

including 40 Weddell seals (*Leptonychotes weddellii*), 35 crabeater seals (*Lobodon carcinophagus*), 35 southern elephant seals (*Mirounga leonina*), 10 leopard seals (*Hydrurga leptonyx*), and 5 Ross seals (*Ommatophoca rossii*). Incidental harassment, mortality, and import of samples from these species is authorized. The permit also authorizes research on California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*) to investigate foraging, diving, energetics, food habits, and at-sea distribution along the California coast. Incidental harassment of California sea lions, harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*), northern elephant seals (*Mirounga augustirostris*), and northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*) in California is authorized. Unintentional mortality and import of samples from California sea lions is authorized. The permit expires on January 31, 2012.

The permit holder is requesting the permit be amended to extend the permit expiration to December 31, 2012 in order to complete a study initiated in January 2010 examining the foraging behavior and habitat use of the Weddell seal in the Ross Sea. The applicant is requesting authorization to capture and handle up to 70 Weddell seals of any age/sex during 2012 using the same methods currently permitted, and requests authorization for up to four unintentional mortalities due to research conducted in 2012. No other changes to the permit are requested.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of the application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: July 27, 2011.

**P. Michael Payne,**

*Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

*Agency:* United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

*Title:* Submissions Regarding Correspondence and Regarding Attorney Representation (Trademarks).

*Form Number(s):* PTO Forms 2196, 2197, and 2201.

*Agency Approval Number:* 0651-0056.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Burden:* 10,927 hours annually.

*Number of Respondents:* 123,010 responses per year. Of this total, the USPTO estimates that 117,151 responses will be submitted through TEAS.

*Avg. Hours per Response:* The USPTO estimates that it takes the public approximately 5 to 30 minutes (0.08 to 0.50 hours) to complete this information, depending on the application. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, prepare the requests, and submit them to the USPTO. The time estimates shown for the electronic forms in this collection are based on the average amount of time needed to complete and electronically file the associated form.

*Needs and Uses:* The public uses the information in this collection to appoint attorneys and domestic representatives to act on their behalf in the prosecution of their applications, to revoke those same appointments, to request permission to withdraw as the attorney of record or domestic representative, to request replacement of the attorney of record with another already-appointed attorney, and to request a change of the owner's or domestic representative's address. The USPTO uses the collected information to process the requests.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Nicholas A. Fraser, e-mail:

*Nicholas\_A.Fraser@omb.eop.gov.*

Once submitted, the request will be publicly available in electronic format through the Information Collection Review page at <http://www.reginfo.gov>.

Paper copies can be obtained by:

- *E-mail:*

*InformationCollection@uspto.gov.*

Include "0651-0056 copy request" in the subject line of the message.

- *Mail:* Susan K. Fawcett, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before September 1, 2011 to Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB Desk Officer, via e-mail to *Nicholas\_A.Fraser@omb.eop.gov*, or by fax to 202-395-5167, marked to the attention of Nicholas A. Fraser.

Dated: July 28, 2011.

**Susan K. Fawcett,**

*Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## 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 Acting 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 October 3, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to *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: July 28, 2011.

**James Hyler,**

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

**Institute of Education Sciences**

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title of Collection:* Early Childhood Longitudinal Study Kindergarten Class of 2010–11 (ECLS–K:2011) Spring First-Grade and Fall Second-Grade Data Collections.

*OMB Control Number:* 1850–0750.

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

*Frequency of Responses:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 143,138.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 49,128.

*Abstract:* The Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Kindergarten Class of 2010–11 (ECLS–K:2011), sponsored by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) within the Institute of Education Sciences of the U.S. Department of Education, is a survey that focuses on children's early school experiences beginning with kindergarten and continuing through the fifth grade. It includes the collection of data from parents, teachers, school administrators, and non-parental care providers, as well as direct child assessments. Like its sister study, the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Kindergarten Class of 1998–99, the ECLS–K:2011 is exceptionally broad in

its scope and coverage of child development, early learning, and school progress, drawing together information from multiple sources to provide rich data about the population of children who were kindergartners in the 2010–11 school year. This submission requests OMB's clearance for (1) a spring 2012 first-grade national data collection; (2) a fall 2012 second-grade data collection with the same 30 percent subsample for which data will be collected in the fall 2011 first-grade collection; and (3) a 60-day Federal Register notice waiver for the next OMB clearance package to be submitted in June of 2012 for the spring 2013 second-grade data collection, recruitment for the spring 2014 third-grade data collection, and tracking students for the spring 2014 third-grade and spring 2015 fourth-grade data collection.

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 4677. 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.

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**

**Notice of Submission for OMB Review**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13).

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 1, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs,

Attention: Education Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10222, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, be faxed to (202) 395–5806 or e-mailed to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov) with a cc: to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov). 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 the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The OMB is particularly interested in comments which: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: July 28, 2011.

**James Hyler,**

*Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management.*

**Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services**

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title of Collection:* Annual Progress Reporting Form for the American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services (AIVRS) Program.

*OMB Control Number:* 1820–0655.

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

*Frequency of Responses:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 82.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 1,066.

*Abstract:* The Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) of the U.S. Department of Education (ED) will use this data collection form to capture the annual performance report data from the grantees funded under the American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation