and disseminate information. The Paperwork Reduction Act covers these activities, which are currently approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 1810–0581 (expires April 30, 2012).

The U.S. Department of Education (ED) has invited each SEA to request flexibility on behalf of itself, its LEAs, and schools, in order to better focus on improving student academic achievement and increasing the quality of instruction (ESEA flexibility). As of April 17, 2012, 11 SEAs have had their ESEA flexibility requests approved, 27 SEAs’ requests are pending, and 5 SEAs have indicated that they intend to request ESEA flexibility in September 2012. Of particular relevance to this collection is ED’s expectation that, overall, ESEA flexibility will result in less burden on SEAs, LEAs, and schools compared with current law absent this flexibility. The burden estimate for this collection is therefore substantially lower than that of the currently approved collection.

Dated: April 17, 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

Application Deadline for Fiscal Year (FY) 2012; Small, Rural School Achievement Program

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Under the Small, Rural School Achievement (SRSA) program, CFDA: Number: 84.358A, the U.S. Department of Education (Department) awards grants on a formula basis to eligible local educational agencies (LEAs) to address the unique needs of rural school districts. In this notice, we establish the deadline for submission of fiscal year (FY) 2012 SRSA grant applications.

An eligible LEA that is required to submit an application must do so electronically by the deadline in this notice.

DATES:
Application Deadline: May 31, 2012, 4:30:00 p.m. Washington, DC time.


If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) or a text telephone (TTY), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1–800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Which LEAs are eligible for an award under the SRSA program?

An LEA (including a public charter school that is considered an LEA under State law) is eligible for an award under the SRSA program if—

(a) The total number of students in average daily attendance at all of the schools served by the LEA is fewer than 600, or each county in which a school served by the LEA is located has a total population density of fewer than 10 persons per square mile; and

(b)(1) All of the schools served by the LEA are designated with a school locale code of 7 or 8 by the Department’s National Center for Education Statistics (NCES); or

(2) The Secretary has determined, based on a demonstration by the LEA and concurrence of the State educational agency, that the LEA is located in an area defined as rural by a governmental agency of the State.

Note: The school locale codes are the locale codes determined on the basis of the NCES school code methodology in place on the date of enactment of section 6211(b) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended.

Which eligible LEAs must submit an application to receive an FY 2012 SRSA grant award?

An eligible LEA must submit an application to receive an FY 2012 SRSA grant award if that LEA has never submitted an application for SRSA funds in any prior year.

All eligible LEAs that need to submit an application to receive an SRSA grant award in a given year are highlighted in yellow on the SRSA eligibility spreadsheets, which are posted annually on the SRSA program Web site at www2.ed.gov/programs/reapsrsa/eligibility.html. Under the regulations in 34 CFR 75.104(a), the Secretary makes a grant only to an eligible party that submits an application. Given the limited purpose served by the application under the SRSA program, the Secretary considers the application requirement to be met if an LEA submitted an SRSA application for any prior fiscal year. In such a circumstance, unless an LEA advises the Secretary by the application deadline that it is withdrawing its application, the Secretary deems the application that an LEA previously submitted to remain in effect for FY 2012 funding, and the LEA does not have to submit an additional application.

We intend to provide, by April 12, 2012, a list of LEAs eligible for FY 2012 funds on the Department’s Web site at http://www2.ed.gov/programs/reapsrsa/eligibility.html. This Web site will indicate which eligible LEAs must submit an electronic application to the Department to receive an FY 2012 SRSA grant award, and which eligible LEAs are considered already to have met the application requirement.

Eligible LEAs that need to submit an application in order to receive FY 2012 SRSA funds must do so electronically by the deadline established in this notice.

Electronic Submission of Applications

An eligible LEA that is required to submit an application to receive FY 2012 SRSA funds must submit an electronic application by May 31, 2012, 4:30:00 p.m., Washington, DC time. If it submits its application after this deadline, the LEA will receive a grant award only to the extent that funds are available after the Department awards grants to other eligible LEAs under the program.

Submission of an electronic application involves the use of the Department’s G5 System. You can access the electronic application for the SRSA Program at: http://www.g5.gov. When you access this site, you will receive specific instructions regarding the information to include in your application.

The hours of operation of the G5 Web site are 6 a.m. Monday until 9 p.m. Wednesday; and 6 a.m. Thursday until 8 p.m. Sunday (Washington, DC time). Please note that the system is unavailable after 8 p.m. on Sundays, and after 9 p.m. on Wednesdays for maintenance (Washington, DC time). Any modifications to these hours are posted on the G5 Web site.

