

estimate or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden to: National Institute for Literacy, 1775 I Street, NW, Suite 730, Washington, DC 20006, Attention: William B. Hawk. Comments may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to [whawk@nifl.gov](mailto:whawk@nifl.gov).

#### Request for Comments

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Dated: March 2, 2000.

**Jaleh Behroozi Soroui,**

*LINCS Project Director, NIFL.*

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### NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LITERACY

#### Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** National Institute for Literacy.  
**ACTION:** Notice of information collection.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et. seq.*), this notice announces an Information Collection Request (ICR) by the NIFL. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before April 6, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments to: National Institute for Literacy, 1775 I Street, NW, Suite 730, Washington, DC 20006, Attention: Jaleh Behroozi Soroui. Copies of the complete ICR and accompanying appendixes may be obtained from the above address or by contacting Jaleh Behroozi Soroui at (202) 233-2039. Comments may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: [jbehroozi@nifl.gov](mailto:jbehroozi@nifl.gov).

All written comments will be available for public inspection from 8:00

a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Application for Literacy Information and Communication System (LINCS) Regional Technology Centers Awards to organizations to support the creation of regional technology coordinating centers to expand and coordinate LINCS services at the regional and state level.

**Abstract:** The National Institute For Literacy (NIFL) was created by the National Literacy Act of 1991 and amended by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to provide a national focal point for literacy activities and to facilitate the pooling of ideas and expertise across a fragmented field. The Act authorizes the NIFL to conduct basic and applied research and demonstrations on literacy; collect and disseminate information to Federal, State and local entities with respect to literacy; and improve and expand the system for delivery of literacy services. The NIFL will provide funding to organizations for the creation of regional technology centers that will represent and promote LINCS within their region; work with the NIFL and other regional technology centers to improve and expand LINCS; provide literacy-related resources through LINCS; and train organizations and individuals in the use of LINCS and technology, and carryout such other tasks as called for in the information collection request.

Evaluations to determine successful applications will be made by a panel of literacy experts and information specialist using the published criteria. The NIFL will use this information to make up to 5 cooperative agreement awards for a period of up to three years.

**Burden Statement:** The burden for this collection of information is estimated at 55 hours per response for the first year. This estimate includes the time needed to review instructions, complete the form, and review the collection of information. No more than five applicants will be awarded a three-year cooperative agreement grant. Each awardee will have an annual update of the application requiring an average of 40 hours per response for each continuation year.

**Respondents:** Public and private non-profit organizations.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 15.

**Estimated Number of Responses Per Respondent:** 1.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:** 79 hours.

**Frequency of Collection:** One time.  
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#### Literacy Leadership Fellowship Program

**AGENCY:** National Institute for Literacy.  
**ACTION:** Notice Inviting Applications for the Literacy Leader Fellowship Program.

**Purpose of Program:** The Literacy Program is designed to provide Federal financial assistance to adult learners and to individuals pursuing careers in adult education or literacy in the areas of instruction, research, or innovation. Under the program, literacy workers and adult learners are applicants for fellowships.

**Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:** Applications must be received at the National Institute for Literacy no later than 5:00 p.m. May 8, 2000.

**Available Funds:** \$125,000.

**Estimated Range of Awards:** \$40,000-09\$70,000.

**Estimated Average Size of Awards:** \$60,000.

**Estimated Number of Awards:** 2-3.

**Note:** The National Institute for Literacy is not bound by any estimates in this notice.