

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 May 19, 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, D.C. 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue SW., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 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 has been requested, a description of the information to be collected is also included as an attachment to this notice.

Dated: May 11, 1995.

Gloria Parker,

Director, Information Resources Group.

Office of Bilingual and Minority Languages Affairs

Type of Review: Expedited
Title: Application for Cooperative Agreement Under the Bilingual Education Program: Benchmark Evaluation Study

Frequency: One Time

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Governments

Reporting Burden:

Responses: 15
Burden Hours: 1,800

Recordkeeping Burden:

Recordkeepers: 0
Burden Hours: 0

Abstract: The Department needs and uses this information to make cooperative agreements. The respondents are institutions of higher education (IHEs), nonprofit organizations (NPOs), and State and local educational agencies (SEAs and LEAs). The respondents are required to provide this information in applying for this cooperative agreement award.

Additional Information: Clearance for this information collection is requested for May 19, 1995. An expedited review is requested in order to make grant awards before the end of the fiscal year.

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

Type of Review: Expedited
Title: LEAs' and SEAs' Collection, Review, and Reporting on Title I Assessments and School Improvement Under Title I, Part A, Section 1116 of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 (IASA)

Frequency: Annually

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Governments

Reporting Burden:

Responses: 14,111
Burden Hours: 564,440

Recordkeeping Burden:

Recordkeepers: 0
Burden Hours: 0

Abstract: Under IASA, Title I, Part A, Section 1116(a) LEAs are required, and under Section 1116(a)(1) (A) and (B) SEAs are required, to collect, disaggregate and report specific data on the performance of schools and individual students and on the formal process of school improvement.

Additional Information: Clearance for this information collection is requested for May 19, 1995. An expedited review is requested in order for the SEAs to implement the requirement before the start of the new year.

Office of Elementary and Second Education

Type of Review: Expedited
Title: Information Collection and Reporting Required for Local School District Plans and Applications to State Education Agencies for Subgrants Under Title I, Part A of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 (IASA)

Frequency: Annually

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Governments

Reporting Burden:

Responses: 14,199
Burden Hours: 289,816

Recordkeeping Burden:

Recordkeepers: 0
Burden Hours: 0

Abstract: LEAs, as a condition for receiving funds under IASA, Title I, Part A, must prepare and submit to their SEA, for approval, the plan required by Section 1112 describing their student assessments, plans for staff development, their poverty criteria for selecting school attendance areas, identification of participating children, school programs and other information needed to determine their adherence to the statute.

Additional Information: Clearance for this information collection is requested for May 19, 1995. An expedited review is requested in order for the SEAs to implement the requirement before the start of the new year.

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Rehabilitation Short-Term Training— Training Impartial Hearing Officers on Provisions of the Rehabilitation Act; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1995

Purpose of Program: The purpose of the Rehabilitation Short-Term Training program is to provide Federal support for developing and conducting special seminars, institutes, workshops, and technical instruction in areas of special significance to the delivery of vocational, medical, social, and psychological rehabilitation services.

Eligible Applicants: Public and private nonprofit agencies and

organizations, including institutions of higher education, are eligible for assistance under this program.

Supplementary Information: On December 5, 1994, the Secretary published in the **Federal Register** a notice inviting applications for Training Impartial Hearing Officers on Provisions of the Rehabilitation Act (59 FR 62510). Two applications were submitted, and neither application was found acceptable. The Secretary believes that, by increasing the estimated award from \$145,000 to \$200,000 per year for each of three years in the project period, improved applications will be submitted. Also, unsuccessful applicants from the December competition have been provided with peer review comments so that they may strengthen their proposals.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: June 30, 1995.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: August 30, 1995.

Applications Available: May 19, 1995.

Available Funds: \$200,000.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$190,000–\$210,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$200,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 1.

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

Project Period: Up to 36 months.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR Parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, and 86; and (b) the regulations for this program in 34 CFR part 390.