Accessible Format: Individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an accessible format (e.g., braille, large print, audiotape, or computer disc) on request to either program 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. Free Internet access to the Federal Register and the Code of Federal Regulations is available via the Federal Digital System.
Specifically, through the advanced
www.federalregister.gov
feature at:

ACTION:
Request; Extension
Activities (FERC–725); Comment
Commission Information Collection
[Docket No. IC12–11–000]

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
[Docket No. IC12–11–000]

Commission Information Collection
Activities (FERC–725); Comment
Request; Extension
AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission, DOE.
ACTION: Notice of information collection
and request for comments.
SUMMARY: In compliance with the
requirements of the Paperwork
3506(c)(2)(A), the Federal Energy
Regulatory Commission (Commission or
FERC) is soliciting public comment on
the currently approved information
collection, FERC–725, Certification of
Electric Reliability Organization;
Procedures for Electric Reliability
Standards.
DATES: Comments on the collection
of information are due June 22, 2012.
ADDRESSES: You may submit comments
(identified by Docket No. IC12–11–000)
by either of the following methods:
• eFiling at Commission’s Web Site:
http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/
efiling.asp
• Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission,
Secretary of the Commission, 888 First
Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.
Instructions: All submissions must be
formatted and filed in accordance with
submission guidelines at: http://
www.ferc.gov/help/submission-
guide.asp. For user assistance contact
FERC Online Support by email at
ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or by phone
at: (866) 208–3676 (toll-free), or (202)
502–8659 for TTY.
Docket: Users interested in receiving
automatic notification of activity in this
docket or in viewing/downloading
comments and issuances in this docket
may do so at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-
filling/docs-filing.asp.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Ellen Brown may be reached by email
at DataClearance@FERC.gov, telephone
at (202) 502–8663, and fax at (202) 273–
0873.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Title: FERC–725 and Certification of
Electric Reliability Organization;
Procedures for Electric Reliability
Standards.
OMB Control No.: 1902–0225.
Type of Request: Three-year extension
of the FERC–725 information collection
requirements with no changes to the
current reporting requirements.
However, FERC is making adjustments
to the burden estimates based on current
information.
Abstract: The Commission uses the
information collected under the
requirements of FERC–725 1 to
implement the statutory provisions of
Section 215 of the Federal Power Act
(FPA). 2
Section 215 of the FPA aids the
Commission’s efforts to strengthen the
reliability of the interstate grid through
the granting of new authority to provide
for a system of mandatory Reliability
Standards developed by the Electric
Reliability Organization (ERO) and
reviewed and approved by FERC.
On February 3, 2006, the Commission
issued Order No. 672 3 certifying a single
ERO [the North American Electric
Reliability Corporation (NERC)], to
oversee the reliability of the United
States’ portion of the interconnected
North American Bulk-Power System,
subject to Commission oversight. The
ERO is responsible for developing and
enforcing the mandatory Reliability
Standards. The Reliability Standards
apply to all users, owners and operators
of the Bulk-Power System. The
Commission has the authority to
approve all ERO actions, to order the
ERO to carry out its responsibilities
under these statutory provisions, and (as
appropriate) to enforce Reliability
Standards.
The ERO can delegate its enforcement
responsibilities to a Regional Entity.
Delegation is effective only after the
Commission approves the delegation
agreement. A Regional Entity can also
propose a Reliability Standard to the
ERO for submission to the Commission
for approval.
The FERC–725 contains the following
information collection elements:
Self Assessment and ERO
Application: The Commission requires
the ERO to submit to FERC a
performance assessment report every
five years. Each of regional entity
submits a performance assessment
report to the ERO. Submitting an
application to become an ERO is also
part of this collection. 5
Reliability Assessments: 18 CFR 39.11
requires the ERO to assess the reliability
and adequacy of the Bulk-Power System
in North America. Subsequently, the
ERO must report to the Commission on
its findings. Regional entities perform
similar assessments within individual
regions.
Reliability Compliance: Reliability
Standards are mandatory and
enforceable. In addition to the specific
information collection requirements
contained in each standard, there are
general compliance, monitoring and
enforcement information collection
requirements imposed on applicable
entities. Audits, spot checks, self-
certifications, exception data submittals,
vio lation reporting, and mitigation plan
confirmation are included in this area.
Stakeholder Survey: The ERO used a
stakeholder survey to solicit feedback
from registered entities in preparation
for its three year performance
assessment. The Commission assumes
that the ERO will perform another
survey prior to the 2014 performance
assessment.
Other Reporting: This category refers
to all other reporting requirements
imposed on the ERO or regional entities
in order to comply with the
Commission’s regulations.
The Commission implements its
responsibilities through the Code of
Type of Respondent: Electric
reliability organization, regional
entities, and registered entities.

1 "Electric Reliability Organization” or “ERO”
means the organization certified by the Commission
the purpose of which is to establish and enforce
Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System,
subject to Commission review.
2 Section 215 was added by the Energy Policy Act
[codified at 42 U.S.C. 1645j, et seq.]
3 Rules Concerning Certification of the Electric
Reliability Organization; and Procedures for the
Establishment, Approval, and Enforcement of
Electric Reliability Standards ¶ 31.204 71 FR 8662

The Commission does not expect any new ERO
applications to be submitted in the next three years
and is not including any burden for this
requirement in the burden estimate.