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 July 7, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202–4537. Comments may also be electronically mailed to ICDOcketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202–401–0920. Commenters should include the following subject line in their response “Comment: [insert OMB number], [insert abbreviated collection name, e.g., “Upward Bound Evaluation”]”. Persons submitting comments electronically should not submit paper copies.

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.


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Type of Review: Revision.
Frequency: One time.
Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 446,417.
Burden Hours: 111,604.

Abstract: This is a request for clearance of NAEP 2009 Wave 2 materials. These materials are questionnaires for 4th, 8th and 12th graders including pilot and core materials—science, reading, mathematics, civics, U.S. history and geography.

Requests for copies of the information collection submission for OMB review may be accessed from http://edicisweb.ed.gov, by selecting the “Browse Pending Collections” link and by clicking on link number 3700. 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., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202–4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to ICDOcketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202–401–0920. 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. 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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Reading First Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Education, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education.

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice describes an open meeting of the Reading First Advisory Committee. Notice of the meeting is required by Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and is intended to notify the public of their opportunity to attend.

DATE AND TIME: Monday, June 23, 2008 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

ADDRESSES: Westin Washington DC City Center at 1400 M Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah Spitz, Reading First Team Leader, Reading First Advisory Committee; 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202; telephone: (202) 260–3793; fax: (202) 260–8969; e-mail: Deborah.Spitz@ed.gov; Committee Web site: www.ed.gov/programs/readingfirst/advisory.html.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Reading First Advisory Committee is authorized by Sections 1203(c)(2)(a) and 1202(e)(2) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965, as amended. The Committee is established within the Department of Education to evaluate Reading First applications submitted by States, to review the progress reports that States submit after the third year of the grant period, to advise on the awarding of Targeted Assistance Grants, and to advise the Secretary on other issues that the Secretary deems appropriate.

On May 1, 2008, the U.S. Department of Education’s Institute of Education Sciences (IES) released the Reading First Impact Study: Interim Report. During the open meeting of the Committee on June 23, 2008, the Committee members will discuss their questions and concerns about the Interim Report. A more detailed agenda will be posted on the Committee Web site prior to the meeting.

The Final Report of the Impact Study, which will provide impact data from three years of program implementation and information on relationships between changes in instructional practice and student reading comprehension, is expected to be released in late 2008.

Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (e.g., interpreting services, assistance listening devices, or materials in alternative format) should notify Deborah Spitz at (202) 260–3793, no later than ten (10) days before the scheduled date of the meeting. We will attempt to meet requests for accommodations after this date but cannot guarantee their availability. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

Request for Written Comments: There will not be an opportunity for the public to speak during this meeting; however, the public is encouraged to submit...