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Dated: April 12, 2005.

**Angela C. Arrington,**

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

#### Office of Postsecondary Education

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* Annual Performance Report for Title III and Title V Grantees.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 631.

Burden Hours: 12,700.

*Abstract:* Titles III and V of the Higher Education Act (HEA), provide discretionary and formula grant programs that make competitive awards to eligible Institutions of Higher Education and organizations (Title III, Part E) to assist these institutions expand their capacity to serve minority and low-income students. Grantees annually submit a yearly performance report to demonstrate that substantial progress is being made towards meeting the objectives of their project. This request is to implement a new, web-based Annual Performance Report to more effectively elicit program-specific information to be used for program monitoring and Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) reporting purposes. The Annual Performance Report will be the cornerstone of a new Performance Measurement System tailored to strengthen the Department of Education's program monitoring efforts, streamline our processes, and enhance our customer service.

Requests for copies of the submission for OMB review; comment request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2678. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, 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 May 16, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Carolyn Lovett, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or faxed to (202) 395-6974.

**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 Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No. 84.372]

### Institute of Education Sciences; Notice Inviting Applications for Grants To Support Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems For Fiscal Year (FY) 2005

*Summary:* The Director of the Institute of Education Sciences (Institute) announces a competition for grants to support statewide longitudinal data systems. The Director takes this action under the Educational Technical Assistance Act of 2002 (Act), Title II of Pub. L. 107-279. The intent of these grants is to support the design, development, and implementation of statewide longitudinal data systems.

#### *Supplementary Information:*

*Purpose of the Program:* The purpose of the program is to provide financial assistance to State educational agencies (SEAs) for the development of longitudinal data systems to efficiently and accurately manage, analyze, disaggregate, and use individual student data, consistent with the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended. These data systems will respond to the multiple information needs of key stakeholders, support State and local decision-making and facilitate needed research to improve student academic achievement and close achievement gaps.

*Eligible Applicants:* Eligible applicants are limited to SEAs.

*Request for Applications and Other Information:* Information regarding program and application requirements for this competition is contained in the Request for Applications package (RFA) that will be available on April 15, 2005 at the following Web site: <http://>

[www.ed.gov/programs/edresearch/applicant.html](http://www.ed.gov/programs/edresearch/applicant.html) Interested potential applicants should periodically check the Institute's Web site.

Information regarding selection criteria and review procedures will also be posted at this Web site.

**Letter of Intent:** A letter indicating a potential applicant's intent to submit an application is optional but encouraged. The letter of intent must be submitted electronically by May 13, 2005, using the instructions provided at the following Web site: <http://ies.constellagroup.com/>. Receipt of the letter of intent will be acknowledged by e-mail.

**Applications Available:** April 15, 2005.

**Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:** 8 p.m. eastern time, June 30, 2005.

**Estimated Range of Awards:** \$1,000,000 to \$6,000,000 for the entire project.

**Project Period:** Up to three years.

**Fiscal Information:** The number of awards made under this competition will depend upon the quality of the applications received. The size of the awards will depend upon the scope of the projects proposed. Contingent upon the availability of funds and the quality of applications, we may make additional awards in FY 2006 from the list of unfunded applications from this competition.

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

**Applicable Regulations:** The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 77, 80, 81, 82, 84, 85, 97, 98, and 99. In addition, 34 CFR part 75 is applicable, except for the provisions in 34 CFR 75.100, 75.101(b), 75.102, 75.103, 75.105, 75.109(a), 75.200, 75.201, 75.209, 75.210, 75.211, 75.217, 75.219, 75.220, 75.221, 75.222, and 75.230.

**Performance Measures:** To evaluate the overall success of this program, the Institute will determine at the end of each grant whether the SEA has in operation a statewide longitudinal data system. Grantees will be expected to report in annual and final reports on the status of their development and implementation of these systems.

**Application Procedures:** The Government Paperwork Elimination Act (GPEA) of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-277) and the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999 (Pub. L. 106-107) encourage us to undertake initiatives to improve our grant processes. Enhancing the ability of individuals and entities to conduct

business with us electronically is a major part of our response to these Acts. Therefore, we are taking steps to adopt the Internet as our chief means of conducting transactions in order to improve services to our customers and to simplify and expedite our business processes.

We are requiring that applications for this competition be submitted electronically to the following Web site: <http://ies.constellagroup.com>. Information on the software to be used in submitting applications will be available at the same Web site.

**For Further Information Contact:** Kashka Kubzdela, U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 1990 K Street, NW., room 9067, Washington, DC 20006. Telephone: (202) 502-7411 or via Internet: [Kashka.Kubzdela@ed.gov](mailto:Kashka.Kubzdela@ed.gov).

The date on which applications will be available, the deadline for transmittal of applications, the estimated range of awards, and the project period will also be listed in the RFA for this competition that will be posted at: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/edresearch/applicant.html>.

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Individuals with disabilities may obtain this document in an alternative format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to the program contact person listed *in this section*. Individuals with disabilities may obtain a copy of the RFA in an alternative format by contacting that person.

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**Program Authority:** 20 U.S.C. 9607.

Dated: April 12, 2005.

**Grover J. Whitehurst,**

*Director, Institute of Education Sciences.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Office of Innovation and Improvement, Overview Information, Teaching American History Grant Program; Notice Inviting Applications For New Awards For Fiscal Year (FY) 2005

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number:* 84.215X.

**Dates:**

**Applications Available:** April 15, 2005.

**Deadline for Notice of Intent to Apply:** May 16, 2005.

**Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:** June 14, 2005.

**Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:** August 15, 2005.

**Eligible Applicants:** Local educational agencies (LEAs)—including charter schools that are considered LEAs under State law and regulations—working in partnership with one or more of the following entities:

- An institution of higher education.
- A non-profit history or humanities organization.
- A library or museum.

**Estimated Available Funds:** \$117,000,000.

**Maximum Awards:** The following awards are from the notice of final selection criteria and other application requirements published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**. Total funding for a three-year project period is a maximum of: \$500,000 for LEAs with enrollments of less than 20,000 students; \$1,000,000 for LEAs with enrollments of 20,000–300,000 students; and \$2,000,000 for LEAs with enrollments above 300,000 students. LEAs may form consortia and combine their enrollments in order to receive a grant reflective of their combined enrollment. For districts applying jointly as a consortium, the maximum award is based on the combined enrollment of the individual districts in the consortium. If more than one LEA wishes to form a consortium, they must follow the procedures for group applications described in 34 CFR 75.127 through 34 CFR 75.129 of the Education Department General Administrative Regulations.

**Estimated Number of Awards:** 100–135.

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