

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: May 13, 1998.

**Hazel Fiers,**

*Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer,  
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

**Office of the Under Secretary**

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* An Evaluation of the Comprehensive Regional Assistance Centers.

*Frequency:* One time.

*Affected Public:* State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 2,620.

Burden Hours: 1,140.

*Abstract:* This evaluation will describe the work of the Comprehensive Centers, identify particularly promising strategies and assess the availability, quality, and effectiveness of the Centers' services. Recipients and non-recipients of Center services will be surveyed, and

Center staff, staff of partner organizations, and ED staff will be interviewed.

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**Submission for OMB Review;  
Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Submission for OMB Review;  
Comment Request.

**SUMMARY:** The Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 18, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, 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 Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission

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**Office of Educational Research and Improvement**

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title:* Common Core of Data Surveys.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Federal Government; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting Burden and Recordkeeping Responses:* 57.

*Burden Hours:* 10,901.

*Abstract:* The Common Core of Data Surveys collect data annually from state education agencies about students and staff involved in the public elementary and secondary education system: membership, number of graduates and dropouts, and staff employed in instruction, administration, and support. The surveys also collect information about school and agency characteristics, and revenues and expenditures for public elementary and secondary education.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy**

**Objective Merit Review of Discretionary Financial Assistance Applications**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of Objective Merit Review Procedure.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice establishes the procedure followed by program and regional support offices under the purview of the Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (ASEE) in conducting the objective merit review of discretionary financial assistance applications.