

from the Federal Government exceeds \$10,000,000, the reporting requirements in 2 CFR part 200, Appendix XII, require you to report certain integrity information to FAPIIS semiannually. Please review the requirements in 2 CFR part 200, Appendix XII, if this grant plus all the other Federal funds you receive exceed \$10,000,000.

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. *Grant Administration:* Applicants should budget for an annual two-day meeting for project directors to be held in Washington, DC.

4. *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 Institute. If you receive a multiyear award, you must submit an annual performance report that provides the most current performance and financial expenditure information as directed by the Institute under 34 CFR 75.118. The Institute 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/appforms/appforms.html.

5. *Performance Measures:* To evaluate the overall success of its education research grant programs, the Institute annually assesses the percentage of projects that result in peer-reviewed

publications, the number of newly developed or modified interventions with evidence of promise for improving student education outcomes, and the number of Institute-supported interventions with evidence of efficacy in improving student outcomes including student academic outcomes and social and behavioral competencies for school-age students. Student academic outcomes include learning and achievement in core academic content areas (reading, writing, math, and science), and outcomes that reflect students' successful progression through the education system (e.g., course and grade completion; high school graduation; postsecondary enrollment, progress, and completion). Social and behavioral competencies include social and emotional skills, attitudes, and behaviors that are important to student's academic and post-academic success.

6. *Continuation Awards:* In making a continuation award under 34 CFR 75.253, the Institute considers, among other things: Whether a grantee has made substantial progress in meeting the goals and objectives of the project; whether the grantee has expended funds in a manner that is consistent with its approved application and budget; and, if the Institute has established performance measurement requirements, whether the grantee has met the performance targets in the grantee's approved application.

In making a continuation award, the Institute 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. Other Information

Accessible Format: Individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the RFA in an accessible format (e.g., braille, large print, audiotape, or compact disc) on request to the appropriate program contact person listed in the chart at the end of this notice.

Electronic Access to This Document: The official version of this document is the document published in the **Federal Register**. Free internet access to the official edition of the **Federal Register** and the Code of Federal Regulations is available via the Federal Digital System at: www.gpo.gov/fdsys. At this site you can view this document, as well as all other documents of this Department published in the **Federal Register**, in text or PDF. To use PDF you must have

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Dated: January 16, 2018.

Thomas Brock,

Commissioner of the National Center for Education Research, Delegated the Duties of the Director of the Institute of Education Sciences.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Proposed Agency Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) today gives notice of a request for public comment, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on the continued collection of information entitled: *Budget Justification*, which DOE has developed for submission to and approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before March 23, 2018. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed in **ADDRESSES** as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be sent to U.S. Department of Energy, Golden Field Office, 15013 Denver West Parkway Golden, CO 80401-3111, Attn: James Cash, or by email at james.cash@ee.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to James Cash, U.S. Department of Energy, Golden Field Office, 15013 Denver West Parkway Golden, CO 80401-3111, or by phone (240) 562-1456, or by email at james.cash@ee.doe.gov. The information collection instrument, titled "Budget Justification" may also be viewed at <https://energy.gov/eere/funding/downloads/budget-justification-eere-335-and-3351>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains:

(1) OMB No. 1910–5162, Budget Justification;

(2) *Information Collection Request Title:* Budget Justification;

(3) *Type of Request:* Renewal;

(4) *Purpose:* This collection of information is necessary in order for DOE to identify allowable, allocable, and reasonable recipient project costs eligible for Grants and Cooperative Agreements under Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) programs;

(5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents:* 400;

(6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses:* 400;

(7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 24 hours, per response;

(8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* \$940.80 per one time response;

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (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.

Statutory Authority: Section 989(a) EPCA 2005 [Merit Review] { 42 U.S.C. 16353(a)}; Section 646 DOE Organization Act [Contracts] {42 U.S.C. 7256(a)}; and 31 U.S.C. 503 (the Chief Financial Officers Act, Functions of the Deputy Director for Management), 31 U.S.C. 1111 (Improving Economy and Efficiency of the United States Government), 41 U.S.C. 1101–1131 (the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act), Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1970, and Executive Order 11541 (“Prescribing the Duties of the Office of Management and Budget and the Domestic Policy Council in the Executive Office of the President”), the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996, (31 U.S.C. 7501–7507), as well as The Federal Program Information Act (Pub. L. 95–220 and Pub. L. 98–169, as amended, codified at 31 U.S.C. 6101–6106).

Issued in Golden, CO, on January 8, 2018.

Derek Passarelli,

Director, Golden Field Office, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Golden Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Staff Attendance at the Southwest Power Pool Regional Entity Trustee, Regional State Committee, Members' Committee and Board of Directors' Meetings

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) hereby gives notice that members of its staff may attend the meetings of the Southwest Power Pool, Inc. Regional State Committee (RSC), Regional Entity Trustee (RET), Members' Committee and Board of Directors as noted below. Their attendance is part of the Commission's ongoing outreach efforts.

The meetings will be held at the Skirvin Hotel, 1 Park Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73102. The phone number is (405) 272–3040. All meetings are Central Time.

SPP RET

January 29, 2018 (8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.)

SPP RSC

January 29, 2018 (1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.)

SPP Members/Board of Directors

January 30, 2018 (8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.)

The discussions may address matters at issue in the following proceedings:

Docket No. ER12–1179, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER15–1809, *ATX Southwest, LLC*
 Docket No. ER15–2028, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER15–2115, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER15–2236, *Midwest Power Transmission Arkansas, LLC*
 Docket No. ER15–2237, *Kanstar Transmission, LLC*
 Docket No. ER15–2324, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER15–2594, *South Central MCN LLC*
 Docket No. EL16–91, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. EL18–19, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. EL16–108, *Tilton Energy v. Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.*
 Docket No. EL16–110, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*

Docket No. ER16–204, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER16–2522, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER16–2523, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. EL17–11, *Alabama Power Co. v. Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. EL17–21, *Kansas Electric Co. v. Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. EL17–86, *Nebraska Public Power District v. Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. EL17–69, *Buffalo Dunes et al. v. Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER17–426, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER17–428, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER17–469, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER17–772, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER17–889, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER17–953, *South Central MCN LLC*
 Docket No. ER17–1092, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER17–1046, *South Central MCN LLC*
 Docket No. ER17–1482, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER17–1568, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER17–1575, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER17–2027, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER17–2229, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER17–2256, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER17–2257, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER17–2312, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER17–2388, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER17–2441, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER17–2442, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER17–2523, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER17–2537, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER17–2563, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER17–2583, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER18–171, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER18–194, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER18–195, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER18–208, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*