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Federal Student Aid

Type of Review: New.

Title: Federal Direct PLUS Loan Application and Master Promissory Note (PLUS MPN), and Endorser Addendum.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 225,000.

Burden Hours: 112,500.

Abstract: The PLUS MPN is the means by which an individual applies for and agrees to repay a Federal Direct PLUS Loan. If an application for a Federal Direct PLUS Loan is determined to have an adverse credit history and obtains an endorser, the Endorser Addendum is the means by which an endorser agrees to repay the loan if the borrower does not repay it.

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20202-4651 or to the e-mail address vivan.reese@ed.gov. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov or faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Office of Postsecondary Education; International Research and Studies Program

ACTION: Notice of reopening and correction of the International Research and Studies Program fiscal year (FY) 2003 competition.

Notice to Applicants: On September 26, 2002 the Secretary published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 60645 through 60646) a notice inviting applications for new awards for FY 2003 for the International Research and Studies Program. This notice corrects the notice published on September 26, 2002 by replacing the absolute priority and the two invitational priorities with a single invitational priority, and reopening this competition.

In order to broaden the programmatic impact on the field of language, area and international studies, the Secretary replaces the entire section on priorities in the notice of September 26, 2002 with the following:

Invitational Priority

This competition focuses on projects designed to meet the priority in the regulations for this program (34 CFR 660.34(a)(2)).

Specific languages or regions for study or materials development: We are particularly interested in projects that include studies and the development of instructional materials on the Middle East, Central Asia, and South Asia and the languages spoken in these regions.

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. The competition is reopened to provide applicants time to

prepare applications in accordance with this notice of correction.

New Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: January 17, 2003.

For Applications and Further Information Contact: The application for this program is available at: <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/HEP/iegps/irs.html>.

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