

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests**

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 10, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and 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 Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, 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.

The Department of Education 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.

Dated: February 3, 1998.

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Office of the Chief Financial Officer

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: Application for Federal Education Assistance (AFEA).

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Not-for-Profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government, SEAs or LEAs.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 15,550.

Burden Hours: 4,404.

Abstract: The information collection is needed for the processing of various Department grant program's application from State and local educational agencies, and institutions of higher education. The information is used by program offices to determine eligibility and facilitate distribution of program funds.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**National Advisory Council on Indian Education; Hearing**

AGENCY: National Advisory Council on Indian Education, ED.

ACTION: Notice of open hearing.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda for a hearing of the National Advisory Council on Indian Education. This notice also describes the functions of the Council. Notice of this hearing is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and is intended to notify the public of their opportunity to attend.

DATES AND TIMES: March 8, 1998, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and March 9, 1998, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Holiday Inn on the Hill, Congressman Room, 415 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20001, (202) 638-1616.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. David Beaulieu, Director, Office of Indian Education, 1250 Maryland Avenue, SW., Portals 4300, Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: (202) 260-2431; Fax: (202) 260-7779.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Advisory Council on Indian Education is a presidentially appointed advisory council on Indian education established under Section 9151 of Title IX of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (20 U.S.C. 7871). The Council advises the Secretary of Education and the Congress on funding and administration of programs with respect to which the Secretary has jurisdiction and that includes Indian children or adults as participants or that may benefit Indian children or adults. The Council also makes recommendations to the Secretary for filing the position of Director of Indian Education whenever a vacancy occurs.

This hearing will be open to the public without advanced registration. Public attendance may be limited to the space available. Members of the public may make statements during the meeting, to the extent time permits, and file written statements with the committee for its consideration. Written statements should be submitted to the address listed above.

Testimony is requested concerning the implementation and effectiveness of Federal Education programs with American Indian learners.

The Improving Americas Schools Act; Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended 1994.

The Indian Education Act (Title IX) Impact Aid Programs (Title VIII) Comprehensive Education Programs (Title I)

School Improvement Programs Migrant Education Programs (Title I, Part C)

Safe and Drug Free Schools (Title IV, Part A, Subpart I of the ESEA) Goals 2000: Educate America Act

Testimony is also requested regarding the needs of American Indian learners in the following areas:

Bilingual Education
After School Programs
New Teachers
Equity of Opportunity for Indian Children
The National Test

A summary of the proceedings and related matters which are informative to