

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED–2016–ICCD–0094]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Application for Approval To Participate in Federal Student Aid Programs**AGENCY:** Federal Student Aid (FSA), 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 October 31, 2016.**ADDRESSES:** To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED–2016–ICCD–0094. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number 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 2E–347, Washington, DC 20202–4537.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Veronica Pickett, 202–377–4232.**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 Approval to Participate in Federal Student Aid Programs.*OMB Control Number:* 1845–0012.*Type of Review:* An extension of an existing information collection.*Respondents/Affected Public:* State, Local, and Tribal Governments; Private Sector.*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 7,286.*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 24,352.*Abstract:* Section 487(c) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA) requires that the Secretary of Education prescribe regulations to ensure that any funds postsecondary institutions receive under the HEA are used solely for the purposes specified in, and in accordance with, the provision of the applicable programs. The Institutional Eligibility regulations govern the initial and continuing eligibility of postsecondary educational institutions participating in the student financial assistance program authorized by Title IV of the HEA. An institution must use this Application to apply for approval to be determined to be eligible and if the institution wishes, to participate; to expand its eligibility; or to continue to participate in the Title IV programs. An institution must also use the application to report certain required data as part of its recordkeeping requirements contained in the regulations under 34 CFR part 600 (Institutional Eligibility under the HEA). The Department uses the information reported on the Application in its determination of whether an institution meets the statutory and regulatory requirements.

Dated: August 26, 2016.

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Extension of the Application Deadline Date for the Fiscal Year 2016; Promise Neighborhoods Program Grant Application**AGENCY:** Office of Innovation and Improvement, Department of Education.**ACTION:** Notice.**SUMMARY:** The Assistant Deputy Secretary for Innovation and Improvement extends, for certain prospective eligible applicants described elsewhere in this notice, the deadline date for transmittal of applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2016 under the Promise Neighborhoods program. The Assistant Deputy Secretary takes this action to allow more time for the preparation and submission of applications by prospective eligible applicants in Louisiana affected by the severe storms and flooding that began in that State on August 11, 2016. The extension of the application deadline date for this competition is intended to help affected eligible applicants compete fairly with other eligible applicants under this competition.**DATES:***Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* September 16, 2016.*Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:* October 31, 2016.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On July 8, 2016, we published in the **Federal Register** (81 FR 44741) a notice inviting applications for new awards for FY 2016 for the Promise Neighborhoods competition. We are extending this competition to allow certain prospective eligible applicants more time to prepare and submit their applications.*Eligibility:* The extension of the application deadline date in this notice applies to eligible applicants under the Promise Neighborhoods program that are (1) located in a Federally-declared disaster area, as determined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) (see <http://www.fema.gov/news/disasters.fema>); and (2) adversely affected by the severe storms and flooding in Louisiana that began on August 11, 2016.

In accordance with the application notice, an eligible organization for the Promise Neighborhoods program—

(1) Is representative of the geographic area proposed to be served;

(2) Is one of the following:

(a) A nonprofit organization that meets the definition of a nonprofit