

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

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Information Management Group, 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 November 29, 1999.

**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 Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that 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.

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: September 22, 1999.

**William Burrow,**

*Leader, Information Management Group,  
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

**Office of Student Financial Assistance Programs**

*Type of Review:* New

*Title:* The Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (LEAP) Program

*Frequency:* Annually

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

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:* Responses: 56.

*Burden Hours:* 224.

*Abstract:* The LEAP Program, which was formally known as the State Student Incentive Grant Program, uses matching Federal/State funds to provide a nationwide system of grants to assist postsecondary education students with substantial financial need. On this application the states provide information the Department requires to obligate programs funds and for program management. The signed assurances legally bind the states to administer the program according to regulatory and statutory requirements.

Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO\_IMG\_Issues@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

For questions regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements, contact Joseph Schubart at 202-708-9266 or by e-mail at joe\_schubart@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION****Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Information Management Group, 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 October 28, 1999.

**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, N.W., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address DWERFEL@OMB.EOP.GOV.

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Dated: September 22, 1999.

**William E. Burrow,**

*Leader, Information Management Group,  
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

**Office of Postsecondary Education**

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement.

*Title:* Application for Grants Under the Strengthening Institutions Program, American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities Program, and Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions Program.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:*

Responses: 500.

Burden Hours: 12,485.

*Abstract:* This information is required of institutions of higher education that apply for grants under the Strengthening Institutions Program, the American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and