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Federal Student Aid

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Title: National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) (JS).

Frequency: On Occasion Weekly Monthly Quarterly.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions (primary), Businesses or other for-profit, State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 29952.

Burden Hours: 179712.

Abstract: The U.S. Department of Education will collect data from postsecondary schools and guaranty agencies about federal Perkins loans, federal family education loans, and William D. Ford direct student loans to be used to determine eligibility for Title IV student financial aid.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2278. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651 or to the e-mail address vivian_reese@ed.gov. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov or faxed to (202) 708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 16, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Karen Lee, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address Karen_F_Lee@omb.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Regulatory Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

Dated: May 12, 2003.

John D. Tressler,

Leader, Regulatory Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Title: Performance Report for the Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program (JS).

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions (primary). Businesses or other for-profit.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 115.

Burden Hours: 690.

Abstract: This information collection provides the U.S. Department of Education with information needed to determine if grantees have made substantial progress toward meeting the program's objectives and allow program staff to monitor and evaluate the program. The Congress has mandated (through the Government's Performance and Results Act of 1993) that the U.S. Department of Education provide documentation about the progress being made by the program.

Requests for copies of the submission for OMB review; comment request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2256. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651 or to the e-mail address vivan.reese@ed.gov. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov or faxed to (202) 708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No. 84.184E]

Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools—Emergency Response and Crisis Management Grant Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2003

Purpose: The Emergency Response and Crisis Management Program provides grants to local educational

agencies (LEAs) to improve and strengthen emergency response and crisis management plans, including training school personnel, students, and parents in emergency response procedures and coordinating with local law enforcement, public safety, health, and mental health agencies.

Eligible Applicants: LEAs with a significant need for emergency preparedness improvements and a lack of fiscal capacity to implement these improvements.

Applications Available: May 16, 2003.

Deadline for Transmittal of

Applications: June 30, 2003.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: August 29, 2003.

Estimated Available Funds: \$38 million.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$100,000–\$500,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: We estimate that: A small school district (with 1–20 school facilities) will need up to \$100,000 for the 18-month period; a medium-size school district (with between 21 and 75 school facilities) will need a maximum of \$250,000 for the 18-month period; and a large-size school district (with 76 or more school facilities) will need a maximum of \$500,000 for the 18-month period.

Applicants requesting funds in excess of the recommended amounts will need to justify their need for those funds.

Estimated Number of Awards: 150.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimate in this notice.

Project Period: Up to 18 months.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations in 34 CFR parts 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, 97, 98, and 99. (b) The regulations in 34 CFR part 299.

General: Contingent upon the availability of funds, we may make additional awards in FY 2004 from the rank-ordered list of unfunded applications from this competition.

Participation by Private-School Children and Teachers: LEAs that receive a grant are required to provide for the equitable participation of eligible private-school children and their teachers or other educational personnel. In order to ensure that grant program activities address the needs of private-school children, timely and meaningful consultation with appropriate private school officials must occur during the design and development of the program. Administrative direction and control over grant funds must remain with the grantee.

Maintenance of Effort: LEAs may receive a grant only if the State

educational agency finds that the combined fiscal effort per student or the aggregate expenditures of the agency and the State with respect to the provision of free public education by the agency for the preceding fiscal year was not less than 90 percent of the combined effort or aggregate expenditures for the second preceding fiscal year.

Absolute Priority: We give an absolute preference to applications that meet the following priority, and fund under this competition only those applications that meet the following absolute priority: LEA projects to improve and strengthen emergency response and crisis management plans, including training school personnel, students and parents in emergency response procedures and coordinating with local law enforcement, public safety, health, and mental health agencies.

To be considered for a grant award, applications must include an agreement that details the participation of the LEA and the following five community-based partners from the local area: Law enforcement, public safety, health, mental health, and the head of your local government (for example your mayor, city manager, or county executive). The agreement must detail the roles and responsibilities each of the required partners will have in improving and strengthening the plan. The agreement must also reflect each partner's agreement to receive a final copy of the plan. Finally, your agreement must include an authorized signature representing the LEA and each community-based partner.

If one or more of these five partners is not present in your community, or cannot feasibly participate, the agreement must explain the absence of each missing partner. Every application must include signatures representing at least the LEA and two of the required five partners, and explanations for the absence any of the remaining required partners.

Applications that fail to include the required agreement (with signatures and explanations for missing signatures as specified) will not be read.

