any, by the Statewide Independent Living Council in the State in which the applicant is located (see 34 CFR 366.25).

3. Special Conditions: Under 34 CFR 74.14 and 80.12, the Secretary may impose special conditions on a grant if the applicant or grantee is not financially stable; has a history of unsatisfactory performance; has a financial or other management system that does not meet the standards in 34 CFR part 74; has not fulfilled the conditions of a prior grant; or is otherwise not responsible.

VI. Award Administration Information

1. Award Notices: If your application is successful, we notify your U.S. Representative and U.S. Senators and send you a Grant Award Notification (GAN); or we may send you an email containing a link to access an electronic version of your GAN. We may notify you informally, also.

If your application is not evaluated or not selected for funding, we notify you.

2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements: We identify administrative and national policy requirements in the application package and reference these and other requirements in the Applicable Regulations section of this notice.

We reference the regulations outlining the terms and conditions of an award in the Applicable Regulations section of this notice and include these and other specific conditions in the GAN. The GAN also incorporates your approved application as part of your binding commitments under the grant.

3. Reporting: (a) If you apply for a grant under this competition, you must ensure that you have in place the necessary processes and systems to comply with the reporting requirements in 2 CFR part 170 should you receive funding under the competition. This does not apply if you have an exception under 2 CFR 170.110(b).

(b) At the end of your project period, you must submit a final performance report, including financial information, as directed by the Secretary. If you receive a multi-year award, you must submit an annual performance report that provides the most current performance and financial expenditure information as directed by the Secretary under 34 CFR 75.118. The Secretary may also require more frequent performance reports under 34 CFR 75.720(c). For specific requirements on reporting, please go to www.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/app forms/appforms.html.

4. Performance Measures: Pursuant to the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA), the Department measures outcomes in the following three areas to evaluate the overall effectiveness of projects funded under this competition: (1) The effectiveness of individual services in enabling consumers to access previously unavailable transportation, appropriate accommodations to receive health care services, and/or assistive technology resulting in increased independence in at least one significant life area; (2) the effectiveness of individual services designed to help consumers move out of institutions and into community-based settings; and (3) the extent to which projects are participating in community activities to expand access to transportation, health care, assistive technology, and housing for individuals with disabilities in their communities.

Grantees will be required to report annually on the percentage of their consumers who achieve their individual goals in the first two areas and on the percentage of their staff, board members, and consumers involved in community activities related to the third area.

5. Continuation Awards: In making a continuation award, the Secretary may consider, under 34 CFR 75.253, the extent to which a grantee has made “substantial progress toward meeting the objectives in its approved application.” This consideration includes the review of a grantee’s progress in meeting the targets and projected outcomes in its approved application, and whether the grantee has expended funds in a manner that is consistent with its approved application and budget. In making a continuation grant, the Secretary also considers whether the grantee is operating in compliance with the assurances in its approved application, including those applicable to Federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department (34 CFR 100.4, 104.5, 106.4, 108.8, and 110.23).

VII. Agency Contact


Accessible Format: Individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an accessible format (e.g., braille, large print, audio tape, or computer disk) by contacting the Grants and Contracts Service Team, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., Room 5075, PCP, Washington, DC 20202–2550. Telephone: (202) 245–7363. If you use a TDD or a TTY, call the FRS, toll free, at 1–800–877–8339.

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Dated: May 6, 2013.

Michael K. Yudin,
Delegated the authority to perform the functions and the duties of the Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records—Evaluation of Response to Intervention Practices for Elementary School Reading

AGENCY: Institute of Education Sciences, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of a new system of records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 552a (Privacy Act), the Department of Education (Department) publishes this notice of a new system of records entitled “Evaluation of Response to Intervention Practices for Elementary School Reading” (18–13–30). The National Center for Education Evaluation and Regional Assistance at the Department’s Institute of Education Sciences (IES) commissioned this evaluation as part of the congressionally mandated national assessment of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). It is being conducted under a contract that IES awarded in March 2008.


