

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.

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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

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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eric Schulz, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., Room

3W107, Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: (202) 401-0039 or by email: reap@ed.gov.

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 year. In this 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**.

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at: www.gpo.gov/fdsys. At this site you can view this document, as well as all other documents of this Department published in the **Federal Register**, in text or Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF). To use PDF you must have Adobe Acrobat Reader, which is available free at the site.

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Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7345–7345b.

Dated: April 18, 2012.

Michael Yudin,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education.

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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 Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 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-filing/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–725¹ 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.672³ 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

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 of 2005, Public Law 109–58, 119 Stat. 594 (2005) (codified at 42 U.S.C. 16451, *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 (2006) *Order on rehearing*, 71 FR 19,814 (2006), FERC Statutes and Regulations ¶ 31,212 (2006).

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.⁴

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, violation 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 Federal Regulations in 18 CFR part 39.

Type of Respondents: Electric reliability organization, regional entities, and registered entities.

⁴ 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.