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: Case Studies of Current and Former Grantees under the Title III National Professional Development Program (NPDP).

OMB Control Number: Pending.

Type of Review: New.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 438.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 450.

Abstract: Grants are made to Institutions of Higher Education that have entered into consortium arrangements with states or school districts. Funded projects are designed to increase the pool of highly-qualified teachers prepared to serve EL students and increase the skills of teachers already serving them.

The purpose of this study is to examine how a sample of grantees is implementing their grants with respect to four areas: (1) The content and structure of the education they provide to current and prospective teachers of English Learners; (2) the nature of changes they attempt to make to the full teacher education program at their institutions; (3) the efforts grantees make to institutionalize their projects so that they can be sustained after the grant ends; and (4) their efforts to track former program participants. Information gathered on these four topics will be used to identify issues that could be investigated in a larger, more representative study.

This study will consist of 15 purposively-selected current grantees and nine purposively-selected former grantees. The case study sites will be selected from among the grantees in the 2007 cohort (“current grantees”) and those in the 2002 and 2004 cohorts (“former grantees”), and will provide information on some of the pre-service and in-service teacher training models and approaches that current grantees are using, as well as strategies that former grantees have used to track newly-minted teachers after program completion and to plan for continuing program services after the federal grant period.

The study will collect data from the current grantees through site visits and from the former grantees through telephone interviews.

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