FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) Annual and Final Performance Reports

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 [insert one of the following: a revision of an existing information collection; a new information collection; a determination that a collection is necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the 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: Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) Annual and Final Performance Reports.

OMB Control Number: 1840–0793.

Type of Review: A revision of an existing information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Private Sector.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 347.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 4,870.

Abstract: The Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) works to improve postsecondary education through grants to postsecondary educational institutions and agencies. Such grants are awarded to non-profit organizations in order to evaluate and assess each grantee for continued funding and in order to evaluate and assess each grantee for continued funding. Also included is a final performance report for use with all of the following Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) programs: Comprehensive (84.116B), European Union–United States (84.116J), US–Brazil (84.116M), North America (84.116N), and US–Russia (84.116S). Also included is a final performance report for Congressionally-directed grants (earmarks) (84.116Z).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), 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 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.

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Dated: July 15, 2013.

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