

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction of 1995, ED is proposing a revision of an existing information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 11, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting Docket ID number ED-2012-ICCD-0063 or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Room 2E117, Washington, DC 20202-4537.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Electronically mail [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov). Please do not send comments here.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. 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:* Annual Mandatory Collection of Elementary and Secondary Education Data for EDFacts.

*OMB Control Number:* 1875-0240.

*Type of Review:* Revision of an existing information collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* State, Local or Tribal Governments.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 55.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 116,325.

*Abstract:* The collection, use, and reporting of education data is an integral component of the mission of the U.S. Department of Education (ED). EDFacts, an ED initiative to put performance data at the center of ED's policy, management, and budget decision-making processes for all K-12 educational programs, has transformed the way in which ED collects and uses data. EDFacts provides an electronic submission system for state education agencies (SEAs), and centralizes within ED the availability of the performance data supplied by SEAs to enable better analysis and use in policy development, planning, and management. ED is currently in the process of collecting data for the 2010-11, 2011-12, and 2012-13 school years as approved by OMB (1875-0240). ED seeks another three-year approval for this collection. The proposed collection includes the 2013-14, 2014-15, and 2015-16 school years. (As part of this approval, it should be understood that ED is authorized to collect the data about these school years over whatever time is required to secure complete and accurate data from each state education agency.) ED seeks OMB approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act to collect the elementary and secondary education data from state education agencies as described in the five sections of Attachment B that document all of the data groups. ED encourages the public to review, at a minimum, Attachment C, which outlines the changes between what is currently collected and what is newly proposed for collection. To the extent that any of these proposed new data groups are not available as of the 2013-14 school year, ED seeks to know from the SEA data providers if those data will be available in future years. If information for a data group is not currently available, please provide information beyond the fact that it is not available. Are there specific impediments to providing this data that you can describe? Is the definition for the data group unclear or ambiguous? Do the requested permitted values align with the way your state collects the data? This is very important information because the collection of these data is

mandatory. ED also seeks to know if the SEA data definitions are consistent and compatible with the EDFacts definitions and accurately reflect the way data is stored and used for education by state education agencies. The answers to these questions by the data providers will influence the timing and content of the final EDFacts proposal for the collection of these data.

Dated: December 6, 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**

[Docket No. ED-2012-OSERS-0031]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Title I State Plan for Vocational Rehabilitation Services and Title VI-Part B Supplement for Supported Employment Services**

**AGENCY:** Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing an extension of an existing information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 11, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting Docket ID number ED-2012-OSERS-0031 or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted. Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Room 2E117, Washington, DC 20202-4537.

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*Title of Collection:* Title I State Plan for Vocational Rehabilitation Services and Title VI-Part B Supplement for Supported Employment Services.

*OMB Control Number:* 1820-0500.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change of an existing collection of information.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Governments,

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 80,

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 1,002,000,

*Abstract:* The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, requires each state to submit to the Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) a State Plan for the Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Services program, and the State Supported Employment (SE) Services program, that meets requirements of Sections 101(a) and 625 of the Act. Program funding is contingent on Departmental approval of the State Plan and its supplement.

Dated: December 6, 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 ENERGY

### Notice of Availability for the Draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment for the Recycling of Scrap Metals Originating From Radiological Areas

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) announces the availability for public review and comment of the *Draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) for the Recycling of Scrap Metals Originating from Radiological Areas*. On September 28, 2011, the Secretary of Energy approved a recommendation, contingent on the completion of the appropriate National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review, to delegate authority to manage radiological clearance and release of scrap metal from radiological areas to each Under Secretary for sites under his or her cognizance, in accordance with the processes contained in DOE Order 458.1 (which replaces the order previously governing release procedures). This Draft PEA for the Recycling of Scrap Metals Originating from Radiological Areas analyzes the potential environmental impacts associated with resuming the clearance of scrap metal, originating from DOE radiological areas, for recycling pursuant to improved procedures designed to assure that clearance for release is limited to metals meeting stringent criteria. This Draft PEA also analyzes the reasonable alternatives to this proposal. Metals with volumetric radiological contamination, and scrap metals resulting from Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), are not included in the scope of this PEA.

**DATES:** DOE invites Federal agencies, state and local governments, Native American tribes, industry, other interested organizations, and members of the public to submit comments on the Draft PEA during the public comment period which starts with the publication of the Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register** and extends for 30

days until January 11, 2013. DOE will consider comments received after this date to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** The Draft PEA for the Recycle of Scrap Metal Originating from Radiological Areas is available for review on the DOE NEPA Web site at: <http://www.energy.gov/nepa> and on the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) NEPA Web site at: <http://nnsa.energy.gov/nepa>. Comments on the Draft PEA for the Recycle of Scrap Metal Originating from Radiological Areas may be submitted electronically via email to [Scrap\\_PEA\\_comments@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Scrap_PEA_comments@hq.doe.gov). Alternatively, written comments may be sent by postal mail to: Dr. Jane Summerson, DOE NNSA, P.O. Box 5400, Bldg 401, K.AFB East, Albuquerque, NM 87185.

For general information about the DOE NEPA process, please contact: Ms. Carol Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (GC-54), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585, telephone (202) 586-4600, or leave a message at 1-800-472-2756. Additional information regarding DOE NEPA activities and access to many of DOE's NEPA documents are available on the Internet through the DOE NEPA Web site at <http://www.energy.gov/nepa>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DOE has prepared the Draft PEA for Recycling of Scrap Metals Originating from Radiological Areas in accordance with Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508) that implement NEPA and DOE's NEPA Implementing Procedures (10 CFR Part 1021).

*Background:* On July 13, 2000, the Secretary of Energy imposed an agency-wide suspension on the unrestricted release of scrap metal originating from radiological areas at DOE facilities for the purpose of recycling. The suspension was imposed in response to public concerns about the potential effects of radioactivity in or on metal recycled from the Department's facilities. Other materials continued to be controlled and cleared for release under the requirements of DOE Order 5400.5, *Radiation Protection of the Public and the Environment*. Initially, the suspension was to remain in effect until December 31, 2000, while the Department developed and implemented improvements, revised its directives and associated guidance documents applicable to scrap metal releases, and engaged the public in a dialogue regarding DOE radiological release practices through the NEPA process. In 2001, DOE announced its