SUMMARY: The 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 January 17, 2012.

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 emailed to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov with a cc to 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: December 12, 2011.

Darrin King,
Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management.

Federal Student Aid

Type of Review: Extension.
Title of Collection: Request for Title IV Reimbursement or Heightened Cash Monitoring 2.

OMB Control Number: 1845–0089.
Agency Form Number(s): Form 207.
Frequency of Responses: Monthly.
Affected Public: Business or other for-profit institutions.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 732.
Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 3,660.

Abstract: The purpose of the form is to gather financial information from the institution in order to process claims for payment. The US Department of Education (ED) Payment Analysts compare data on the form with disbursement records in the Common Origination and Disbursement System to determine what amount will be paid to the institution under the restricted method of payments. Data and signatures are collected from the institution on these forms. The data collected is in regards to the Title IV program funds that are requested and certified by the institution in the President/Owner/Chief Executive Officer and the Financial Aid Director/Third Party Servicer section of the form. The forms are signed by the institution official and submitted when requesting payment for Reimbursement or Heightened Cash Monitoring 2 claims.

Copies of the information collection submission for OMB review may be accessed from the RegInfo.gov Web site at http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain or from the Department’s Web site at http://edicweb.ed.gov, by selecting the “Browse Pending Collections” link and by clicking on link number 4716. 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 the Internet address 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

Final Priority: Safe and Healthy Students Discretionary Grant Programs

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

ACTION: Notice.

Overview Information

Final Priority: Safe and Healthy Students Discretionary Grant Programs.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Numbers: 84.184A, 84.215M, 84.184J, 84.215J, 84.184L, 84.215E.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education announces a competitive preference priority for the following discretionary grant programs (Safe and Healthy Students (SHS) Discretionary Grant Programs) administered by the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education’s Office of Safe and Healthy Students (OSHS):

Grants to Reduce Alcohol Abuse (CFDA No. 84.184A).
Grants for the Integration of Schools and Mental Health Systems (CFDA No. 84.215M).
Safe Schools/Healthy Students (CFDA Nos. 84.184J, 84.184L).
Foundations for Learning (CFDA No. 84.215J).
Elementary and Secondary School Counseling (CFDA No. 84.215E).

The Department may use this competitive preference priority for competitions under the SHS Discretionary Grant Programs in fiscal year (FY) 2012 and subsequent years, contingent upon funding for these programs. The Department takes this action to align the SHS Discretionary Grant Programs with identified needs of American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) youths who are members of federally recognized tribes. The Department intends this competitive preference priority to enhance the ability of applicants serving tribal communitiea to address the substance abuse and mental health crises that affect AI/AN students.

DATES: Effective Date: This priority is effective January 17, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Purpose of Programs: The Grants to Reduce Alcohol Abuse program (CFDA No. 84.184A) assists local educational agencies (LEAs) in the development and implementation of innovative and effective alcohol abuse prevention programs for secondary school students. The Grants for the Integration of Schools and Mental Health Systems program (CFDA No. 84.215M) provides
grants to State educational agencies (SEAs), LEAs, and Indian tribes for the purpose of increasing student access to quality mental health care by developing innovative programs that link school systems with local mental health systems.

The Safe Schools/Healthy Students program (CFDA Nos. 84.184], 84.184L] provides grants to support LEAs in the development of communitywide approaches to creating safe and drug-free schools and promoting healthy childhood development. These approaches are intended to prevent violence and the illegal use of drugs and to promote safety and discipline.

The Foundations for Learning program (CFDA No. 84.215H) provides assistance to help eligible children become ready for school. The Elementary and Secondary School Counseling program (CFDA No. 84.215E) provides funding to LEAs to establish or expand elementary school counseling programs and, if the appropriation exceeds $40 million in any fiscal year, the program may be expanded to secondary schools.


Applicable Program Regulations: 34 CFR part 299.

We published a notice of proposed priority for these programs in the Federal Register on March 15, 2011 (76 FR 14001). That notice contained background information and our reasons for proposing the particular priority. The notice of proposed priority also referred to the Department’s Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools. That office has been renamed the Office of Safe and Healthy Students and is now a component within the Department’s Office of Elementary and Secondary Education.

There are no differences between the proposed priority and this final priority. Public Comment: In response to our invitation in the notice of proposed priority, two parties submitted comments on the proposed priority. Generally, we do not address technical and other minor changes. In addition, we do not address general comments that raised concerns not directly related to the proposed priority.

Analysis of Comments and Changes: An analysis of the comments and of any changes in the priority since publication of the notice of proposed priority follows.

Comment: Two commenters agreed with the rationale provided for proposing the priority. Specifically, the commenters stated that there are many cases of emotional and behavioral problems, substance abuse, and violence in their schools and that this priority would help address these problems. Discussion: We appreciate the commenters’ support. We believe the competitive preference priority will encourage eligible applicants serving tribal communities to address the substance abuse and mental health crises that affect AI/AN students.

Changes: None.

