

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION****[Docket No. ED-2013-ICCD-0147]****Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Measuring Educational Gain in the National Reporting System for Adult Education****AGENCY:** Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education (OCTE), 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 27, 2014.**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-0147 or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. If the regulations.gov site is not available to the public for any reason, ED will temporarily accept comments at [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov). Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted; ED will ONLY accept comments during the comment period in this mailbox when the regulations.gov site is not available. 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, Mailstop L-OM-2-2E319, Room 2E105, Washington, DC 20202.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Michelle Meier, 202-245-7890.**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:* Measuring Educational Gain in the National Reporting System for Adult Education.*OMB Control Number:* 1830-0567.*Type of Review:* An extension without change of an existing collection of information.*Respondents/Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Governments.*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 15.*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 600.*Abstract:* Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations part 462 establishes procedures the Secretary uses to consider literacy tests for use in the National Reporting System (NRS) for adult education. This information is used by the Secretary to determine the suitability of published literacy tests to measure and report educational gain under the NRS.

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**Stephanie Valentine,***Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management.*

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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:* GEPA Section 427 Guidance for All Grant Applications.

*OMB Control Number:* 1894-0005.

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

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

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 12,396.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 18,594.

*Abstract:* On October 20, 1994, the Improving America's Schools Act, Public Law 103-382 (The Act), became law. The Act added a provision to the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA). Section 427 of GEPA requires an applicant for assistance under Department programs to develop and describe in the grant application the steps it proposes to take to ensure equitable access to, and equitable participation in, its proposed project for students, teachers, and other program beneficiaries with special needs. The current GEPA Section 427 guidance for discretionary grant applications and formula grant applications has approval through March 31, 2014, the Department is requesting an extension of this approval.

**Stephanie Valentine,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Applications for New Awards; Arts in Education Model Development and Dissemination Program

**AGENCY:** Office of Innovation and Improvement, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice.

#### Overview Information

##### *Arts in Education Model Development and Dissemination Program*

Notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2014.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.351D.

**DATES:** Applications Available: February 25, 2014.

Deadline for Notice of Intent to Apply: March 27, 2014.

Date of Pre-Application Meeting: March 18, 2014.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: April 28, 2014.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: June 25, 2014.

#### Full Text of Announcement

##### I. Funding Opportunity Description

*Purpose of Program:* The Arts in Education Model Development and Dissemination (AEMDD) program supports the enhancement, expansion, documentation, evaluation, and dissemination of innovative, cohesive models that are based on research and have demonstrated that they effectively—(1) integrate standards-based arts education into the core elementary and middle school curriculum; (2) strengthen standards-based arts instruction in these grades; and (3) improve students' academic performance, including their skills in creating, performing, and responding to the arts. Projects funded through the AEMDD program are intended to increase the amount of nationally available information on effective models for arts education that integrate the arts with standards-based education programs.

*Priorities:* This competition includes one absolute priority and two competitive preference priorities that are explained in the following paragraphs. Absolute priority 1 is from the notice of final priority, requirements, and definitions for this program, published in the **Federal Register** on March 30, 2005 (70 FR 16234). The competitive preference priorities are from the notice of supplemental priorities and definitions for discretionary grant programs, published in the **Federal Register** on December 15, 2010 (75 FR 78486), and corrected on May 12, 2011 (76 FR 27637) (Supplemental Priorities).

*Absolute Priority:* For FY 2014 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:

This priority supports projects that enhance, expand, document, evaluate, and disseminate innovative, cohesive models that are based on research and have demonstrated their effectiveness in (1) integrating standards-based arts education into the core elementary or middle school curriculum, (2) strengthening standards-based arts

instruction in the elementary or middle school grades, and (3) improving the academic performance of students in elementary or middle school grades, including their skills in creating, performing, and responding to the arts.

In order to meet this priority, an applicant must demonstrate that the model project for which it seeks funding (1) serves only elementary school or middle school grades, or both, and (2) is linked to State and national standards intended to enable all students to meet challenging expectations and to improve student and school performance.

**Note:** The term "national standards" was used in the notice of final priority, requirements, and definitions for this program, published in the **Federal Register** on March 30, 2005 (70 FR 16234). Since that time, the program has described "national standards" to mean the arts standards developed by the Consortium of National Arts Education Associations or another comparable set of national arts standards. The standards developed by the Consortium outline what students should know and be able to do in the arts. Although the program considers these "national standards," they are not established or endorsed by the Department.

*Competitive Preference Priorities:* For FY 2014 and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applicants from this competition, these priorities are competitive preference priorities. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i), we award up to an additional 5 points to an applicant that meets Priority 1, and up to an additional 5 points to an applicant that meets Priority 2. Therefore, the maximum number of competitive preference points that an application can receive under this competition is 10 points, depending on how well the application meets one or both of these priorities.

An applicant must identify in the project narrative section of its application the priority or priorities it wishes the Department to consider for purposes of earning the competitive preference priority points.

These priorities are:

*Priority 1—Turning Around Persistently Lowest-Achieving Schools (0 to 5 points).*

Projects that are designed to address one or more of the following priority areas:

(a) Improving student achievement (as defined in this notice) in persistently lowest-achieving schools (as defined in this notice).

(b) Providing services to students enrolled in persistently lowest-achieving schools (as defined in this notice).