DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Submission for OMB Review; Evaluation of State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency Administration of Supported Employment Programs

SUMMARY: The Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Program provides a wide range of services to help individuals with disabilities to prepare for and engage in gainful employment. Eligible individuals are those who have a physical or mental impairment that results in a substantial impediment to employment, who can benefit from VR services for employment, and who require VR services.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 18, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Written 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. 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 04796. 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 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.

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 Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records 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. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Evaluation of State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency Administration of Supported Employment Programs.

OMB Control Number: Pending.

Type of Review: New.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 80.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 249.

Abstract: If a State is unable to serve all eligible individuals, priority must be given to serving individuals with the most significant disabilities. The program is funded through formula-based grants awarded by the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) to State VR agencies to receive funding from the basic Title I formula grant program. The Supported Employment (SE) Grant Program provides funding to assist States in developing and implementing collaborative programs with appropriate entities to provide SE services to individuals with the most significant disabilities who require SE services to achieve employment outcomes under Title VI Part B of the Rehabilitation Act for the SE State Grants Program. SE funds are used to supplement funds provided under the State VR grants program for the cost of providing SE services. Funds cannot be used to provide extended services necessary to maintain individuals in employment after the end of SE services, which usually do not exceed 18 months.

RSA proposes to conduct a national survey of all 80 state VR agencies. RSA seeks to evaluate how State VR agencies implement supported employment services for individuals with disabilities, how state VR agencies use Title VI Part B funds in conjunction with Title I funds to fund supported employment programs, and whether State VR agencies are effective in obtaining supported employment outcomes for individuals with disabilities. The evaluation also seeks to identify the factors that contribute to successful supported employment outcomes.

RSA will address the following objectives:

• Identify agency practices with respect to providing SE services;
• Determine how agencies use Title VI–B, Title I and other funds to provide SE; and
• Determine how agency practices affect the achievement of SE outcomes.


Tomakie Washington,
Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management.
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Title of Collection: Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program—Phase II—Grant Application Package.

OMB Control Number: 1820–0685.

Type of Review: Extension.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 50.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 3,750.

Abstract: The Small Business Reauthorization Act of 2000, H.R. 5667 requires certain agencies, including the U.S. Department of Education to establish a SBIR program by reserving a statutory percentage of their extramural research and development budgets to be awarded to small business concerns for research or research and development through a uniform, highly competitive, three-phase process each fiscal year. This information collection is being submitted under the Streamlined Clearance Process for Discretionary Grant Information Collections (1894–0001). Therefore, the 30-day public comment period notice will be the only public comment notice published for this information collection. Dated: April 13, 2012.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Assurance of Compliance—Civil Rights Certificate

SUMMARY: The Office for Civil Rights (OCR) has enforcement responsibilities under several civil rights laws, including Title VI, Title IX, Section 504, the Age Discrimination Act, and the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act. To meet these responsibilities, OCR collects assurances of compliance from applicants for Federal financial assistance from, and applicants for funds made available through, the U.S. Department of Education, as required by regulations. These entities include, for example, State educational agencies, local education agencies, and postsecondary educational institutions.

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Title of Collection: Assurance of Compliance—Civil Rights Certificate.

OMB Control Number: 1870–0503.

Type of Review: Extension.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 50.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 17.

Abstract: If a recipient violates one or more of these civil rights laws, as stated in the Summary above, OCR and the U.S. Department of Justice can use the signed assurances of compliance in an enforcement proceeding. Dated: April 11, 2012.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program—Phase I—Grant Application Package

SUMMARY: This application package invites small business concerns to submit a Phase I application for the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program (CFDA 84.133). This is in response to Public Law 106–554, the “Small Business Reauthorization Act of