

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. 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: Application for the Investing in Innovation (i3) grants program.

OMB Control Number: 1855-0021.

Type of Review: An extension of an existing information collection.

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

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 2,200.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 117,000.

Abstract: The Investing in Innovation (i3) Fund was established under section 14007 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

Since this is a competitive program, the Department needs to collect applications in order to determine which eligible applicants should receive a grant award. The Department will make three types of awards under this program: Scale-up Grants, Validation Grants, and Development Grants. These grants will provide funding to support local educational agencies (LEAs), and nonprofit organizations in partnership with one or more LEAs or a consortium of schools to apply for funding to expand and develop innovative practices that can serve as models of best practices; allow eligible entities to work in partnership with the private sector and the philanthropic community; and identify and document best practices that can be shared and taken to scale based on demonstrated success.

Dated: June 19, 2013.

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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

Agency Information Collection Extension

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, intends to reinstate for three years an information collection request with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the extended collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before August 26, 2013. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that

period, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be sent to Mark Westergard, U.S. Department of Energy, LPO-70, Room 4B-160, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585 or by fax at 202-287-6949.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark S. Westergard, *LPO.PaperworkReductionAct.Comments@hq.doe.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains: (1) Information Collection Request Title: 10 CFR Part 609—Loan Guarantees for Projects that Employ Innovative Technologies; (2) Type of Request: Reinstatement (3) Purpose: This information collection package covers collection of information necessary to evaluate applications for loan guarantees submitted under Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 16511-16516. Applications for loan guarantees submitted to DOE in response to a solicitation must contain certain information. This information will be used to analyze whether a project is eligible for a loan guarantee and to evaluate the application under criteria specified in 10 CFR Part 609. The collection of this information is critical to ensure that the government has sufficient information to determine whether applicants meet the eligibility requirements to qualify for a DOE loan guarantee and to provide DOE with sufficient information to evaluate an applicant's project using the criteria specified in 10 CFR Part 609; (5) Annual Estimated Number of Respondents: 100 Pre-Applications/10 Full Applications; (6) Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses: It is estimated that the total number of annual responses will not exceed 100; (7) Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours: 13,000 hours, most of which is likely to be time committed by firms that seek debt and/or equity financing for their projects, regardless of their intent to apply for a DOE loan guarantee; (8) Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: It is estimated that the annual estimated reporting and recordkeeping cost burden for applicants will not exceed \$25,000 per annum.

Authority: Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 42 U.S.C. §§ 16511-16516 authorizes the collection of information.

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Susan Richardson,

Acting Executive Director, Loan Programs Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Proposed Amendment of Agency Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Submission for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy is proposing to merge two information collections into one more broad collection, one of which is approved and one of which was previously proposed pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The approved collection is being used to develop a scorecard that will assist DOE's Clean Cities coalitions and stakeholders in assessing the level of readiness of their communities for plug-in electric vehicles (PEV). Information collected via the scorecard is intended to allow DOE to provide respondents with an objective assessment of their communities' readiness for PEV adoption and an understanding of their commitment to successful deployment of PEVs, and is needed to ensure appropriate evaluation of progress in deploying PEVs. The other, previously proposed information collection would be used to develop information that will enable DOE to measure the impact and progress of DOE's National Clean Fleets Partnership (Partnership). The Partnership is an initiative through which DOE provides large private-sector fleets with technical assistance and expertise to incorporate alternative fuels and fuel saving measures into their operations successfully. The initiative builds on the established success of DOE's Clean Cities Program. The Partnership was developed with input from fleet managers, industry representatives, Clean Cities program staff, and Clean Cities coordinators. DOE is also proposing to amend the PEV Scorecard information collection request by expanding the number of entities estimated to participate in the voluntary PEV Scorecard information collection.

DATES: Comments regarding this collection must be received on or before July 25, 2013. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, please advise the OMB Desk Officer of your intention to make a submission as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at (202) 395-4650.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to:

Desk Officer for the Department of Energy, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10102, 735 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503

And to

Mr. Dennis Smith, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EE-2G), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121, or by fax at 202-586-1600, or by email at Dennis.Smith@ee.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Dennis Smith at the address listed above in **ADDRESSES**.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The PEV Scorecard information collection was previously proposed and available for public comment. See 77 FR 19275 (March 30, 2012) and 77 FR 39690 (July 5, 2012) and has since been cleared for use under OMB No. 1910-5171. The Clean Fleets Partnership information collection request also was previously proposed and available for public comment. See 77 FR 65374 (October 26, 2012) and 78 FR 14519 (March 6, 2013). Because both requests were developed by and for the DOE Clean Cities Program, DOE is proposing to merge these two requests so that they would operate under the same OMB No. 1910-5171. Merging the two information collections would not affect any of the management of the information collection requests themselves, or management of the information collected.

DOE is also proposing to amend the estimated burden associated with the PEV Scorecard information collection request. Initially, DOE envisioned that only Clean Cities coordinators, of which there are approximately 90 presently, would avail themselves of the PEV Scorecard and feedback it will provide. The PEV Scorecard has been received enthusiastically by communities beyond the Clean Cities coalitions. In the first month, the public was accessing the PEV Scorecard in numbers unanticipated, making it such that the approved limit, 100 respondents, will be

reached before all Clean Cities coordinators have an opportunity to access the PEV Scorecard. To ensure all Clean Cities coordinators and leaders of other communities are able to access the PEV Scorecard, DOE is proposing to increase the total number of unduplicated responses, from 100 to 1,250. The number represents the possible number of participating communities, which in turn is based on the approximate number of "Principal Cities" within Core Based Statistical Areas (the U.S. Census Bureau defines there to be approximately 1,250) DOE wants to increase the number of potential respondents to ensure all Clean Cities coordinators are able to participate, and also to address the expression of interest on the part of Clean Cities coordinators to support multiple municipalities in completing the PEV Scorecard within their coalition.

As merged, the amended information collection request contains: (1) OMB No. 1910-5171; (2) Information Collection Request Title: Clean Cities Vehicle Programs; (3) Type of Request: Amended collection; (4) Purpose: DOE's Clean Cities initiative has developed two voluntary mechanisms by which communities and certain fleets can get a better understanding of their readiness to deploy alternative fuel vehicles and their progress in doing so. The voluntary PEV Scorecard is intended to assist its coalitions and stakeholders in assessing the level of readiness of their communities for plug-in electric vehicles. The principal objective of the scorecard is to provide respondents with an objective assessment and estimate of their respective community's readiness for PEV deployment as well as understand the respective community's commitment to deploying these vehicles successfully. DOE intends the scorecard to be completed by a city/county/regional sustainability or energy coordinator. As the intended respondent may not be aware of every aspect of local or regional PEV readiness, coordination among local stakeholders to gather appropriate information may be necessary. See also 77 FR 19275 (March 30, 2012).

For the PEV Scorecard information collection request, DOE now expects that many communities beyond simply the Clean Cities coalitions may want to avail themselves of the opportunity to assess their respective community's PEV readiness. Therefore, DOE expects a total respondent population of approximately 1,250 respondents. Selecting the multiple choice answers in completing a scorecard questionnaire is expected to take under 30 minutes,