

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION****Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests****AGENCY:** Department of Education.**ACTION:** Comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Education (the Department), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the reporting burden on the public and helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, 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 April 18, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov) or mailed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that Federal agencies provide interested parties an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. 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: February 14, 2011.

**Darrin A. King,**

*Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.*

**Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services**

*Type of Review:* Extension.  
*Title of Collection:* Client Assistance Program.

*OMB Control Number:* 1820-0528.

*Agency Form Number(s):* Form RSA-227.

*Frequency of Responses:* Annually.  
*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions State, Local, or Tribal Government, State Educational Agencies or Local Educational Agencies.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 56.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 896.

*Abstract:* Form RSA-227 is used to meet specific data collection requirements contained in Section 112 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and its implementing Federal Regulations at 34 CFR Part 370. Data from the form have been used to evaluate individual programs. These data also have been used to indicate trends in the provision of services from year to year. In addition, Form RSA-227 will be used to analyze and evaluate the effectiveness of individual Client Assistance Program (CAP) Program grantees. These agencies provide services to individuals seeking or receiving services from programs and projects authorized by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. Form RSA-227 has enabled RSA to furnish the President and Congress with data on the provision of advocacy services and has helped to establish a sound basis for future funding requests.

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 4520. 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](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-401-0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection and OMB Control Number when making your request.

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(TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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### Office of Postsecondary Education

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title of Collection:* Financial Status and Program Performance Final Report for State and Partnership for the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP).

*OMB Control Number:* 1840-0782.

*Agency Form Number(s):* N/A.

*Frequency of Responses:* Once.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal Government, State Educational Agencies or Local Educational Agencies.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 209.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 8,360.

*Abstract:* The purpose of this information collection is to determine whether recipients of the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) have made substantial progress towards meeting the objectives of their respective projects, as outlined in their grant applications and/or subsequent work plans. In addition, the final report will enable the Department to evaluate each grant project's fiscal operations for the entire grant performance period, and compare total expenditures relative to federal funds awarded, and actual cost-share/matching relative to the total amount in the approved grant application. This report is a means for grantees to share the overall experience of their projects and document achievements and concerns, and describe effects of their projects on participants being served; project barriers and major accomplishments; and evidence of sustainability. The report will be GEAR UP's primary method to collect/analyze data on students' high school graduation and immediate college enrollment rates.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Professional Development for Arts Educators Program; Office of Innovation and Improvement; Overview Information; Professional Development for Arts Educators (PDAE) Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number:* 84.351C.

**DATES:** *Applications Available:* February 17, 2011.

*Deadline for Notice of Intent to Apply:* March 21, 2011.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* April 8, 2011.

*Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:* June 7, 2011.

#### Full Text of Announcement

##### I. Funding Opportunity Description

*Purpose of Program:* This program supports the implementation of high-quality model professional development programs in elementary and secondary education for music, dance, drama, media arts, or visual arts, including folk arts, for educators and other arts instructional staff of kindergarten through grade 12 (K-12) students in high-poverty schools. The purpose of this program is to strengthen standards-based arts education programs and to help ensure that all students meet challenging State academic content standards and challenging State student academic achievement standards in the arts.

*Priorities:* This competition includes one absolute priority, two competitive preference priorities, and one invitational priority. The absolute priority is from the notice of final priority, requirements, and definitions for this program (2005 NFP), published in the **Federal Register** on March 30,

2005 (70 FR 16242). The two competitive preference priorities and the invitational priority are from the notice of final supplemental priorities and definitions for discretionary grant programs, published in the **Federal Register** on December 15, 2010 (75 FR 78486).

*Absolute Priority:* For FY 2011 and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applicants from this competition, this priority is an absolute priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) we consider only applications that meet this priority.

This priority is:

This priority supports professional development programs for K-12 arts educators and other instructional staff that use innovative instructional methods and current knowledge from education research and focus on—

(1) The development, enhancement, or expansion of standards-based arts education programs; or

(2) The integration of standards-based arts instruction with other core academic area content.

In order to meet this priority, an applicant must demonstrate that the project for which it seeks funding is linked to State and national standards intended to enable all students to meet challenging expectations, and to improving student and school performance.

**Note:** *National standards* refers to the arts standards developed by the Consortium of National Arts Education Associations. The standards outline what students should know and be able to do in the arts. These are not Department standards.

*Competitive Preference Priorities:* For FY 2011 and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applicants from this competition, these priorities are competitive preference priorities. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i) we award up to an additional 10 points per competitive preference priority to an application, depending on how well the application meets the priorities.

These priorities are:

##### 1. Enabling More Data-Based Decision-Making

Projects that are designed to collect (or obtain), analyze, and use high-quality and timely data, including data on program participant outcomes, in accordance with privacy requirements (as defined in this notice), in the following priority area: Improving instructional practices, policies, and student outcomes in elementary or secondary schools.