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The central research questions that the study will address are:

(1) What is the average impact on academic achievement of providing intensive secondary reading interventions to elementary school children who have been identified as at risk for reading difficulties compared with children just above the cutoff point for providing intervention?

(2) How do academic outcomes, including reading achievement and special education identification, vary with elementary schools’ adoption of Response to Intervention practices for early grade reading?

(3) How do Response to Intervention practices for early grade reading vary across elementary schools, and how are they related to academic outcomes?

The information contained in the records maintained in this system will be used for statistical purposes. The system will contain records on 1,606 reading interventionists in 146 through third grade, 1,460 teachers, and 1,606 reading interventionists in 146 elementary schools in 13 states.

DATES: The Department seeks comment on the new system of records described in this notice, in accordance with the requirements of the Privacy Act. We must receive your comments on the proposed routine uses for the system of records referenced in this notice on or before June 10, 2013.

The Department filed a report describing the new system of records covered by this notice with the Chair of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, the Chair of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and the individual delegated the authority to perform the functions and duties of the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on May 6, 2013. This system of records will become effective at the later of (1) the expiration of the 40-day period for OMB review on June 5, 2013, unless OMB waives 10 days of the 40-day review period for compelling reasons shown by the Department, or (2) June 10, 2013, unless the system of records needs to be changed as a result of public comment or OMB review.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments about the proposed routine uses to Dr. Audrey Pendleton, Associate Commissioner, Evaluation Division, National Center for Education Evaluation and Regional Assistance, Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education, 555 New Jersey Avenue NW., Room 502D, Washington, DC 20208–0001. Telephone: (202) 208–7078. If you prefer to send comments through the Internet, use the following address: comments@ed.gov.

You must include the phrase “Evaluation of Response to Intervention Practices for Elementary School Reading” in the subject line of the electronic message.

During and after the comment period, you may inspect all comments about this notice at the Department in room 502D, 555 New Jersey Avenue NW., Washington, DC, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, Monday through Friday of each week except Federal holidays.

Assistance to Individuals With Disabilities in Reviewing the Rulemaking Record

On request, we will supply an appropriate accommodation or auxiliary aid to an individual with a disability who needs assistance to review the comments or other documents in the public rulemaking record for this notice. If you want to schedule an appointment for this type of accommodation or auxiliary aid, please contact the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Audrey Pendleton. Telephone: (202) 208–7078. 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.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Introduction

The Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) requires the Department to publish in the Federal Register this notice of a new system of records maintained by the Department. The Department’s regulations implementing the Privacy Act are contained in part 5b of title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR).

The Privacy Act applies to information about individuals that contains individually identifying information and that is retrieved by a unique identifier associated with each individual, such as a name or Social Security number. The information about each individual is called a “record,” and the system, whether manual or computer based, is called a “system of records.”

Whenever the agency publishes a new system of records or makes a significant change to an established system of records, the Privacy Act requires each agency to publish a notice of a system of records in the Federal Register. Each agency is also required to send copies of the report to the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at OMB, the Chair of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, and the Chair of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. These reports are included to permit an evaluation of the probable effect of the proposal on the privacy rights of individuals.

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Dated: May 6, 2013.

John Q. Easton,
Director, Institute of Education Sciences.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Director of the Institute of Education Sciences (Director), U.S. Department of Education, publishes a notice of a new system of records to read as follows:

SYSTEM NUMBER:
18–13–30

SYSTEM NAME:
Evaluation of Response to Intervention Practices for Elementary School Reading

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:
None.

SYSTEM LOCATIONS:
(1) Evaluation Division, National Center for Education Evaluation and Regional Assistance, Institute of Education Sciences (IES), U.S. Department of Education (Department),
Risk for reading difficulties compared to elementary school academic achievement of providing Response to Intervention programs. The central research questions that the study will address are:

1. What is the average impact on academic achievement of providing reading interventions to elementary school children who have been identified as at risk for reading difficulties compared with children just above the cutoff point for providing intervention?

2. How do academic outcomes, including reading achievement and special education identification, vary with elementary schools’ adoption of Response to Intervention practices for early grade reading?