Although this program requires partnerships with other parties, administrative direction and fiscal control for the project must remain with the local educational agency.

Selection Criteria: We use the following selection criteria to evaluate applications for new grants under this competition. The maximum score for all of these criteria is 100 points. The maximum score for each criterion or factor under that criterion is indicated in parentheses.

(1) *Need for project.* (25 points)

In determining the need for the proposed project, the following factors are considered:

(a) The magnitude of the need for the services to be provided or the activities to be carried out by the proposed project (15 points).

Note: Under this factor we will look for a clear and convincing demonstration of significant need—such as a recent vulnerability and needs assessment—to improve and strengthen the LEA's emergency response and crisis management plan, as well as how the proposed plan will address need.

(b) The extent to which specific gaps and weaknesses in services, infrastructure, or opportunities have been identified and will be addressed by the proposed project, including the nature and magnitude of those gaps or weaknesses (10 points).

Note: Under this factor we will look at the extent to which the applicant demonstrates a lack of fiscal capacity to implement needed improvements to its emergency response/crisis management plan.

(2) *Significance.* (25 points)

In determining the significance of the proposed project, the following factors are considered:

(a) The likelihood that the proposed project will result in system change and improvement (10 points).

(b) The extent to which the proposed project is likely to build local capacity to provide, improve, or expand services that address the needs of the target population (15 points).

Note: Under the Significance criterion, we will look for the applicant's identification of the vulnerabilities to which its school facilities may be exposed and its comprehensive approach to addressing those vulnerabilities in the proposed emergency response/crisis management plan. We expect that applicants will propose comprehensive approaches that do not rely solely on equipment and technology purchases, and address the four phases of crisis planning—mitigation/prevention, preparedness, response and recovery.

(3) *Quality of the project design.* (35 points)

In determining the quality of the design of the proposed project, the following factors are considered:

(a) The extent to which the proposed project is designed to build capacity and yield results that will extend beyond the period of Federal financial assistance (10 points).

Note: Under this factor we will look for the applicant's intent to develop a plan that will respond to emerging potential crises and is practiced, updated, and revised frequently.

(b) The extent to which the design of the proposed project reflects up-to-date

knowledge from research and effective practice (20 points).

Note: Under this factor we will look for the applicant's inclusion of the four phases (mitigation/prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery) in "Practical Information on Crisis Planning: A Guide for Schools and Communities" (available online at <http://www.ed.gov/emergencyplan>) and a clear description of how the proposed project will address those four phases.

(c) The extent to which the proposed project encourages parental involvement. (5 points)

(4) *Quality of the project evaluation.* (5 points)

In determining the quality of the evaluation, the following factor is considered:

(a) The extent to which the methods of evaluation include the use of objective performance measures that are clearly related to the intended outcomes of the project and will produce quantitative and qualitative data to the extent possible. (5 points)

(5) *Quality of the management plan.* (10 points)

In determining the quality of the management plan, the following factor is considered:

(a) How the applicant will ensure that a diversity of perspectives are brought to bear in the operation of the proposed project, including those of parents, teachers, the business community, a variety of disciplinary and professional fields, recipients or beneficiaries of services, or others, as appropriate. (10 points)

Note: Under this criterion we will look at the quality of the applicant's planned coordination and collaboration with the head of the local government, and community-based law enforcement, public safety, health, and mental health agencies in the strengthening and improvement of the plan. This description should go beyond simply the roles and responsibilities discussed in the absolute priority.

Waiver of Proposed Rulemaking:

Under the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553), the Secretary generally offers interested parties the opportunity to comment on proposed rules. Section 437(d)(1) of the General Education Provisions Act, however, exempts from this requirement rules that apply to the first competition under a new or substantially revised program authority. This is the first competition under the Emergency Response and Crisis Management Grant Program. These rules will apply to the FY 2003 grant competition only.

For Applications Contact: Education Publications Center (ED Pubs), P.O. Box 1398, Jessup, MD 20794-1398. Telephone (toll free): 1-877-433-7827.

Fax: (301) 470-1244. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf, you may call 1-877-576-7734. You may also contact ED Pubs at its Web site: <http://www.ed.gov/pubs/edpubs/html>.

Or you may contact ED Pubs at its e-mail address: edpubs@inet.ed.gov.

If you request an application from ED Pubs, be sure to identify this competition as follows: CFDA No. 84.184.E. Individuals with disabilities may obtain this document in an alternative format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to the contact person listed below.

