Supplementary Information: The purpose of the roundtable meeting is for the federal government to present further details on the partnership between the DoN, DoE, and USDA to construct or retrofit multiple commercial scale advanced biorefineries. Additional general information will be provided regarding the DPA Title III, the Commodity Credit Corporation, and DoN’s requirements for fuels.

There is no cost; however, all attendees must register before May 11, 2012, for this Industry Roundtable via email reg.adbir@gmail.com with all of the following required information:

Name and Title:
Corporate Affiliation:
Address:
Phone number:
Email:
Web site:
Position on the Biofuels Production Value Chain: (feedstock provider, bio-refiner, finished products distributor, integrated effort, subject matter expert, financier, etc.)

Information and details concerning this Industry Roundtable (including maps and draft agenda) will be forwarded to those registered later.


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Department of Education

Proposed Information Collection Requests: Measures and Methods for the National Reporting System for Adult Education

Summary: The Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE) requests a revision to its data collection to assist states with the implementation of the currently approved automatic cohort designations that go into effect on July 1, 2012, for the follow-up measures related to student employment status, obtaining a secondary credential, and post-secondary transition.

Dates: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 19, 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://edicswdweb.ed.gov, by selecting the “Browse Pending Collections” link and by clicking on link number 04804. 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: Measures and Methods for the National Reporting System for Adult Education

OMB Control Number: 1830–0027.

Type of Review: Revision.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 57.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 18,050.

Abstract: In the course of providing technical assistance to states for the implementation of the new cohorts, OVAE has determined that some revisions and clarifications need to be added to the data collection guidelines in order to assist states with implementation. These revisions and clarifications are highlighted in Chapter 1 on pages 2 through 4 of the National Reporting System Implementation Guidelines.


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

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Applications for New Awards; Promise Neighborhoods Program—Implementation Grant Competition

AGENCY: Office of Innovation and Improvement, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

Overview Information: Promise Neighborhoods Program—Implementation Grant Competition; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2012

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.215N (Implementation grants).


Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: The Promise Neighborhoods program is carried out under the legislative authority of the Fund for the Improvement of Education (FIE), title V, part D, subpart 1, sections 5411 through 5413 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA) (20 U.S.C. 7243–7243b). FIE supports nationally significant programs to improve the quality of elementary and secondary education at the State and local levels and to help all children meet challenging State academic content and student academic achievement standards.

The purpose of the Promise Neighborhoods program is to significantly improve the educational and developmental outcomes of children and youth in our most distressed communities and to transform those communities by—

(1) Identifying and increasing the capacity of eligible organizations (as defined in this notice) that are focused on achieving results for children and youth throughout an entire neighborhood;

(2) Building a complete continuum of cradle-through college-to-career solutions (continuum of solutions) (as defined in this notice) of both education programs and family and community supports (both as defined in this notice), with great schools at the center. All solutions in the continuum of solutions must be accessible to children with disabilities (CWD) (as defined in this notice) and English learners (ELs) (as defined in this notice);

(3) Integrating programs and breaking down agency “silos” so that solutions are implemented effectively and efficiently across agencies;

(4) Developing the local infrastructure of systems and resources needed to sustain and scale up proven, effective solutions across the broader region beyond the initial neighborhood; and

(5) Learning about the overall impact of the Promise Neighborhoods program and about the relationship between particular strategies in Promise Neighborhoods and student outcomes, including through a rigorous evaluation of the program.

Background: The vision of this program is that all children and youth growing up in Promise Neighborhoods have access to great schools and strong systems of family and community support that will prepare them to attain an excellent education and successfully transition to college and a career.

A Promise Neighborhood is both a place and a strategy. A place eligible to become a Promise Neighborhood is a geographic area that is distressed, often facing inadequate access to high-quality early learning programs and services, with struggling schools, low-high school and college graduation rates, high rates of unemployment, high rates of crime, and indicators of poor health. These conditions contribute to and intensify the negative outcomes associated with children and youth living in poverty. Children and youth who are from low-income families and grow up in neighborhoods of concentrated poverty face educational and life challenges above and beyond the challenges faced by children who are from low-income families who grow up in neighborhoods without a high concentration of poverty. A Federal evaluation of the reading and mathematics outcomes of elementary students in 71 schools in 18 districts and 7 States found that even when controlling for individual student poverty, there is a significant negative association between school-level poverty and student achievement.1 The evaluation found that students have lower academic outcomes when a higher percentage of their same-school peers qualify for free and reduced-priced lunch (FRPL) compared to when a lower percentage of their same-school