

*Title:* Child Care Provider Loan Forgiveness Application and Forgiveness Forbearance Form.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or household; Businesses or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government; state, local, or tribal gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:* Responses: 2,790. Burden Hours: 618.

*Abstract:* The Child Care Provider Loan Forgiveness Application is used to determine whether borrowers meet the eligibility requirements for Child Care Provider Loan Forgiveness Program which is a demonstration program administered on a first-come, first-serve basis (subject to the availability of funds) and is intended to bring more highly trained individuals into the early child care field for longer periods. Under this program, individuals who work full-time in certain child care facilities that serve low-income families and meet other qualifications may be eligible to have up to 100% of their Direct Loan and/or Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) program loan forgiven. The Child Care Provider Loan Forgiveness Forbearance Form is required to fulfill program guidance that provides forbearance for child care providers and to determine the child care providers eligibility for forbearance.

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, DC 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address [OCIO\\_RIMG@ed.gov](mailto:OCIO_RIMG@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 Joseph Schubart at his Internet address

[Joe.Schubart@ed.gov](mailto: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, 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 February 11, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Lauren Wittenberg, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 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: January 7, 2002.

**John Tressler,**

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

*Office of Bilingual Education and Minority Language Affairs*

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* Descriptive Study of the Emergency Immigrant Education Program.

*Frequency:* Semi-Annually.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs; Businesses or other for-profit.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:* Responses: 555. Burden Hours: 317.

*Abstract:* The goals of the Descriptive Study of Immigrant Education are to provide information about: (1) The types of programs and services for immigrant children and youth and best practices for serving this population; (2) the degree to which immigrant students are meeting state standards; and (3) the way in which services are paid for and provided. This study will include case studies of 15 districts that represent diverse circumstances and populations, and a range of approaches to serving recent immigrant children and youth.

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, DC 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address [OCIO\\_RIMG@ed.gov](mailto:OCIO_RIMG@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 Sheila Carey at (202) 708-6287 or via her Internet address [Sheila.Carey@ed.gov](mailto:Sheila.Carey@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

[CFDA No. 84.116J]

### Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education—Special Focus Competition: European Community—United States of America Cooperation Program in Higher Education and Vocational Education and Training; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2002

*Purpose of Program:* To provide grants or enter into cooperative agreements to improve postsecondary education opportunities by focusing on problem areas or improvement approaches in postsecondary education.

*Eligible Applicants:* Institutions of higher education and vocational education and training or combinations of institutions and other public and private nonprofit educational institutions and agencies.

*Deadline for Transmittal of**Applications: April 1, 2002.**Deadline for Intergovernmental**Review: May 15, 2002.**Applications Available: January 14, 2002.**Available Funds: \$840,000 in fiscal year 2002; \$2,370,000 over three years.**Estimated Range of Awards: \$25,000–\$200,000 total for up to three years.**Estimated Average Size of Awards:*

\$25,000 for one-year preparatory projects; \$35,000 for one-year complementary activities projects; \$75,000 for two-year complementary activities projects; \$50,000 for year one of a three-year consortia implementation project with a \$200,000 three-year total.

*Estimated Number of Awards: 12.***Note:** The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.*Project Period: Up to 36 months.*

*Applicable Regulations:* The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 82, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Special Focus Competition, we will award grants or enter into cooperative agreements that focus on problem areas or improvement approaches in postsecondary education. We have included an invitational priority to encourage proposals designed to support the formation of educational consortia of institutions and organizations in the United States and the European Union to encourage cooperation in the coordination of curricula, the exchange of students and the opening of educational opportunities between the United States and the European Union. The invitational priority is issued in cooperation with the European Union. European institutions participating in any consortium proposal responding to the invitational priority may apply to the European Commission's Directorate General for Education and Culture for additional funding under a separate European competition.

**Priority**

The Secretary is particularly interested in applications that meet the following invitational priority. However, an application that meets this invitational priority does not receive competitive or absolute preference over other applications (34 CFR 75.105(c)(1)).

