

Item	Form No.	Estimated annual responses	Fee amount	Estimated annual filing costs
Issue Fee (design patent, no publication fee, small entity) .....	PTOL-85B .....	8,500	400.00	3,400,000.00
Issue Fee (plant patent, no publication fee) .....	PTOL-85B .....	120	1,100.00	132,000.00
Issue Fee (plant patent, no publication fee, small entity) .....	PTOL-85B .....	80	550.00	44,000.00
Issue Fee (plant patent, with publication fee) .....	PTOL-85B .....	480	1,400.00	672,000.00
Issue Fee (plant patent, with publication fee, small entity) .....	PTOL-85B .....	320	850.00	272,000.00
Totals .....	.....	224,926	.....	273,013,030.00

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The total non-hour respondent cost burden for this collection in the form of filing fees, postage costs, and recordkeeping costs is \$273,113,430 per year.

#### IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, e.g., the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: January 16, 2007.

**Susan K. Brown,**

*Records Officer, USPTO Office of the Chief Information Officer, Architecture, Engineering and Technical Services, Data Architecture and Services Division.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

##### Department of the Air Force

##### **Establishment and Operation of an Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance, and Strike Capability, Andersen Air Force Base, Guam**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Air Force.

**ACTION:** Record of Decision (ROD).

**SUMMARY:** On January 12, 2007, the United States Air Force signed the ROD for the Establishment and Operation of an Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance, and Strike Capability, Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. The decision was based on matters discussed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), inputs from the public and regulatory agencies, and other relevant factors. The Final EIS was made available on November 24, 2006 in the **Federal Register** (Volume 71, Number 226, Page 67864) with a wait period ending December 26, 2006. The Air Force was the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) lead agency with the Department of the Navy acting as a Cooperating Agency under NEPA. The ROD documents only the decision of the Air Force with respect to the proposed Air Force actions analyzed in the Final EIS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Jonathan Wald, 36 Civil Engineer Squadron, 671-366-2549.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

##### **Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 26, 2007.

**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 IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, 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.

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 the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: January 17, 2007.

**Angela C. Arrington,**

*IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.*

#### **Institute of Education Sciences**

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* Conversion Magnet Schools Evaluation.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

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

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

*Responses:* 71.

*Burden Hours:* 1,131.

*Abstract:* The Conversion Magnet Schools Evaluation studies the impact of federally funded elementary magnet schools on the academic achievement of students who attend them, and on minority group isolation in the schools. The first phase of the study investigates the feasibility of conducting rigorous research using experimental or quasi-experimental designs to explore the impact of the magnet programs on students who attend them as their neighborhood schools and on students from other neighborhoods who compete in lotteries for admission. Collection and analysis of student data will proceed if rigorous studies are found to be feasible. The evaluation will inform policymakers and researchers on the effectiveness of magnet schools as an educational approach and a type of school choice.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 3262. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Potomac Center, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20202-4700. Requests may also be electronically mailed to: [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-245-6623. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@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 IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management 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 22, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Rachel Potter, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10222, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or faxed to (202) 395-6974.

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Dated: January 17, 2007.

**Angela C. Arrington,**

*IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.*

#### **Office of Vocational and Adult Education**

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement.

*Title:* Native American Career and Technical Education Program.

*Frequency:* Semi-Annually; Annually.

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

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

*Responses:* 80.

*Burden Hours:* 9,600.

*Abstract:* The Native American Career and Technical Education Program (NACTEP) is authorized under Section 116 of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006. The purpose of the Native American Career and Technical Education Program is to provide grants to improve career and technical education programs that are consistent with the purposes of the Act and that benefit American Indians and Alaska Natives.

This information collection is being submitted under the Streamlined Clearance Process for Discretionary Grant Information Collections (1890-0001). Therefore, the 30-day public comment period notice will be the only public comment notice published for this information collection.

Requests for copies of the information collection submission for OMB review may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 3255. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Potomac Center, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20202-4700. Requests may also be electronically mailed to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-245-6623. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

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