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: October 5, 2011.

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

Office of Innovation and Improvement

Type of Review: Extension.
Title of Collection: Charter Schools Program Grant Awards Database.
OMB Control Number: 1855–0016.
Agency Form Number(s): N/A.
Frequency of Responses: Annually.
Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government.
Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 70.
Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 137.

Abstract: This request is for renewal of OMB approval to collect data necessary for the Charter Schools Program (CSP) Grant Award Database. The CSP is authorized under Title V, Part B, Subpart 1, Sections 5201 through 5211 of the Elementary and Secondary Act (ESEA) of 1965, as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. Under Title V, Part B, Section 5205 of the ESEA, the Secretary reserves CSP funds to carry out national activities to provide charter schools with information, to evaluate and study charter schools, and to provide other types of technical assistance. This data collection is coordinated with the EDFacts initiative to reduce respondent burden and fully utilize data submitted by States and available to the U.S. Department of Education (ED) through the Education Data Exchange Network (EDEN). Under the current data collection, ED collects CSP grant award information from grantees (State agencies and some schools) for a database of current CSP-funded charter schools and award amounts; ED merges performance information extracted from the EDEN database with the database of CSP-funded charter schools. Together, these data allow ED to monitor CSP grant performance and analyze data related to accountability for academic performance, financial integrity, and program effectiveness.

Copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from http://edicweb.ed.gov, by selecting the “Browse Pending Collections” link and by clicking on link number 4731. 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 ICOcketMgr@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.

Dated: October 6, 2011.
Alexa Posny,
Assistant Secretary, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Agency Information Collection Extension

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, intends to extend for three years, an information collection request with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the extended 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 of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (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, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before December 12, 2011. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be sent to Kathleen M. Binder, HG–6, Director, Office of Conflict Prevention and Resolution, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585; or by fax at 202–287–1490 or by e-mail at kathleen.binder@hq.doe.gov.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Kathleen M. Binder at the address listed in ADDRESSES.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains: (1) OMB No.: 1910–5118; (2) Information Collection Request Title: “Technology Partnerships Ombudsmen Reporting Requirements”; (3) Type of Review: Renewal; (4) Purpose: The information collected will be used to determine whether the Technology Partnerships Ombudsmen are properly helping to resolve complaints from outside organizations regarding laboratory policies and actions with respect to technology partnerships; (5) Annual Estimated Number of Respondents: 22; (6) Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses: 88; (7) Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours: 50; (8) Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: 0.


Issued in Washington, DC, on October 6, 2011.

Kathleen M. Binder,
Office of Conflict Prevention and Resolution, Office of Hearings and Appeals.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Bonneville Power Administration

Availability of the Bonneville Purchasing Instructions (BPI) and Bonneville Financial Assistance Instructions (BFAI)

AGENCY: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), DOE.

ACTION: Notice of document availability.

SUMMARY: Copies of the Bonneville Purchasing Instructions (BPI), which contain the policy and establish the procedures that BPA uses in the solicitation, award, and administration of its purchases of goods and services, including construction, are available in printed form or at the following Internet address: http://www.bpa.gov/corporate/business/bpi.

Copies of the Bonneville Financial Assistance Instructions (BFAI), which contain the policy and establish the procedures that BPA uses in the solicitation, award, and administration of financial assistance instruments (principally grants and cooperative agreements), are available in printed form or available at the following Internet address: http://www.bpa.gov/corporate/business/bfai.

ADDRESSES: Unbound copies of the BPI or BFAI may be obtained by sending a request to the Head of the Contracting Activity, Routing DGP–7, Bonneville Power Administration, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon 97208–3621.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Head of Contracting Activity (503) 230–5498.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: BPA was established in 1937 as a Federal Power Marketing Agency in the Pacific Northwest. BPA operations are financed from power revenues rather than annual appropriations. BPA’s purchasing operations are conducted under 16 U.S.C. 832 et seq. and related statutes. Pursuant to these special authorities, the BPI is promulgated as a statement of purchasing policy and as a body of interpretative regulations governing the conduct of BPA purchasing activities. It is significantly different from the Federal Acquisition Regulation, and reflects BPA’s private sector approach to purchasing the goods and services that it requires. BPA’s financial assistance operations are conducted under 16 U.S.C. 839 et seq. and 16 U.S.C. 839 et seq. The BFAI express BPA’s financial assistance policy. The BFAI also comprise BPA’s rules governing implementation of the principles provided in the following Federal Regulations and/or OMB circulars:

2 CFR part 220 Cost Principles for Educational Institutions (CircularA–21);

2 CFR part 225 Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments (Circular A–87);

Grants and Cooperative Agreements with State and Local Governments (Circular A–102);

Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals and Other Non-Profit Organizations (Circular A–110);

2 CFR part 230 Cost Principles for Non-Profit Organizations (Circular A–122); and

Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations (Circular A–133).

BPA’s solicitations and contracts include notice of applicability and availability of the BPI and the BFAI, as appropriate, for the information of offerors on particular purchases or financial assistance transactions.