

collect section 618 data from States and making specific recommendations to OSEP to improve, enhance, or redesign current processes to meet the Department's needs for data collections included in *EDFacts*. The annual study must consider the availability of new Internet and other technologies for the collection and reporting of data, as well as any new data needs;

(i) Establishing, maintaining, and meeting at least annually with a national advisory group that will be responsible for providing annual feedback on the plans, activities, and accomplishments of the Center;

(j) Maintaining ongoing communication with the OSEP Project Officer, including monthly conference calls. Budget for a three-day Project Directors' meeting in Washington, DC during each year of the project plus ten additional two-day trips annually to Washington, DC to attend additional national meetings and to meet and collaborate with the OSEP Project Officer and other funded projects for purposes of cross-project collaboration and information exchange;

(k) Budgeting five percent of the grant amount annually to support emerging needs as identified jointly through consultation with the OSEP project officer; and

(l) If a project maintains a Web site, including relevant information and documents in a format that meets a government or industry-recognized standard for accessibility.

Note: In each budget period of 12 months, OSEP estimates that approximately 30 percent of the effort under this proposed priority will be devoted to activities and products described in paragraph (c) of this section and approximately 70 percent of the effort will be devoted to the remaining activities described in this section.

Fourth and Fifth Years of the Project

In deciding whether to continue funding the Center for the fourth and fifth years, the Secretary will consider the requirements of 34 CFR 75.253(a), and in addition—

(a) The recommendation of a review team consisting of experts selected by the Secretary, which review will be conducted in Washington, DC during the last half of the project's second year. Projects must budget for travel expenses associated with this one-day intensive review;

(b) The timeliness and effectiveness with which all requirements of the negotiated cooperative agreement have been or are being met by the Center; and

(c) Evidence of the degree to which the Center's activities have contributed

to improvements in the quality of State-reported data.

Eligibility Requirements

Background

The Secretary is proposing that public and private agencies and organizations would be eligible for a grant under this program. The Secretary believes that this will provide the broadest possible pool of applicants to achieve the purpose of the priority.

Proposed Eligibility Requirements

The following entities would be eligible for funding under this program: Public and private agencies and organizations, including for-profit and non-profit agencies and organizations.

Executive Order 12866

This notice of proposed priority and eligibility requirements has been reviewed in accordance with Executive Order 12866. Under the terms of the order, we have assessed the potential costs and benefits of this regulatory action.

The potential costs associated with this regulatory action are those resulting from statutory requirements and those we have determined as necessary for administering this program effectively and efficiently.

In assessing the potential costs and benefits—both quantitative and qualitative—of this regulatory action, we have determined that the benefits of the proposed regulatory action justify the costs.

We have also determined that this regulatory action does not unduly interfere with State, local, and tribal governments in the exercise of their governmental functions.

Intergovernmental Review

This program is subject to Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79. One of the objectives of the Executive Order is to foster an intergovernmental partnership and a strengthened federalism. The Executive Order relies on processes developed by State and local governments for coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance.

This document provides early notification of our specific plans and actions for this program.

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Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1411(c) and 1416(i)(2).

Dated: January 19, 2007.

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ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Notice

AGENCY: United States Election Assistance Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, February 8, 2007, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

PLACE: U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 1225 New York Ave., NW., Suite 150, Washington, DC 20005. (Metro Stop: Metro Center).

AGENDA: The Commission will receive an update on the Voting System Laboratory Accreditation Program; The Commission will receive an update on the EAC audit process and hear presentations from state officials on their experiences with the audit process; The Commission will receive a presentation of the research findings regarding voter identification requirements. The Commission will consider other administrative matters.

This meeting will be open to the public.

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