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Dated: November 16 2000.

**John Tressler,**

Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

*Office of Student Financial Assistance Programs*

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Title:* Fiscal Operations Report and Application to Participate (FISAP) in the Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, and Federal Work-Study Programs.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions (primary), Businesses or other for-profit, State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 1.

Burden Hours: 25780.

*Abstract:* This application data will be used to compute the amount of funds needed by each institution during the 2002-2003 Award Year. The Fiscal Operations Report data will be used to assess program effectiveness, account for funds expended during the 2002-2001 award year, and as part of the institutional funding process.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or

should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address [OCIO\\_IMG\\_Issues@ed.gov](mailto:OCIO_IMG_Issues@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request. Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Jackie Montague at (202) 708-5359. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

*Office of the Undersecretary*

*Type of Review:* New Collection.

*Title:* Study of the SDFSCA Middle School Coordinator Initiative.

*Frequency:* Semi-Annually Annually.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs (primary), Not-for-profit institutions.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 14326.

Burden Hours: 13753.

*Abstract:* The national evaluation of the Middle School Coordinator Initiative (MSCI) will be conducted over the course of four years and will collect data from district prevention coordinators, Middle School Coordinators, district officials, school principals, prevention teachers, school support personnel, students, parents, and representatives of community organizations. Initiative implementation will be assessed in all funded districts. School-level program data and student outcome data will be collected from a sample of 30 MSCI districts as well as 30 comparison districts over four years. Case study data will be collected from 10 of those MSCI districts.

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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, Regulatory 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 December 26, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Lauren Wittenberg, Acting Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, N.W., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address [Lauren\\_Wittenberg@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Lauren_Wittenberg@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, Regulatory 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: November 17, 2000.

**John Tressler,**

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

*Office of the Undersecretary*

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

*Title:* GEPA 424 Data Collection on the Distribution of Federal Education Funds (JM).

*Frequency:* Weekly.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs (primary).

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 125.

Burden Hours: 6488.

*Abstract:* This data collection fulfills a Congressional mandate to obtain information on the distribution of Federal education funds to school districts. Specifically, this data collection obtains information on subgrants and contracts made under state-administered programs as well as programs that provide funds directly to school districts.

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*Office of the Undersecretary*

*Type of Review:* New Collection.

*Title:* Time to Redesignation of Students Served by Title VII Projects (JM)

*Frequency:* Other: one-time, will be replaced by new activity.

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

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 1.

Burden Hours: 15408.

*Abstract:* This activity will collect data on the time it takes for students served by Title VII local projects to be redesignated as English proficient or transitioned into mainstream programs.

We will also collect some descriptive information on projects, and on characteristics of students that may be related to time to redesignation such as age and prior schooling.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Notice of Availability of Solicitation

**AGENCY:** Idaho Operations Office, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of solicitation—steel industry research challenge.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Idaho Operations Office (ID), is seeking applications for conceptual designs for steel making processes that will revolutionize the way steel is made in the 21st century. This is the next "stretch" step in advancing the future of the domestic steel industry and compliments the current program based on the Steel Technology Roadmap. Each awardee will develop a conceptual design with supporting technical, marketing, economic and policy data; describe opportunities and barriers; and develop energy, environmental and economic targets.

**DATES:** The deadline for receipt of applications is 3:00 p.m. MST February 28, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications should be submitted to: Procurement Services Division, U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, Attention: Elaine Richardson [DE-PS07-01ID14002], 850 Energy Drive, MS 1221, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401-1563.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Elaine Richardson, Contract Specialist, at [richarem@id.doe.gov](mailto:richarem@id.doe.gov)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The statutory authority for this program is the Federal Non-Nuclear Energy Research and Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-577). DOE anticipates making approximately 1 to 4 cooperative agreement awards each with a duration of two years or less. At the end of the two-year period, a panel of judges made up of steel industry executives will determine which designs will be selected for long term cost-shared research and development investment. Approximately \$500,000 in federal funds is expected to be available to fund the first year of selected design concept efforts. No cost share is required. For-profit, non-profit, state and local governments, Indian Tribes, and institutions of higher education may submit applications in response to this solicitation. Multi-partner collaborations between steel companies, equipment suppliers, engineering firms, and educational institutions are strongly encouraged; collaboration with educational institutions and their students is mandatory. National laboratories will not be eligible for an award under this solicitation. However, an application that includes performance of a portion of the work by a National Laboratory may be considered for award provided the applicant clearly identifies the unique capabilities, facilities, and/or expertise the Laboratory offers the primary applicant. The issuance date of Solicitation No. DE-PS07-01ID14002 will be on or about November 14, 2000. The solicitation will be available in full text via the Internet at the following address: <http://www.id.doe.gov/doiid/psd/proc-div.html/>. Technical and non-technical questions should be submitted in writing to Elaine Richardson by e-mail [richarem@id.doe.gov](mailto:richarem@id.doe.gov), or facsimile at 208-526-5548 no later than January 26, 2001.

Issued in Idaho Falls on November 13, 2000.

**R. Jeffrey Hoyles,**

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