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*Title of Collection:* Study of District and School Uses of Federal Education Funds.

*OMB Control Number:* 1850–NEW.

*Type of Review:* A new information collection.

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

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 306.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 306.

*Abstract:* The Study of District and School Uses of Federal Education Funds will examine targeting and resource allocation for five major federal education programs: Part A of Titles I, II, III, and IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)—including school improvement grants provided under Section 1003 of Title I, Part A—as well as Title I, Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The study will collect detailed fiscal data from a nationally representative sample of 400 school districts, including budgets, plans, expenditure data, and personnel and payroll data. In addition, the study will collect data on allocations to districts and schools to examine how the distribution of funds varies in relation to program goals and student needs; survey district and school officials to explore such issues as the types of services and resources that are provided through the federal funds, coordination across programs, and use of flexibility; conduct interviews in nine site visits to districts to obtain more in-depth data; and analyze fiscal data.

This package is the first of two OMB clearance requests for this study. This package requests approval for selection and recruitment of nationally representative samples of school districts and schools and collection of certain preliminary information from states (*i.e.*, lists of subgrantees and suballocation amounts for each program, contact information for district program coordinators for each of the covered ESEA programs, and the state chart of accounts). A future submission will request OMB clearance for the data collection instruments for this study. We anticipate beginning collection of subgrantee lists and other preliminary information in May 2020 and launching the district- and school-level data collection in September 2020.

Dated: December 18, 2019.

**Stephanie Valentine,**

*PRA Coordinator, Strategic Collections and Clearance, Governance and Strategy Division, Office of Chief Data Officer, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED–2019–ICCD–0161]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; EZ-Audit: Electronic Submission of Financial Statements and Compliance Audits

**AGENCY:** Federal Student Aid (FSA), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing a revision of an existing information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 24, 2020.

**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–2019–ICCD–0161. 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. If the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.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 include the docket ID number and the title of the information collection request when requesting documents or submitting comments. *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 Strategic Collections and Clearance Governance and Strategy Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave SW, LBJ, Room 6W–208D, Washington, DC 20202–4537.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Beth Grebeldinger, 202–377–4018.

**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.

*Title of Collection:* EZ-Audit: Electronic Submission of Financial Statements and Compliance Audits.

*OMB Control Number:* 1845–0072.

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

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Private Sector, State, Local, and Tribal Governments; Individuals or Households.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 6,632.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 6,016.

*Abstract:* eZ-Audit is a web-based process designed to facilitate the submission of compliance and financial statement audits, expedite the review of those audits by the Department, and provide more timely and useful information to public, non-profit and proprietary institutions regarding the Department's review. eZ-Audit establishes a uniform process under which all institutions submit directly to the Department any audit required under the Title IV, HEA program regulations. The revisions to this collection is a result of enhancements made to the current system to collect the compliance audits/financial statements in the appropriate format (*e.g.* revised question text and required uploads) from the foreign institutions that are required to submit audits in accordance to the Department's regulations and to

allow electronic submission of compliance audits/financial statements from the entities identified above. Revisions to financial statements information are to meet the new borrower defense regulations.

Dated: December 19, 2019.

**Kate Mullan,**

*PRA Coordinator, Strategic Collections and Clearance, Governance and Strategy Division, Office of Chief Data Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity

**AGENCY:** National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI), U.S. Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of membership.

**SUMMARY:** This notice lists the members of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI). This notice is required under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA).

**ADDRESSES:** U.S. Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, Room 271-03, Washington, DC 20202.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** George Alan Smith, Acting Executive Director/Designated Federal Official, NACIQI, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, Room 271-03, Washington, DC 20202, telephone: (202) 453-7757, or email [george.alan.smith@ed.gov](mailto:george.alan.smith@ed.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is required under Section 114(e)(1) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA).

### NACIQI's Statutory Authority and Functions

The NACIQI is established under Section 114 of the HEA, and is composed of 18 members appointed—

(A) On the basis of the individuals' experience, integrity, impartiality, and good judgment;

(B) From among individuals who are representatives of, or knowledgeable concerning, education and training beyond secondary education, representing all sectors and types of institutions of higher education; and,

(C) On the basis of the individuals' technical qualifications, professional standing, and demonstrated knowledge in the fields of accreditation and administration of higher education.

The NACIQI meets at least twice a year and advises the Secretary of Education with respect to:

- The establishment and enforcement of the standards of accrediting agencies or associations under subpart 2 of part G of Title IV of the HEA;
- The recognition of specific accrediting agencies or associations;
- The preparation and publication of the list of nationally recognized accrediting agencies and associations;
- The eligibility and certification process for institutions of higher education under Title IV of the HEA, together with recommendations for improvements in such process;
- The relationship between (1) accreditation of institutions of higher education and the certification and eligibility of such institutions, and (2) State licensing responsibilities with respect to such institutions; and
- Any other advisory functions relating to accreditation and institutional eligibility that the Secretary of Education may prescribe by regulation.

*What are the terms of office for the committee members?*

The term of office of each member is six years. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which the member's predecessor was appointed shall be appointed for the remainder of such term.

*Who are the current members of the committee?*

The current members of the NACIQI are:

*Members Appointed by the Secretary of Education with Terms Expiring September 30, 2025:*

- Ronnie L. Booth, Ph.D., Former President, Tri-County Technical College, Anderson, South Carolina.
- Wallace E. Boston, Ph.D., President, American Public University System, Inc., Charles Town, West Virginia.
- David A. Eubanks, Ph.D., Assistant Vice President for Assessment and Institutional Effectiveness, Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina.
- D. Michael Lindsay, Ph.D., President, Gordon College, Wenham, Massachusetts.
- Mary Ellen Petrisko, Ph.D., Education Consultant, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

*Members Appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives with Terms Expiring September 30, 2020:*

- Kathleen Sullivan Alioto, Ed.D., Strategic Advisor, Fundraiser, and Consultant, New York, New York, San Francisco, California, and Boston, Massachusetts.

- George T. French, Jr., Ph.D., President, Miles College, Fairfield, Alabama.

- Brian W. Jones, J.D., President, Strayer University, Washington, DC.

- Arthur E. Keiser, Ph.D., Chancellor, Keiser University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

- Ralph Wolff, J.D., President, The Quality Assurance Commons for Higher and Postsecondary Education, Oakland, California.

*Members Appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate with Terms Expiring September 30, 2022:*

- Jill Derby, Ph.D., Senior Consultant, Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges, Gardnerville, Nevada.

- Paul J. LeBlanc, Ph.D., President, Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester, New Hampshire.

- Anne D. Neal, J.D., President, The Garden Club of America, Washington, DC.

- Richard F. O'Donnell, Founder and CEO, Skills Fund, Austin, Texas.

- Claude O. Pressnell Jr., Ed.D., President, Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities Association, Nashville, Tennessee.

- Steven Van Ausdile, Ph.D., President Emeritus, Walla Walla Community College, Walla Walla, Washington.

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**Betsy DeVos,**

*Secretary of Education.*

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