

**SAFEGUARDS:**

Computerized records maintained in a controlled area are accessible only to authorized personnel. Physical entry is restricted by the use of locks, guards, and is accessible only to authorized personnel. Physical and electronic access is restricted to designated individuals having a need therefore in the performance of official duties and who are properly screened and cleared for need-to-know. Electronic data system is password and Common Access Card (CAC) protected.

**RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:**

Electronic records are retained indefinitely for statistical purposes. Paper copies of records are retained permanently and retired to the Washington National Records Center 3 years after case closure.

**SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:**

Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, Office of the Assistant Inspector General, Office of Professional Responsibility, 400 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202-4704.

**NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:**

Individuals seeking to determine whether information about themselves is contained in this system should address written inquiries to the Freedom of Information Act Requester Service Center/Privacy Act Office, Room 1021, 400 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202-4704.

Written requests should contain the individual's full name (including former names and aliases), and Social Security Number (SSN), current home address, telephone number, and the request must be signed.

**RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

Individuals seeking access to information about themselves contained in this system should address written inquiries to the Freedom of Information Act Requester Service Center/Privacy Act Office, Room 1021, 400 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202-4704.

Written requests should contain the individual's full name (including former names and aliases), and SSN, current home address, telephone number, and the request must be signed.

**CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:**

The DoD OIG's rules for accessing records and for contesting contents and appealing initial agency determinations are published in 32 CFR part 312 or may be obtained from the system manager.

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

Office of Inspector General System Administrators.

**EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:**

Parts of this system may be exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(j)(2) if the information is compiled and maintained by a component of the agency that performs as its principle function any activity pertaining to the enforcement of criminal laws.

An exemption rule for this record system has been promulgated in accordance with the requirements of 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(1), (2), and (3), (c) and (e) and published in 32 CFR part 312. For additional information contact the system manager.

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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 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 11, 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: August 4, 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:* Revision.

*Title of Collection:* State Plan for Assistive Technology under the Assistive Technology Act of 1998, as Amended.

*OMB Control Number:* 1820-0664.

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

*Frequency of Responses:* Annually.

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

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 56.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 4,144.

*Abstract:* Section 4 of the Assistive Technology Act of 1998, as amended, requires states to submit an application in order to receive funds under the state grant for assistive technology program. This information collection will be used by states to meet their application requirements and annual data reports. The Rehabilitation Services Administration calls this application a State Plan for Assistive Technology.

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 4701. 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

### Applications for New Awards; Postsecondary Education Center for Individuals Who Are Deaf

**AGENCY:** Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice.

#### Overview Information:

Technical Assistance and Dissemination to Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities (TA&D); Personnel Development to Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities (Personnel Development); and Technology and Media Services for Individuals with Disabilities (T&M Services) Programs—Postsecondary Education Center for Individuals who are Deaf

Notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2011.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.326D.

#### DATES:

*Applications Available:* August 9, 2011.

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

#### Full Text of Announcement

##### I. Funding Opportunity Description

*Purpose of Programs:* Funding from three programs—the TA&D, the Personnel Development, and the T&M Services Programs—supports this competition.

The purpose of the TA&D Program is to promote academic achievement and to improve results for children with disabilities by providing technical assistance (TA), supporting model demonstration projects, disseminating useful information, and implementing activities that are supported by scientifically based research.

*The Personnel Development Program:* (1) Helps address State-identified needs for highly qualified personnel—in special education, related services, early intervention, and regular education—to work with children with disabilities and

(2) ensures that those personnel have the skills and knowledge—derived from practices that have been determined through research and experience to be successful—that are needed to serve those children.

*Finally, the T&M Services Program:* (1) Improves results for children with disabilities by promoting the development, demonstration, and use of technology, (2) supports educational media services activities designed to be of educational value in the classroom setting to children with disabilities, and (3) provides support for captioning and video description that is appropriate for use in the classroom setting.

*Priority:* In accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(v), this priority is from allowable activities specified in the statute or otherwise authorized in the statute (see sections 662(c)(2), 663(c)(8)(C), 674(b), and 681(d) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 20 U.S.C. 1463 and 1481(d)).

*Absolute Priority:* For FY 2011 and any subsequent year in which we make awards based on 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:

Postsecondary Education Center for Individuals who are Deaf 84.326D

#### Background:

Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing have unique communication and language barriers that require a range of accommodations for success in postsecondary education settings. Research, policy, and practice suggest that decisions about accommodations should be made on an individual basis (Marschark, 2001; U.S. Department of Education, 2005). For example, different accommodations are needed for a student who has hearing aids, a student who has a cochlear implant and uses oral-auditory strategies, a student with a cochlear implant who uses sign language in addition to oral-auditory strategies, and a student who uses sign language only (Marschark, 2001). It is important that postsecondary institutions be well-informed about the various accommodations that may be appropriate for students who are deaf or hard of hearing, such as oral transliteration services, cued language transliteration services, sign language transliteration, and interpreting and transcription services.

To address the needs of these students, section 682(d)(1)(B) of IDEA requires that the Secretary ensure that,

for each fiscal year, not less than \$4,000,000 is provided to address the postsecondary, vocational, technical, continuing, and adult education needs of individuals with deafness. Pursuant to this requirement, the Department's Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) has previously funded four regional centers to assist postsecondary institutions in more effectively addressing the postsecondary, vocational, technical, continuing, and adult education needs of individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. These centers have served collectively as the Postsecondary Education Programs Network (PEPNet). While PEPNet's project period is scheduled to end on September 30, 2011, institutions of higher education (IHEs) continue to need assistance to support this population. For more information about PEPNet, see <http://www.pepnet.org>.

In addition to the funding required under section 682(d)(1)(B) of IDEA, section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504) and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended (ADA) outline postsecondary institutions' obligations to ensure they do not discriminate on the basis of disability, including in their provision of academic adjustments and auxiliary aids and services for students with disabilities (34 CFR 104.44; 28 CFR 35.160-164; 28 CFR 36.303). Current statistics show that many individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing are enrolling in mainstream postsecondary institutions (Raue & Lewis, 2011). Given the numbers of students enrolling in mainstream postsecondary institutions, and considering the various types of accommodations that may be necessary to serve this low-incidence population, it is paramount that personnel at these postsecondary institutions have the knowledge and skills needed to provide fully accessible learning experiences for students who are deaf or hard of hearing (Lang, 2002). For example, personnel must be skilled at helping to determine the appropriate type of interpreting services for a particular student's needs. Personnel must also be knowledgeable about other services from which the student may benefit (e.g., captioning or note-taking) and the availability of newer technology, such as live text-captioning technologies (e.g., C-Print or Computer Assisted Realtime Translation) and assistive listening devices, that are effective accommodations for students who are deaf or hard of hearing (Cawthon, Nichols, & Collier, 2009). Given the fast pace of emerging technology, it is particularly important for personnel to