

loans; and to capture quarterly data from a lender's loan portfolio for financial and budgetary projections.

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Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection requests.

SUMMARY: The Director, Information Resources Group, invites comments on proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980.

DATES: An expedited review has been requested in accordance with the Act, since allowing for the normal review period would adversely affect the public interest. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by March 24, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Dan Chenok, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., Room 3208, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick J. Sherrill, (202) 708-9915. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3517 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3517) requires that the Director of OMB provide interested Federal agencies and persons 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 Director, Information Resources Group, publishes this notice with the attached proposed information collection request prior to submission of

this request to OMB. This notice contains the following information: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., expedited; (2) Title; (3) Abstract; (4) Additional Information; (5) Frequency of collection; (6) Affected public; and (7) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. Because an expedited review is requested, a description of the information to be collected is also included as an attachment to this notice.

Dated: March 20, 1995.

Gloria Parker,

Director, Information Resources Group.

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

Type of Review: Expedited.

Title: Urban/Rural Local Reform Initiative.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Governments.

Reporting Burden:

Responses: 100.

Burden Hours: 5,000.

Recordkeeping Burden:

Recordkeepers: 0.

Burden Hours: 0.

Abstract: The Secretary requests applications for local reform grants to be awarded under the National Leadership provisions of the Goals 2000: Education America Act. The Department will use the information to determine which applicants are best qualified to receive Federal funds under the law.

Additional Information: Clearance for this information collection is requested for March 24, 1995. An expedited review is requested in order to quickly distribute the application notice to potential applicants.

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Fund for Improvement of Postsecondary Education Special Focus Competition: Disseminating Proven Reforms; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1995

Purpose of Program: To provide grants or enter into cooperative agreements to improve postsecondary education opportunities.

Eligible Applicants: Institutions of higher education or combinations of such institutions and other public and private nonprofit educational institutions and agencies.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: May 25, 1995.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: July 24, 1995.

Applications Available: March 24, 1995.

Available Funds: \$1,000,000.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$60,000-\$90,000 for two years.

Estimated Average size of Awards: \$85,000 for two years.

Estimated Number of Awards: 12.

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

Project Period: Up to 24 months.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR Parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 82, 85, and 86; and (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR Part 630, with the exception noted in 34 CFR 630.4a(2).

Priorities

Absolute Priority

Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3), 34 CFR 630.12 and 34 CFR 630.11(a), the Secretary gives an absolute preference to applications that meet the following priority. The Secretary funds under this competition only applications that meet this absolute priority:

Projects that respond to immediate problems or issues and that seek to improve postsecondary education opportunities.

Invitational Priorities

Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1) and 34 CFR 630.11(b)(1), the Secretary is particularly interested in applications that meet the following invitational priority. However, an application that meets this invitational priority does not receive competitive or absolute preference over other applications.

Institutions with innovative postsecondary projects that became integrated into the administrative structure of the institution between 1988 and 1994 and that are expected to continue into the foreseeable future, are invited to apply for funds to disseminate their practices to other campuses.

Selection Criteria

In evaluating applications for grants under this program competition, the Secretary uses the following selection criteria chosen from those listed in 34 CFR 630.32:

(a) *Significance for Postsecondary Education.* The Secretary reviews each proposed project for its significance in improving postsecondary education by determining the extent to which it would—

(1) Achieve the purposes of the particular program competition as referenced in 34 CFR 630.11;