DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
[Docket No. ED–2013–ICCD–0001]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Formula Grant for the Electronic Application System for Indian Education (EASIE)

AGENCY: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 3501 et seq.), ED is proposing an extension of an existing information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 18, 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–2013–ICCD–0001 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 2F117, Washington, DC 20202–4537.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Electronically mail 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: Formula Grant for the Electronic Application System for Indian Education (EASIE).

OMB Control Number: 1810–0021.

Type of Review: extension of an existing information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 11,300.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 9,590.

Abstract: The Office of Indian Education (OIE) of the Department of Education (ED) requests clearance for the Indian Education Formula Grant Application authorized under Title VII, Part A, Subpart 1 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended (ESEA). The Indian Education Formula Grant (CFDA 84.060A), is not competitive or discretionary and requires the annual submission of the application from the Local Education Agency and or Tribe. The funds under this program assist applicants to provide Indian students with the opportunity to meet the same challenging state standards as all other students and meet the unique educational and culturally related academic needs of American Indian and Alaska Native students. The amount of the award for each applicant is determined by a formula based on the reported number of American Indian/ Alaska Native students identified in the application, the state per pupil expenditure, and the total appropriation available. The information collection is also necessary to meet the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) requirements. The collection is authorized by section 7114(a) of the ESEA, 20 U.S.C . 7424(a), and by section 4 of the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA).

Dated: January 9, 2013.

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