SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), in partnership with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEN) and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) as the non-federal sponsors, are undertaking this study. In addition, the City of New York is a non-federal partner. The NYNJHAT study area, which encompasses the New York metropolitan area, is highly vulnerable to damage from coastal storm surge, wave attack, erosion, and intense rainfall-storm water runoff events that cause riverine or inland flooding, which can exacerbate coastal flooding. The Corps is authorized under Public Law 84-71, June 15, 1955 (69 Stat. 132) to conduct an investigation into potential coastal storm risk management solutions within the NYNJHAT study area. A Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement (FCSA) was executed in 2016 with the NYSDEN and NJDEP.

2. Study Area

The study area encompasses approximately 2,150 square miles and includes parts of Bergen, Passaic, Morris, Essex, Hudson, Union, Somerset, Middlesex, and Monmouth Counties in New Jersey and Rensselaer, Albany, Columbia, Greene, Duchess, Ulster, Putnam, Orange, Westchester, Rockland, Bronx, New York, Queens, Kings, Richmond, and Nassau Counties in New York. The study area extends upstream of the Hudson River to the federal lock and dam at Troy, New York, the Passaic River to the Dundee Dam, and the Hackensack River to the Oradell Reservoir.

3. Corps Decision Making

As required by Council on Environmental Quality’s Principles, Requirements and Guidelines for Water and Land Related Resources Implementation Studies all reasonable alternatives to the proposed Federal action that meet the purpose and need will be considered in the Tiered EIS. The initial focused array of alternatives being formulated are ranging from harbor-wide coastal storm risk management (CSRM) methods to land-based, perimeter CSRM methods, with three alternatives between. All alternatives are anticipated to also include complementary non-structural measures and nature based features as appropriate. To be conservative, all other ongoing studies and projects by USACE and other agencies that can reasonably be expected to be implemented by 2020 are assumed to be in place as part of this study’s assumed future “without project” condition.

4. Public Participation

The Corps, the NYSDEC and the NJDEP hosted three agency workshops meetings in January and February 2017, with representatives from federal and state agencies, as well as representatives from local agencies and towns. The Corps initially announced the preparation of an integrated Feasibility Report/Tiered EIS for study in the February 13, 2018 Federal Register. The 45-day NEPA scoping period (July 6–August 20, 2018) was extended to November 5, 2018 based on requested from the public. Nine public NEPA scoping meetings were held throughout the study area. Subsequent to the publication of the February 13, 2018 NOI, the Study was granted an exemption from the requirement to complete the feasibility study within 3 years, as required in Section 1001(a) of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014. This exemption was granted on October 31, 2018 on an interim basis, and allowed for an additional 15 months to complete the Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Tier 1 EIS. Therefore, in order to align the revised study schedule with Executive Order 13807, Notice to Withdraw the original NOI was published in the February 13, 2019 Federal Register. To further provide the public with study information, an Interim Report was released on February 19, 2019 that identified the preliminary economic, environmental, engineering and other studies performed to date of the above referenced alternatives. Eight public meetings related to the Interim Report were held. Comments, concerns and information submitted to the Corps are being evaluated and considered during the development of the Draft EIS. Comments received are continuing to aid the study progress and included in the draft report and will be part of the administrative record.

5. Lead and Cooperating Agencies

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is the lead federal agency for the preparation of a Tiered EIS in order to meet the requirements of the NEPA and the NEPA Implementing Regulations of the President’s Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR 1500–1508). The following agencies have accepted the lead federal role as Cooperating Agencies: U.S. Coast Guard, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Marine Fisheries Service, the National Park Service, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency agreed to be a Participating Agency. The preparation of a Tiered EIS will be coordinated with New York State, New Jersey State and local municipalities with discretionary authority relative to the proposed actions. The Draft Integrated Feasibility Report/Tiered EIS is currently scheduled for distribution to the public in the summer of 2020.

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Major General, USA, Commanding.
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Freddie Cross, 202–453–7224.

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: Targeted Teacher Shortage Areas Data Collection.

OMB Control Number: 1840–0595.

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

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

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 57.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 2,793.

Abstract: This request is for approval of reporting requirements that are contained in the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) regulations (34 CFR 682.210) which address the targeted teacher deferment provision of the Higher Education Act of 1965 as amended by the Higher Education Amendment of 1986, sections 427(a)(2)(C)(vi), 428 (b)(1)(M)(vi), and 428 (b)(4)(A), which provide for the targeted teacher deferment. The FFELP (34 CFR 682.210(g)), Paul Douglas Teacher Scholarship Program (34 CFR 653.50(a)), TEACH Grant Program, and Federal Perkins Loan Program (34 CFR 674.53(c)) regulations contain information collection requirements. The Chief State School Officers of each state provide the Secretary annually with a list of proposed teacher shortage areas for that state.


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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Eligibility Designations and Applications for Waiving Eligibility Requirements; Programs Under Parts A and F of Title III and Programs Under Title V of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as Amended (HEA)

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: On December 16, 2019, we published in the Federal Register a notice inviting applications for the waiver of eligibility requirements for fiscal year (FY) 2020 (Eligibility NIA) for programs authorized by Parts A and F of Title III and by Title V of the HEA. This notice revises (a) the Deadline for Transmittal of Applications and (b) information provided in Section I of the notice. All other requirements and conditions in the notice remain the same.

DATES: The correction is applicable January 13, 2020.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 16, 2019, we published in the Federal Register a notice inviting applications for designation as an eligible institution for programs under Parts A and F of Title III and under Title V of the HEA (84 FR 68434). This notice revises: (a) The deadline for transmittal of applications; and (b) the base year 2017–2018 average Pell Grant Percentage for two-year public institutions. All other requirements and conditions in the notice remain the same.

Correction

In FR Doc. 2019–27048, in the Federal Register of December 16, 2019, we make the following revisions:

(a) On page 68434, in the third column, under DATES and after “Deadline for Transmittal of Applications”, we remove the date “January 15, 2020” and replace it with the date “January 31, 2020”.

(b) On page 68436, in the table, under “Base year 2017–2018 average Pell Grant percentage” in the first row, we remove the number “26” and replace it with the number “36”. The corrected table is as follows:

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Accessible Format: Individuals with disabilities can obtain this notice and a copy of the application in an accessible format (e.g., braille, large print, audio tape, or compact disc) on request to the contact person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.