3. How do Response to Intervention practices for early grade reading vary across elementary schools, and how are they related to academic outcomes?

The system will contain records on approximately 31,076 students in first through third grade, 1,460 teachers, and 1,606 reading interventionists in 146 elementary schools in 13 states.

The system of records will include personally identifying information about students in elementary schools that have agreed to participate in this evaluation. This information will include: Name; birth date; demographic information such as race, ethnicity, gender, age, and eligibility for free or reduced price lunches; English Learner status; grade level; receipt of reading instruction and interventions; special education status and disability category; and scores on reading achievement tests. In addition, the system will include personally identifying information about reading teachers and reading interventionists within participating elementary schools, including names, educational attainment, teaching experience, training, and instructional practices.

This evaluation is authorized under Section 664 of Part D of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. 1464 (IDEA).

The information contained in the records maintained in this system will be used for statistical purposes to evaluate the implementation and effectiveness of Response to Intervention practices and related coordinated early intervening services authorized under the IDEA. This information will also help school districts and school administrators design and implement more effective Response to Intervention programs. The central research questions that the study will address are:

1. What is the average impact on academic achievement of providing intensive secondary reading interventions to elementary school children who have been identified as at risk for reading difficulties compared with children just above the cutoff point for providing intervention?

2. How do academic outcomes, including reading achievement and special education identification, vary with elementary schools’ adoption of Response to Intervention practices for early grade reading?

3. How do Response to Intervention practices for early grade reading vary across elementary schools, and how are they related to academic outcomes?

The Department may disclose information contained in a record in this system of records under the routine uses listed in this system of records without the consent of the individual if the disclosure is compatible with the purposes for which the record was collected. These disclosures may be made on a case-by-case basis or, if the Department has complied with the computer matching requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 552a (Privacy Act), under a computer matching agreement. Any disclosure of individually identifiable information from a record in this system must comply with the requirements of section 183 of the Education Sciences Reform Act, 20 U.S.C. 9573 (ESRA), which provides confidentiality standards that apply to all collection, reporting, and publication of data by IES.

Research Disclosure. The Director of IES may license de-identified confidential information from this system of records to qualified external researchers solely for the purpose of carrying out specific research that is compatible with the purpose of this system of records. The researcher shall be required to maintain safeguards with respect to such records under the Privacy Act and the ESRA. The researcher shall be required to maintain the confidentiality of the licensed data and use it only for statistical purposes. All licensing will be accomplished pursuant to the National Center for Education Statistics Licensing Program, described in the following Web site:

http://nces.ed.gov/statprog/instruct.asp

When personally identifiable information from a student’s education records will be disclosed to the researcher under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. 1232g (FERPA), the researcher also shall be required to comply with the requirements in the applicable FERPA exception to consent, such as a written agreement between the researcher and IES pursuant to the written agreement requirements under FERPA.

Contract Disclosure. If the Department contracts with an entity to perform any function that requires disclosure of records in this system to the contractor’s employees, the Department may disclose the records to those employees who have received the appropriate level of security clearance from the Department. Before entering into such a contract, the Department will require the contractor to establish and maintain the safeguards required under the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a(m)) with respect to the records in the system.

The Department maintains records on CD–ROM, and the contractor (MDRC) and subcontractor (Survey Research Management) maintain data for this system on computers and in hard copy.

