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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 April 7, 2000.

**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 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address DWERFEL@OMB.EOP.GOV.

**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.

Dated: March 2, 2000.

**William Burrow,**

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

### Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement.

*Title:* Migrant Education Even Start Program.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't; SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 60.

Burden Hours: 2,700.

*Abstract:* The Migrant Education Even Start Program (MEES) is designed to help break the cycle of poverty and improve literacy by integrating early childhood education, adult literacy or adult basic education, and parenting into a unified literacy program for migrant families.

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### Privacy Act of 1974; Computer Matching Program

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice; Computer matching between the Department of Education and the Department of Justice.

**SUMMARY:** Section 5301(a)(1) of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 (now designated as section 421(a)(1) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 862(a)(1))) includes provisions regarding the judicial denial of Federal benefits. Section 5301 authorizes Federal and State judges to deny certain Federal benefits (including student financial assistance under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended) to individuals convicted of drug trafficking or possession.

In order to ensure that Title IV student financial assistance is not awarded to individuals subject to denial of benefits under court orders issued pursuant to section 5301, the Department of Justice and the Department of Education implemented a computer matching program. The current computer matching agreement expires on March 3, 2000. The Department of Education must continue to obtain from the Department of Justice identifying information regarding individuals who are the subject of section 5301 denial of benefits court orders. The purpose of this notice is to announce the continued operation of the computer-matching program and to provide certain required information concerning the computer-matching program.

In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-503), Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Guidelines on the Conduct of Matching Programs (see 54 FR 25818, June 19, 1989), and OMB Circular A-130, the following information is provided:

#### 1. Names of Participating Agencies

The Department of Education (ED) (recipient agency) and the Department of Justice (source agency) (DOJ).

#### 2. Purpose of the Match

This matching program is designed to assist ED in enforcing the sanctions imposed under section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-690).

### 3. Authority for Conducting the Matching Program

Under section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, as amended (21 U.S.C. 862), ED must deny Federal benefits to any individual upon whom a Federal or State court order has imposed a penalty denying eligibility for those benefits. Student financial assistance under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA) is a Federal benefit under section 5301 and ED must, in order to meet its obligations under the HEA, have access to information about individuals who have been declared ineligible under section 5301.

Section 5301 and the Procedures for Implementation of section 5301 (Pub. L. 100-690), transmitted to the Congress on August 30, 1989, direct DOJ to act as an information clearinghouse for Federal agencies. While DOJ provides information about section 5301 individuals who are ineligible for Federal benefits to the General Services Administration (GSA) for inclusion in GSA's List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurements and Nonprocurement Programs, DOJ and ED have determined that matching against the DOJ data base is more efficient and effective than access to the GSA List. The DOJ data base has specific information about the Title IV, HEA programs for which individuals are ineligible and has more complete identifying information about those individuals than does the GSA List. Both these elements are essential for a successful match.

### 4. Categories of Records and Individuals Covered by the Match

ED will submit for verification records from its Central Processing System files (Federal Student Aid Application File (18-11-01)) the social security number (SSN) and other identifying information for each applicant for Title IV student financial assistance. ED will use the SSN and the first two letters of an applicant's last name for the match.

The DOJ Denial of Federal Benefits Clearing System (DEBAR)(OJP-0013) contains the names, social security numbers, dates of birth, and other identifying information regarding individuals convicted of Federal or State offenses involving drug trafficking or possession of a controlled substance who have been denied Federal benefits by Federal or State courts. This system of records also contains information concerning the specific program or programs for which benefits have been denied. DOJ will make available for the matching program the records of only

those individuals who have been denied Federal benefits under one or more of the Title IV, HEA programs.

### 5. Effective Dates of the Matching Program

The matching program will become effective 40 days after a copy of the agreement, as approved by the Data Integrity Board of each agency, is sent to Congress and OMB (or later if OMB objects to some or all of the agreement), or 30 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, whichever date is later. The matching program will continue for 18 months after the effective date and may be extended for an additional 12 months thereafter, if the conditions specified in 5 U.S.C.552a(o)(2)(D) have been met.

### 6. Address for Receipt of Public Comments or Inquiries

Individuals wishing to comment on this matching program or obtain additional information about the program including a copy of the computer matching agreement between ED and DOJ should contact Ms. Edith Bell, Program Specialist, U.S. Department of Education, Room, 3053, ROB-3, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20202-5400. Telephone: (202) 708-8242. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

You may inspect all public comments about this matching program at Regional Office Building 3, 7th and D Streets, SW, Room 3045, Washington, DC, between the hours of 8:30 am and 4 pm, Eastern time, Monday through Friday of each week except Federal holidays.

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Dated: February 28, 2000.

**Greg Woods,**

*Chief Operating Officer, Office of Student Financial Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Golden Field Office; Supplemental Announcement to the Broad Based Solicitation for Financial Assistance Applications Involving Research, Development and Demonstration for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; University Research for the Advancement of the Solar Dish/Converter Technology

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Supplemental Announcement 06 to the Broad Based Solicitation for Submission of Financial Assistance Applications Involving Research, Development and Demonstration DE-PS36-00GO10482

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the DOE Financial Assistance Rules, 10 CFR 600.8, is announcing its intention to solicit applications from accredited colleges or universities for the advancement of solar dish/converter technology. The financial assistance awards issued as a result of this Supplemental Announcement will be cooperative agreements.

**DATES:** DOE expects to issue the Supplemental Announcement in March 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the Supplemental Announcement, once issued, can be obtained from the Golden Field Office Home page at <http://www.eren.doe.gov/golden/solicitations.html>. It is DOE's intention not to issue hard copies of the Solicitation.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under this Supplemental Announcement, DOE is soliciting Applications from accredited colleges or universities for fundamental research that advances solar dish/converter technology. Innovative subsystem, component, or system concepts are sought for ultimate integration into a technically and economically viable dish/converter system in the 1 to 5 kW<sub>e</sub> range. The