*Invitational Priority:* Projects that support consortia of institutions of higher education that promote institutional cooperation and student mobility between the United States and the Member States of the European Union.

**Methods for Applying Selection Criteria**

The Secretary gives equal weight to the listed criteria. Within each of the criteria, the Secretary gives equal weight to each of the factors.

*Selection Criteria*

In evaluating applications for grants under this program competition, the Secretary uses selection criteria chosen from those listed in 34 CFR 75.210.

*For Applications Contact:* Education Publications Center (ED Pubs), P.O. Box 1398, Jessup, MD 20794–1398, Telephone (toll free) 1–877–433–7827, fax (301) 470–1244. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call (toll free) 1–877–576–7734. You may also contact ED Pubs at its web site: <http://www.ed.gov/pubs/edpubs.html> or you may contact ED Pubs at its e-mail address: [edpubs@inet.ed.gov](mailto:edpubs@inet.ed.gov).

If you request an application from ED Pubs, be sure to identify this competition as follows: CFDA number 84.116J. You may also request application forms by calling 732–544–2504 (fax on demand), or application guidelines by calling 202–358–3041 (voice mail) or submitting the name of the competition and your name and postal address to [FIPSE@ed.gov](mailto:FIPSE@ed.gov) (e-mail).

Applications are also listed on the FIPSE Web Site: <http://www.ed.gov/FIPSE> e-APPLICATIONS are available at: <http://e-grants.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. For additional program information call the FIPSE office (202–502–7500) between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain this document in an alternative format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to the contact number listed under *For Applications Contact*.

Individuals with disabilities also may obtain a copy of the application package in an alternative format by contacting that number. However, the Department is not able to reproduce in an alternative format the standard forms included in the application package.

**Application Procedures**

**Note:** Some of the procedures in these instructions for transmitting applications differ from those in EDGAR (34 CFR 75.102). Under the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553) the Department generally offers interested parties the opportunity to comment on proposed regulations. However, these amendments make procedural changes

only and do not establish new substantive policy. Therefore, under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A), the Secretary has determined that proposed rulemaking is not required.

*Pilot Project for Electronic Submission of Applications*

In Fiscal Year 2002 the U.S. Department of Education is continuing to expand its pilot project of electronic submission of applications to include additional grant programs and additional discretionary grant competitions. The European Community-United States of America Cooperation Program in Higher Education and Vocational Education and Training CFDA 84.116J is included in the pilot project. If you are an applicant under the European Community-United States of America Cooperation Program in Higher Education and Vocational Education and Training, you may submit your application to us in either electronic or paper format.

The pilot project involves the use of the Electronic Grant Application System (e-APPLICATION, formerly e-GAPS) portion of the Grant Administration and Payment System (GAPS). We request your participation in this pilot project. We shall continue to evaluate its success and solicit suggestions for improvement.

If you participate in this e-APPLICATION pilot, please note the following:

- Your participation is voluntary.
- You will not receive any additional point value or penalty because you submit a grant application in electronic or paper format.
- You can submit all documents electronically, including the Title Page, (substitutes for the ED Form 424), Budget Information-Non-Construction Programs (substitutes for the ED Form 524), and all necessary assurances and certifications.

• Within three working days of submitting your electronic application fax a signed copy of the Title Page to the Application Control Center after following these steps:

1. Print the Title Page from the e-APPLICATION system.

2. Make sure that the institution's Authorizing Representative signs this form.

3. Before faxing this form, submit your electronic application via the e-APPLICATION system. You will receive an automatic acknowledgement, which will include a PR/Award number (an identifying number unique to your application).

4. Place the PR/Award number in the upper right hand corner of the Title Page.

5. Fax the Title Page to the Application Control Center at (202) 260-1349.

- We may request that you give us original signatures on all other forms at a later date.

You may access the electronic grant application for the European Community-United States of America Cooperation Program in Higher Education and Vocational Education and Training at: <http://e-grants.ed.gov>.