Priority: The priority in the notice of final priorities for this program, as published December 5, 1994, in the **Federal Register** (59 FR 62508), applies to this competition. For the purpose of this notice, the Secretary designates the priority as absolute for FY 1995. Under an absolute priority the Secretary funds only applications that meet the priority (34 CFR 75.105(c)(3)). A copy of the applicable priority will be included in the application package.

For Applications or Information

Contact: Beverly Steburg, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3329, Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202-2649. Telephone: (202) 205-9817. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf 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.

Information about the Department's funding opportunities, including copies of application notices for discretionary

grant competitions, can be viewed on the Department's electronic bulletin board (ED Board), telephone (202) 260-9950; or on the Internet Gopher Server at GOPHER.ED.GOV (under Announcements, Bulletins, and Press Releases). However, the official application notice for a discretionary grant competition is the notice published in the **Federal Register**.

Program Authority: 29 U.S.C. 774.

Dated: May 11, 1995.

Judith E. Heumann,

Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Golden Field Office; Notice of Federal Assistance Award to Utility Photovoltaic Group

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Financial Assistance Award in Response to an Unsolicited Financial Assistance Application; Initiating PV Commercialization Through TEAM-UP, DE-FC36-93CH10560.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the DOE Financial Assistance Rules, 10 CFR 600.7, is announcing its intention to grant funding to the Utility PhotoVoltaic Group, which represents interested members of the power production industry, to continue a multi-year program entitled "Technology Experience to Accelerated Markets in Utility Photovoltaics (TEAM-UP)". The objective of this joint effort between DOE and the Utility PhotoVoltaic Group (UPVG), as identified by Congress, is the establishment of an accelerated market for suppliers of photovoltaic systems that encourages investments in larger manufacturing facilities, thus reducing photovoltaic unit costs through economies of scale and creating even broader market potential. The UPVG organization will develop credible PV technical and educational information for utilities, assist utility purchases through market buyer teams, encourage a greater array of potential system applications, and provide the foundation and implementation of the TEAM-UP program. The prime objective of TEAM-UP is achieving a sustainable, domestic PV market and increased manufacturing capability through this joint commercialization effort by the year 2000.

ADDRESSES: Questions regarding this announcement may be addressed to the U.S. Department of Energy, Golden Field Office, 1617 Cole Blvd., Golden, Colorado 80401, Attention: John K. Lewis, Contract Specialist. The telephone number is 303-275-4739. The Contracting Officer for this action is John W. Meeker.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOE has evaluated, in accordance with the DOE Federal Assistance Regulations, 10 CFR section 600.14, the unsolicited proposal entitled "Initiating PV Commercialization Through TEAM-UP" and recommends that the unsolicited proposal be accepted for support without further competition in accordance with section 600.7 of the Federal Assistance Regulations.

The program involves cost sharing with industry, through the Utility PhotoVoltaic Group (UPVG), for the implementation of the multi-year, 50 MW hardware initiative known as TEAM-UP. The proposed agreement implements TEAM-UP, serving as the mechanism for implementing small-scale industry funded PV applications and grid-connected cost-shared programs, as well as continuing technology transfer and market conditioning activities.

DOE, as directed by Congress, is actively pursuing a program of solar energy technology commercialization in conjunction with an industrial partner acting as the "funding entity". The major program objective being the cost-effective use of photovoltaics (PV) in large-scale, grid-connected applications. The UPVG, consisting of almost one hundred utility members, directly supports the DOE objectives by continuing this multi-year program intended to result in the achievement of PV acceptance and use by electric utilities, power producers, and their customers. The proposed agreement represents an ideal and totally unique mechanism to encourage the use of PV and maintain an industry driven initiative for the implementation of photovoltaics within the utility and power production industry.

The multi-year program involves: Outreach and technology transfer activities to educate the utility industry; market conditioning activities aimed at building a foundation for PV purchase commitments; implementation of grid-connected cost-shared projects through competitive solicitation; and development of the market infrastructure to facilitate utility purchases of small-scale photovoltaic applications.

The six year program plan is presently anticipated to cost approximately