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*Title of Collection:* Federal Perkins Loan Program/NDSL Assignment Form.

*OMB Control Number:* 1845-0048.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 14,055.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 7,028.

*Abstract:* The Federal Perkins Loan Program allows for assignment of certain defaulted loans from schools to continued collection efforts when the school has exhausted all of its efforts in recovering an outstanding loan. The Perkins Assignment Form serves as the transmittal document in the assignment of such loans to the Federal Government. Schools participating in the Federal Perkins Loan Program, formerly the National Direct/Defense Student Loan Program (NDSL), currently use this form to assign defaulted loans to the U.S. Department of Education (the Department) for collection. These defaulted loans may, as outlined in 20 U.S.C. 1087cc and under program regulations 34 CFR 674.50, be assigned to the Federal government (i.e., U.S. Department of Education) for collection when the school has exhausted all efforts in the recovery of the outstanding loan. In addition, schools use this form to assign loans for which a school has approved a total and permanent disability discharge request, in accordance with 34 CFR 674.61(b)(2)(v).

Dated: August 24, 2012.

**Darrin A. King,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests; Institute of Education Sciences; Needs Sensing Survey Under the REL Program: (Sample Survey Instrument for School Board Members and District Administrators)

**SUMMARY:** The needs assessment consists of an online survey of a sample of school board members, district administrators, principals, and teachers in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin. The purpose of the sample survey is to assess: the importance these populations attach to the four issues identified in advance by REL Midwest as priorities for the region; for each issue, the types of data and analysis supports, and research and evaluation needs which respondents anticipate would be of particular value; and what factors would increase the likelihood respondents and the populations they represent would turn to the REL for data and analysis supports, or research and evaluation needs in the future. The results of the survey will be used to prioritize the assistance that REL Midwest provides to educators in the region for utilizing their longitudinal data systems, conducting high quality research and evaluation; learning about the best education research; and incorporating data into policy and practice.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 29, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto: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 04922. 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](mailto: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.

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(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:* Needs Sensing Survey under the REL program: (Sample survey Instrument for School Board Members and District Administrators.

*OMB Control Number:* 1850-New.

*Type of Review:* New.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 2,240.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 983.

*Abstract:* The needs assessment consists of an online survey of a sample of school board members, district administrators, principals, and teachers in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin. The purpose of the sample survey is to assess: the importance these populations attach to the four issues identified in advance by REL Midwest as priorities for the region; for each issue, the types of data and analysis supports, and research and evaluation needs which respondents anticipate would be of particular value; and what factors would increase the likelihood respondents and the populations they represent would turn to the REL for data and analysis supports, or research and evaluation needs in the future. The results of the survey will be used to prioritize the assistance that REL Midwest provides to educators in the region for utilizing their longitudinal

data systems, conducting high quality research and evaluation; learning about the best education research; and incorporating data into policy and practice.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Submission for OMB Review; Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development; Study of Strategies for Improving the Quality of Local Grantee Program Evaluation

**SUMMARY:** This study is intended to assist the Department in making decisions about how to structure future grant competitions; how to support evaluation and performance reporting activities among funded grantees, including technical assistance to improve the quality of evaluations and performance reporting; and how to make the best possible use of grantee evaluation findings.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 1, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto: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 04869. 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](mailto: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.

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*Title of Collection:* Study of Strategies for Improving the Quality of Local Grantee Program Evaluation.

*OMB Control Number:* 1875-NEW.

*Type of Review:* New.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 20.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 20.

*Abstract:* This study is intended to assist the Department in making decisions about how to structure future grant competitions; how to support evaluation and performance reporting activities among funded grantees, including technical assistance to improve the quality of evaluations and performance reporting; and how to make the best possible use of grantee evaluation findings.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Membership of the Performance Review Board

**AGENCY:** Office of Management, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary announces the members of the Performance Review

Board (PRB) for the Department of Education for the Senior Executive Service (SES). Under 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(1) through (5), each agency is required to establish one or more PRBs.

### Composition and Duties

The PRB of the Department of Education is composed of career and non-career senior executives.

The PRB reviews and evaluates the initial appraisal of each senior executive's performance, along with any comments by that senior executive and by any higher-level executive or executives. The PRB makes recommendations to the appointing authority relative to the performance of the senior executive, including recommendations on performance awards. The Department of Education's PRB also makes recommendations on SES pay adjustments for career senior executives.

### Membership

The Secretary has selected the following executives of the Department of Education for the specified SES performance cycle: Chair: Winona H. Varnon, Thomas Skelly, Danny Harris, James Manning, Linda Stracke, Joe Conaty, Sue Betka, Russlyn Ali, and Martha Kanter.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Andrea Burckman, Director, Executive Resources Division, Human Capital and Client Services, Office of Management, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., room 2C150, Washington, DC 20202-4573. Telephone: (202) 401-0853.

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