We identify administrative and national policy requirements in the application package and reference these and other requirements in the *Applicable Regulations* section of this notice.

We reference the regulations outlining the terms and conditions of a grant in the *Applicable Regulations* section of this notice and include these and other specific conditions in the Grant Award Notification (GAN). The GAN also incorporates your approved application as part of your binding commitments under the grant.

**3. Reporting:** (a) If you apply for a grant under this program, you must ensure that you have in place the necessary processes and systems to comply with the reporting requirements in 2 CFR part 170 should you receive funding. This does not apply if you have an exception under 2 CFR 170.110(b).

(b) You must submit a final annual performance report (APR) using EASIE via the OMB MAX Survey entity-specific link, including financial information, as directed by the Secretary, within 120 days after the close of the grant year. Grantees will be able to access the APR via the EASIE portal link provided to registered entities prior to the system being open to users. Grantees will receive an email from the PSC identifying the date that the APR will be available to grantees and the deadline for its transmission.

**4. Performance Measures:** For the purposes of Department reporting under 34 CFR 75.110, the Secretary has established the following key performance measures for assessing the effectiveness and efficiency of the Formula Grants program: (1) the percentage of AIAN students in grades four and eight who score at or above the basic level in reading on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP); (2) the percentage of AIAN students in grades four and eight who score at or above the basic level in mathematics on the NAEP; (3) the percentage of AIAN students in grades three through eight meeting State achievement standards by scoring at or above the proficient level in reading and mathematics on State assessments; (4) the difference between the percentage of AIAN students in grades three through eight at or above the proficient level in reading and mathematics on State assessments and the percentage of all students scoring at those levels; (5) the percentage of AIAN students who graduate from high school as measured by the 4-year adjusted cohort graduation rate; (6) the percentage of grantees providing culturally responsive activities; and (7) the percentage of funds used by grantees prior to award closeout.

*Note:* In any year in which NAEP or State assessment data are systematically unavailable, reporting of such data will not be required and will not be used for purposes of performance measures.

**5. Integrity and Performance System:** If you receive an award under this grant program that over the course of the project period may exceed the simplified acquisition threshold (currently \$250,000), under 2 CFR 200.206(a)(2) we must make a judgment about your integrity, business ethics, and record of performance under Federal awards—that is, the risk posed by you as an applicant—before we make an award. In doing so, we must consider any information about you that is in the integrity and performance system (currently referred to as the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS)), accessible through SAM. You may review and comment on any information about yourself that a Federal agency previously entered and that is currently in FAPIIS.

Please note that, if the total value of your currently active grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts from the Federal Government exceeds \$10,000,000, the requirements in 2 CFR part 200, Appendix XII, require you to report certain integrity information to FAPIIS semiannually. Please review the

requirements in 2 CFR part 200, Appendix XII, if this grant plus all the other Federal funds you receive exceed \$10,000,000.

## VI. Other Information

**Accessible Format:** On request to the PSC listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an accessible format. The Department will provide the requestor with an accessible format that may include Rich Text Format (RTF) or text format (txt), a thumb drive, an MP3 file, braille, large print, audiotape, or compact disc, or other accessible format.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED–2023–SCC–0183]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Evaluation of A Toolkit To Support Evidence-Based Writing Instruction in Grades 2 Through 4

**AGENCY:** Institute of Education Sciences (IES), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing a new information collection request (ICR).

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 29, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice. Click on this link [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain) to access the site. Find this information collection request (ICR) by selecting “Department of Education” under “Currently Under Review,” then check the “Only Show ICR for Public Comment” checkbox. [Reginfo.gov](http://Reginfo.gov) provides two links to view documents related to this information collection request. Information collection forms and instructions may be found by clicking on the “View Information Collection (IC) List” link. Supporting statements and other supporting documentation may be found by clicking on the “View Supporting Statement and Other Documents” link. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Heidi Gansen, (202) 245–6765.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department 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. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

*Title of Collection:* Evaluation of A Toolkit to Support Evidence-Based Writing Instruction in Grades 2 Through 4.

*OMB Control Number:* 1850–NEW.

*Type of Review:* New ICR.

*Respondents/Affected Public:*

Individuals or Households *Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 4,188.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 1,237.

**Abstract:** The Institute of Education Sciences (IES) within the U.S. Department of Education (ED) requests clearance for data collection activities to support an evaluation of A Toolkit to Support Evidence-Based Writing Instruction in Grades 2 Through 4. Specifically, this request covers collection of data to conduct an

evaluation to assess whether implementing the writing toolkit (1) improves teachers’ attitudes towards writing and helps them align their writing instruction with the evidence-based recommendations in the What Works Clearinghouse (WWC) Teaching Elementary School Students to Be Effective Writers practice guide and (2) improves students’ writing quality and reading achievement. This randomized controlled trial study will compare teacher and student outcomes in schools that implement the writing toolkit (the treatment group) with the teacher and student outcomes in schools that continue to provide their usual professional development supports (the comparison group).

There is a great need for professional learning supports in elementary writing instruction to address low reading and writing proficiency across the country. Teacher preparation programs rarely offer stand-alone writing instruction (Myers et al. 2016; Morgan 2010; Brenner 2013), and surveys show many teachers and teacher educators do not feel confident in writing instruction (Myers et al. 2016; Cutler and Graham 2008). An accessible package of professional learning materials designed to help educators translate evidence-based recommendations for elementary writing instruction into daily instruction could be a game-changer for improving teacher practice and student writing.

The elementary writing toolkit aims to offer such an accessible, evidence-based professional learning package by drawing on the WWC Teaching Elementary School Students to Be Effective Writers practice guide. The practice guide helps to fill the professional development gaps for elementary writing instruction by providing clear, actionable recommendations along with specific implementation steps and examples. The toolkit will build on the practice guide to (1) make the recommendations and implementation guidance accessible and engaging for busy educators, (2) create a structure for learning and applying practices throughout a school year, (3) promote collaborative learning and planning among teachers, and (4) offer tools for sustaining practices over time. The toolkit will be a one-stop shop that enables schools and educators to access all supports in one place, complemented by diagnostic tools to assess practices and resources for school leaders to institutionalize practices over time. Incorporating multimedia resources that are easy to navigate will make the toolkit more inviting and will facilitate the reinforcement of concepts