

Title: Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) Peer Reviewer Qualifications Statement.

Frequency: Biennially.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: Responses: 3,500; Burden Hours: 875.

Abstract: In order for OSERS to conduct a peer review of their discretionary grant applications, it must be able to select qualified reviewers. This selection is based on the information from the OSERS Peer Reviewer Qualifications Statement that is entered into the OSERS Peer Review System. The potential peer reviewers come from the rehabilitation and special educational fields.

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Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Director, Information Resources Management Group, invites comments on the proposed information collection request as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 2, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Wendy Taylor, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196. 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 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. 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 of the Information Resources Management Group publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

Dated: March 27, 1997.

Gloria Parker,

Director, Information Resources Management Group.

Office of the Under Secretary

Type of Review: New.

Title: Followup Study of the Student Support Services Program.

Frequency: One time.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: Responses: 9,286; Burden Hours: 2,205.

Abstract: The Planning and Evaluation Service needs to survey participants in the National Study of Student Support Services now, six years after they began postsecondary education, to evaluate the effect of receipt of Student Support Services. Principal outcome measures are persistence, GPA, and graduation. Effects on employment and career plans will also be examined.

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Bilingual Education: State Grant Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1997

Purpose of Program: This program provides grants to State educational agencies to: (1) assist local educational

agencies in the State with program design, capacity building, assessment of student performance, and program evaluation; and (2) collect data on the State's limited English proficient (LEP) population and the educational programs and services available to that population. However, a State is exempt from the requirements to collect data if it did not, as of October 20, 1994, have a system in place for collecting that data.

Eligible Applicants: State educational agencies.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: May 16, 1997.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: July 17, 1997.

Applications Available: April 1, 1997.

Available Funds: \$300,000.

Estimated Range of Awards: Up to \$100,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 3.

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

Project Period: Up to 36 months.

Applicable Regulations: The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR Parts 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, and 86.

SELECTION CRITERIA: In evaluating applications for grants under this program, the Secretary uses the selection criteria included in the application package for new grants under the State Grant Program.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Luis A. Catarineau, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 5090, Switzer Building, Washington DC. 20202-6510. Telephone: (202) 205-9907. 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.

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: 20 U.S.C. 7454.