Comment: One commenter recommended that the Department award priority points to applications from small rural schools in order to level the playing field in meeting the needs of AI/AN students. Discussion: We appreciate the commenter’s recommendation; however, we have a priority for improving achievement and high school graduation rates of rural and high-needs students that is part of the Secretary’s Supplemental Priorities published in the Federal Register on December 15, 2010 (75 FR 78486) and corrected on May 12, 2011 (76 FR 27637). We may use that priority in our competitions in order to address the needs of students attending rural schools. The purpose of the final priority contained in this notice is to meet the unique needs of AI/AN students residing on Indian lands.

Changes: None.

Final Priority

Projects that are proposed by any eligible entity serving students residing on “Indian lands” as that term is defined by section 8013 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (20 U.S.C. 7113(7)). The eligible entity must be the only applicant or the lead applicant in a consortium of eligible entities.

Types of Priorities

When inviting applications for a competition using one or more priorities, we designate the type of each priority as absolute, competitive preference, or invitational through a notice in the Federal Register. The effect of each type of priority follows:

Absolute priority: Under an absolute priority, we consider only applications that meet the priority (34 CFR 75.105(c)(3)).

Competitive preference priority: Under a competitive preference priority, we give competitive preference to an application by (1) Awarding additional points, depending on the extent to which the application meets the priority (34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i)); or (2) selecting an application that meets the priority over an application of comparable merit that does not meet the priority (34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(ii)).

Invitational priority: Under an invitational priority, we are particularly interested in applications that meet the priority. However, we do not give an application that meets the priority a preference over other applications (34 CFR 75.105(c)(1)).

This notice does not preclude us from proposing or using additional priorities, requirements, definitions, or selection criteria, subject to meeting applicable rulemaking requirements.

Note: This notice does not solicit applications. In any year in which we choose to use this priority, we will invite applications through a notice in the Federal Register.

Executive Order 12866: This notice has been reviewed in accordance with Executive Order 12866. Under the terms of the order, we have assessed the potential costs and benefits of this final regulatory action.

The potential costs associated with this final regulatory action are those resulting from statutory requirements and those we have determined as necessary for administering the SHS Discretionary Grant Programs effectively and efficiently.

In assessing the potential costs and benefits—both quantitative and qualitative—of this final regulatory action, we have determined that the benefits of the final priority justify the costs.

We have also determined that this final regulatory action does not unduly interfere with State, local, and tribal governments in the exercise of their governmental functions.

We summarized the costs and benefits of this regulatory action in the notice of proposed priority.

Intergovernmental Review: This program is subject to Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79. One of the objectives of the Executive order is to foster an intergovernmental partnership and a strengthened federalism. The Executive order relies on processes developed by State and local governments for coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance.

This document provides early notification of our specific plans and actions for this program.

Accessible Format: Individuals with disabilities can obtain this document in an accessible format (e.g., braille, large print, audiotape, or compact disc) on request to the contact person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

Electronic Access to This Document: The official version of this document is the document published in the Federal Register.
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Agency Information Collection Extension

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Submission for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) has submitted an information collection request to the OMB for extension under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection requests a three-year extension of its “Technology Partnerships Ombudsman Reporting Requirements”, OMB Control Number 1910–5188. This information collection request covers information necessary to implement a statutory requirement that the Technology Transfer Ombudsmen report quarterly on complaints they receive.

DATES: Comments regarding this collection must be received on or before January 17, 2012. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, please advise the OMB Desk Officer of your intention to make a submission as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at (202) 395–4650.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to: DOE Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10102, 735 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503; and 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, Kathleen.binder@hq.doe.gov, (202) 287–1415 (facsimile).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathleen M. Binder at the address listed in ADDRESSES.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains: (1) OMB No. 1910–5188; (2) Information Collection Request Title: Technology Transfer Ombudsmen Reporting Requirements; (3) Type of Request: 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 at Washington, DC, on December 13, 2011.

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

For further information contact: Kathleen M. Binder, HG–6, Director, Office of Conflict Prevention and Resolution, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585, Kathleen.binder@hq.doe.gov, (202) 287–1415

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Nuclear Energy Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Energy, Office of Nuclear Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Renewal.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 14(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, App. 2, and Section 102–3.65(a), Title 41, Code of Federal Regulations, and following consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the Nuclear Energy Advisory Committee will be renewed for a two-year period.

The Committee will provide advice to the Department of Energy on complex science and technical issues that arise in the planning, managing, and implementation of DOE’s nuclear energy program.

Additionally, the renewal of the NEAC has been determined to be essential to conduct business of the Department of Energy’s and to be in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed upon the Department of Energy, by law and agreement. The Committee will continue to operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the rules and regulations in implementation of that Act.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth Wade, Designated Federal Officer at (301) 903–6509.

Issued at Washington, DC, on December 12, 2011.

Carol A. Matthews, Committee Management Officer.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impacts Statements; Notice of Availability


Notice: Section 309(a) of the Clean Air Act requires that EPA make public its comments on EISs issued by other Federal agencies. EPA’s comment letters on EISs are available at: http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/eisdata.html.

EIS No. 20110417. Draft EIS, USFS, CA, Rubicon Trail Easement and Resource Improvement Project, Construction and Operation, Right-of-Way Grant, Eldorado National Forest, Pacific Ranger District, El Dorado County, CA, Comment Period Ends: 01/30/2012, Contact: Laura Hierholzer (530) 642–5187


EIS No. 20110419, Final EIS, BR, CA, Suisun Marsh Habitat Management,