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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests; Office of Postsecondary Education; Assessing Program Performance, National Resource Center, Business and International Education, and Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Programs Surveys

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Education will conduct an assessment of the National Resource Center (NRC), Business and International Education (BIE), and Undergraduate and International Studies and Foreign Language programs (UISFL). Institutions of Higher Education will be asked to provide quantitative data on their internationalization and capacity building efforts on each campus.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before July 31, 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 04868. 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 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: Assessing Program Performance, National Resource Center, Business and International Education, and Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Programs Surveys.

OMB Control Number: Pending.

Type of Review: New.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 838.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 23,608.

Abstract: Institutions of Higher Education will be asked to provide quantitative data on their internationalization and capacity building efforts on each campus. The data collected will be used to document the implementation of individual projects as well as of the program collectively and to inform future studies looking at long-term impact. The results from the surveys will be used to learn what is being accomplished by the NRC, BIE, and UISFL Programs and to inform program improvement in the future.

Dated: May 29, 2012.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Proposed Priorities; Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs; College Savings Account Research Demonstration Project

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

Overview Information:

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Numbers: 84.334.

Proposed Priorities: Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP)—College Savings Account Research Demonstration Project

SUMMARY: The Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education proposes priorities for a research demonstration project for recipients of new GEAR UP State awards in Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 or FY 2012. Through these priorities, the Department of Education (Department) seeks to determine the effectiveness of pairing federally supported college savings accounts with GEAR UP activities as part of an overall college access and success strategy.

DATES: We must receive your comments on or before July 2, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments about this notice to James Davis, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street NW., Room 7007, Washington, DC 20006-8513.

If you prefer to send your comments by email, use the following address: james.davis@ed.gov. You must include the term "GEAR UP Proposed Priorities" in the subject line of your electronic message.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Davis: (202) 502-7802; or, by email: james.davis@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:

Invitation to Comment: We invite you to submit comments regarding this notice. To ensure that your comments have maximum effect in developing the notice of final priorities, we urge you to identify clearly the specific proposed priority that each comment addresses.

We invite you to assist us in complying with the specific requirements of Executive Orders 12866 and 13563 and their overall requirement of reducing regulatory burden that might result from these proposed priorities. Please let us know of any further ways we could reduce potential costs or increase potential benefits while preserving the effective and efficient administration of the program.

During and after the comment period, you may inspect all public comments about this notice in room 7007, 1990 K Street NW., Washington, DC, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Washington, DC time, Monday through Friday of each week except Federal holidays.