

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

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: An emergency review has been requested in accordance with the Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3507 (j)), since public harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by February 22, 2002. A regular clearance process is also beginning. Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 23, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding the emergency review should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Karen Lee, 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 Karen_F.Lee@omb.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Director of OMB provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (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 this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. 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. ED 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 respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: February 19, 2002.

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

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

Type of Review: New.

Title: Early Reading First Applicant Eligibility.

Abstract: The Early Reading First program will provide grants to eligible local educational agencies (LEAs) and public and private organizations located in those LEAs to transform early education programs into centers of excellence to help young at-risk children achieve the language, cognitive, and early reading skills they need to succeed when they enter kindergarten. This notice sets eligibility standards and thresholds for LEAs on poverty, achievement, and school improvement status for the FY 2002 grant competition, and requests that States provide LEA data on achievement and schools in school improvement for the Department to use in identifying eligible LEAs.

Additional Information: The Department is seeking OMB approval on or before February 22, 2002, for an emergency paperwork collection for this information from the States for the Early Reading First program. This request is based upon the unanticipated delay in enactment of the No Child Left Behind Act, the Administration's interest in awarding Early Reading First grants as soon as possible, and the public harm that otherwise might occur with delaying grant awards past December, 2002.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 52.

Burden Hours: 156.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651, vivian.reese@ed.gov, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements, contact Kathy Axt at (540) 776-7742 or via her internet address Kathy.Axt@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 ENERGY

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Enhanced Geothermal Systems (EGS)

AGENCY: Idaho Operations Office, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Competitive Financial Assistance Solicitation.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Idaho Operations Office (ID) is seeking applications for the development of Enhanced Geothermal Systems (EGS) to expand production from geothermal resources. For purposes of this solicitation, EGS are defined as engineered reservoirs created to extract heat from economically unproductive geothermal resources. The knowledge gained from this work will result in new and improved technology that will help meet the goals of the Geothermal Program. EGS projects are sought to improve reservoir productivity and lifetime through the application of either conventional or novel engineering techniques. The objective of this solicitation is to bring new geothermal resources into production using Enhanced Geothermal Systems for the purpose of generating electric power.

DATES: The issuance date of Solicitation Number DE-PS07-02ID14264 is on or about February 14, 2002. The SF 424, and the technical application must have an IIPS transmission time stamp of not later than 5:00 p.m. ET on Monday, March 31, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Completed applications are required to be submitted via the U. S. Department of Energy Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) at the following URL: <http://e-center.doe.gov>.