Due to software upgrades, it is anticipated that the e-Application software will be unavailable for several days in mid-January. The tentative dates for this system down time are January 11-21, 2002. Please check this site for future updates on system availability.

We have included additional information about the e-APPLICATION pilot project (see Parity Guidelines between Paper and Electronic Applications) in the application package.

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To use PDF you must have Adobe Acrobat Reader, which is available free at this site. If you have questions about using PDF, call the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO), toll free, at 1-888-293-6498; or in the Washington, DC, area at (202) 512-1530.

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**Program Authority:** 20 U.S.C. 1138-1138d.

Dated: January 8, 2002.

**Kenneth W. Tolo,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning and Innovation, Office of Postsecondary Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No. 84.116N]

### Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education—Special Focus Competition (Institutional Cooperation and Student Mobility in Postsecondary Education Among the United States, Canada and Mexico); Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2002

*Purpose of Program:* To provide grants or enter into cooperative agreements to improve postsecondary education opportunities by focusing on problem areas or improvement approaches in postsecondary education.

*Eligible Applicants:* Institutions of higher education or combinations of institutions and other public and private nonprofit institutions and agencies.

*Applications Available:* January 18, 2002.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* March 29, 2002.

*Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:* July 15, 2002.

*Available Funds:* \$300,000 for FY 2002.

*Estimated Range of Awards:* \$30,000 for FY 2002. \$200,000–\$215,000 for four-year duration of grant.

*Estimated Average Size of Awards:* \$30,000 for FY 2002. \$210,000 for four-year duration of grant.

*Estimated Number of Awards:* 10.

**Note:** The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

*Project Period:* Up to 48 months.

*Page Limit:* The application narrative is where you, the applicant, address the selection criteria that reviewers use to evaluate your application. You must limit your narrative to the equivalent of no more than twenty (20) double-spaced pages using the following standards:

- A “page” is 8.5” × 11” on one side only, with 1” margins at the top, bottom, and both sides.

- Double space (no more than three lines per vertical inch) all text in the application narrative, including titles, headings, footnotes, quotations, references, and captions, as well as all text in charts, tables, figures, and graphs.

- Use a font that is either 12-point or larger or no smaller than 10 pitch (characters per inch).

The page limit does not apply to the title page, the budget section, including the narrative budget justification, the assurances and certifications, the resumes, the bibliography, or the letters of support.

Our reviewers will not read any pages of your application narrative that—

- Exceed the page limit if you apply these standards; or
- Exceed the equivalent of the page limit if you apply other standards.

*Applicable Regulations:* The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 82, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99.

*Supplementary Information:* This program is a Special Focus Competition to support projects addressing a particular problem area or improvement approach in postsecondary education. The competition also includes an invitational priority to encourage proposals designed to support the formation of educational consortia of American, Canadian and Mexican institutions to encourage cooperation in the coordination of curricula, the exchange of students and the opening of educational opportunities throughout North America. The invitational priority is issued in cooperation with Canada and Mexico. Canadian and Mexican institutions participating in any consortium proposal responding to the invitational priority may apply, respectively, to Human Resources Development Canada and the Mexican Department of Public Education for additional funding under separate Canadian and Mexican competitions.

#### Priority

We are particularly interested in applications that meet the following invitational priority.

Under 34 CFR 75.105(C)(1) we do not give an application that meets the invitational priority a competitive or absolute preference over other applications.

*Invitational Priority:* Projects that support consortia of institutions of higher education that promote institutional cooperation and student mobility among the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

#### Methods for Applying Selection Criteria

We give equal weight to the listed criteria. Within each of the criteria, we give equal weight to each of the factors.

#### Selection Criteria

In evaluating applications for grants under this program competition, we use selection criteria chosen from those listed in 34 CFR 75.210 of EDGAR.

*For Applications or Information Contact:* Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE), U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW, 8th Floor, Washington, DC 20006-8544. You may also request application forms by calling 732-544-2504 (fax on demand), or application guidelines by