

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**[Docket No.: ED–2013–ICCD–0054]****Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Annual Performance Report for Historically Black Colleges and Universities Master's Degree Program (HBCU)****AGENCY:** Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE), 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 June 17, 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–0054 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 2E103, 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: Annual Performance Report for Historically Black Colleges and Universities Master's Degree Program (HBCU).*OMB Control Number:* 1840–0813.*Type of Review:* an extension of an existing information collection.*Respondents/Affected Public:* Private sector.*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 18.*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 360.*Abstract:* The Department is requesting authorization to annually collect performance report data for the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Masters Degree Program. This information is being collected to comply with the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) of 1993, Section 4 (1115), and the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), 34 CFR 75.253. EDGAR states that recipients of multi-year discretionary grants must submit an Annual Performance Report (APR) demonstrating that substantial progress has been made towards meeting the approved objectives of the project. Further, the APR lends itself to the collection of quantifiable data for this program. Grantees will be required to report on their progress towards meeting the performance measures established for the HBCU Master's Degree Program.

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BILLING CODE 4000–01–P**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION****Applications for New Awards; Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program—Short-Term Projects****AGENCY:** Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.**ACTION:** Notice.*Overview Information:*

Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program—Short-Term Projects

Notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2013.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.021A.

DATES:*Applications Available:* April 18, 2013.*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* June 13, 2013.**Full Text of Announcement****I. Funding Opportunity Description***Purpose of Program:* The Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad (Fulbright-Hays GPA) Program supports overseas projects in training, research, and curriculum development in modern foreign languages and area studies for groups of teachers, students, and faculty engaged in a common endeavor. Short-term projects may include seminars, curriculum development, or group research or study.*Priorities:* This notice contains one absolute priority, two competitive preference priorities, and one invitational priority. In accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(ii), the absolute priority is from the regulations for this program (34 CFR 664.32). Competitive Preference Priority I is from the regulations for this program (34 CFR 664.32), and Competitive Preference Priority II is from the notice of final priorities published in the **Federal Register** on September 24, 2010 (75 FR 59050).*Absolute Priority:* For FY 2013 and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applicants from this competition, this priority is an absolute priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3), we consider only applications that meet this priority.

This priority is:

Specific Geographic Regions of the World.

A group project funded under this priority must focus on one or more of the following geographic regions of the world: Africa, East Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia and the Pacific, the Western Hemisphere (Central and South America, Mexico, and the Caribbean), East Central Europe and Eurasia, and the Near East.

Competitive Preference Priorities:

Within this absolute priority, we give competitive preference to applications that address the following priorities.

Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i), each competitive preference priority is worth a maximum of five points. An applicant can address one or both priorities. We