All physical access to the Department’s site and to the sites of the Department’s contractor and subcontractor, where this system of records is maintained, is controlled and monitored by security personnel. The computer system employed by the Department offers a high degree of resistance to tampering and circumvention. This security system limits data access to Department and contract staff on a need-to-know basis, and controls individual users’ ability to access and alter records within the system. The contractor and subcontractor will establish a similar set of procedures at their sites to ensure confidentiality of data. The contractor and subcontractor are required to ensure that information identifying individuals is in files physically separated from other research data. The contractor and subcontractor will maintain security of the complete set of all master data files and documentation. Access to individually identifying data will be strictly controlled. All data will be kept in locked file cabinets during nonworking hours, and work on hardcopy data will take place in a single room, except for data entry.
Physical security of electronic data will also be maintained. Security features that protect project data include: password-protected accounts that authorize users to use the contractor’s and subcontractor’s systems but to access only specific network directories and network software; user rights and directory and file attributes that limit those who can use particular directories and files and determine how they can use them; and additional security features that the network administrators will establish for projects as needed. The Department’s, contractor’s, and subcontractor’s employees who “maintain” (collect, maintain, use, or disseminate) data in this system shall comply with the requirements of the Privacy Act and the confidentiality standards in section 183 of the ESRA, which provides criminal penalties for violations.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

These records are covered by a draft records schedule under development, ED 231 Research and Statistics Records. This schedule shall be submitted to NARA for review and approval when complete. Until such time as it is approved by NARA, no records shall be destroyed.

SYSTEM MANAGER AND ADDRESS:


NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

If you wish to determine whether a record exists regarding you or your child in the system of records, contact the system manager at the address listed under

SYSTEM MANAGER AND ADDRESS:

Your request must meet the requirements of the Department’s Privacy Act regulations at 34 CFR 5b.5, including proof of identity.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURE:

If you wish to gain access to your or your child’s record in the system of records, contact the system manager at the address listed under SYSTEM MANAGER AND ADDRESS. Your request must meet the requirements of the Department’s Privacy Act regulations at 34 CFR 5b.5, including proof of identity.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURE:

If you wish to contest the content of a record regarding you or your child in the system of records, contact the system manager at the address listed under SYSTEM MANAGER AND ADDRESS. Your request must meet the requirements of the Department’s Privacy Act regulations at 34 CFR 5b.7, including proof of identity, specification of the particular record you are seeking to have changed, and the written justification for making such a change.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

This system will contain records on students, teachers, and reading interventionists participating in the Evaluation of Response to Intervention Practices for Elementary School Reading. Data will be obtained through student records maintained by the school districts, assessments administered to students, and surveys of teachers and reading interventionists.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Call for Nominations for Appointment to the Environmental Management Advisory Board

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice constitutes an open call to the public to submit nominations for membership on the Environmental Management Advisory Board.

DATES: Nominations will be accepted through May 31, 2013.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Energy’s (DOE) Office of Environmental Management is accepting nominations through May 31, 2013, to fill vacancies on its Environmental Management Advisory Board (EMAB or Board). Applicants with expertise in project management, acquisition management, human capital management, environmental management and engineering, or other related fields are preferred; this expertise may be drawn from service in the private sector, academia, research institutions, or professional organizations.

The mission of the Office of Environmental Management is to complete the safe cleanup of the environmental legacy brought about from five decades of nuclear weapons development and government-sponsored nuclear energy research. EMAB provides advice to the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Environmental Management on a broad range of programmatic issues, including project management and oversight, cost/benefit analyses, program performance, human capital development, and contracts and acquisition strategies. The Board is comprised of up to 15 members, who are appointed by the Secretary of Energy as special Government employees or as representatives of entities including, among others, research facilities, academic institutions, regulatory entities, and stakeholder organizations, should the Board’s tasks require such representation.

EMAB meets the criteria for, and is subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Title 5, Appendix of the United States Code. Members are selected in accordance with FACA requirements and serve on an uncompensated, volunteer basis. However, members may be reimbursed in accordance with the Federal Travel Regulations for per diem and travel expenses incurred while attending Board meetings.

Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals for membership. Self-nominations are also welcome. Nominations must include a resume and short biography describing the educational and professional qualifications of the nominee and the nominee’s current occupation, position, address and daytime telephone number. Nominations can be sent by U.S. Mail or electronically to Ms. Kristen G. Ellis, Designated Federal Official, at the address above. For further information on EMAB, please visit http://energy.gov/em/services/communication-engagement/environmental-management-advisory-board-emab or contact Ms. Ellis directly.

Issued at Washington, DC, on May 3, 2013.

LaTanya R. Butler,
Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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