Pilot Project for Electronic Submission of Applications: In FY 2003, the U.S. Department of Education is continuing to expand its pilot project for electronic submission of applications to include additional formula grant programs and additional discretionary grant competitions. The Emergency Response and Crisis Management Grant Program (CFDA #84.184.E) is one of the programs included in the pilot project. If you are an applicant under this grant program, you may submit your application to us in either electronic or paper format.

The pilot project involves the use of the Electronic Grant Application System (e-Application) portion of the Grant Administration and Payment System (GAPS). Users of e-Application will be entering data on-line while completing their applications. You may not e-mail a soft copy of a grant application to us. If you participate in this voluntary pilot project by submitting an application electronically, the data you enter on-line will be saved into a database. We request your participation in e-Application. We shall continue to evaluate its success and solicit suggestions for improvement.

If you participate in e-Application, please note the following:

- Your participation is voluntary.
- You will not receive any additional point value because you submit a grant application in electronic format, nor will we penalize you if you submit an application in paper format. When you enter the e-Application system, you will find information about its hours of operation.

- You may submit all documents electronically, including the Application for Federal Assistance (ED 424), Budget Information—Non-Construction Programs (ED 524), and all necessary assurances and certifications.

- After you electronically submit your application, you will receive an automatic acknowledgement, which will include a PR/Award number (an identifying number unique to your application).

- Within three working days after submitting your electronic application, fax a signed copy of the Application for Federal Assistance (ED 424) to the Application Control Center after following these steps:

(1) Print ED 424 from the e-Application system.

(2) The institution's Authorizing Representative must sign this form.

(3) Place the PR/Award number in the upper right hand corner of the hard copy signature page of the ED 424.

(4) Fax the signed ED 424 to the Application Control Center at (202) 260-1349.

- We may request that you give us original signatures on all other forms at a later date.

- **Closing Date Extension in Case of System Unavailability:** If you elect to participate in the e-Application pilot for the Emergency Response and Crisis Management Grant Program and you are prevented from submitting your application on the closing date because the e-Application system is unavailable, we will grant you an extension of one business day in order to transmit your application electronically, by mail, or by hand delivery. For us to grant this extension—

(1) You must be a registered user of e-Application, and have initiated an e-Application for this competition; and

(2)(a) The e-Application system must be unavailable for 60 minutes or more between the hours of 8:30 and 3:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the deadline date; or

(b) The e-Application system must be unavailable for any period of time during the last hour of operation (that is, for any period of time between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time) on the deadline date.

The Department must acknowledge and confirm these periods of unavailability before granting you an extension. To request this extension you must contact either (1) the person listed elsewhere in this notice under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** or (2) the e-GRANTS help desk at 1-888-336-8930.

You may access the electronic grant application for the Emergency Response and Crisis Management Grant Program at: <http://e-grants.ed.gov>. We have included additional information about the e-Application pilot project (see Parity Guidelines between Paper and Electronic Applications) in the application package. If you want to apply for a grant and be considered for funding, you must meet the deadline requirements included in this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Connie Ann Deshpande or Jennifer

Medearis, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 3E332, Washington, DC 20202-6450. Connie Deshpande: Telephone: (202) 401-2140; email address: Connie.Deshpande@ed.gov; Jennifer Medearis: Telephone: (202) 260-5571; email address: Jennifer.Medearis@ed.gov. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-888-877-8339.

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Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7131.

Dated: May 13, 2003.

Judge Eric Andell,

Deputy Under Secretary for Safe and Drug-Free Schools.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of the annual updates to the Income Contingent Repayment (ICR) plan formula for 2003.

SUMMARY: The Secretary announces the annual updates to the ICR plan formula for 2003. Under the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Program, borrowers may choose to repay their student loans under the ICR plan, which bases the repayment amount on

the borrower's income, family size, loan amount, and interest rate. Each year, we adjust the formula for calculating a borrower's payment to reflect changes due to inflation. This notice contains the adjusted income percentage factors for 2003 and charts showing sample repayment amounts based on the adjusted ICR plan formula. It also contains examples of how the calculation of the monthly ICR amount is performed and a constant multiplier chart for use in performing the calculations. The adjustments for the ICR plan formula contained in this notice are effective from July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Don Watson, U.S. Department of Education, Room 092B1, UCP, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202-5400. Telephone: (202) 377-4008. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Direct Loan Program borrowers may choose to repay their Direct Loans under the ICR plan. The attachment to this notice provides updates to examples of how the calculation of the monthly ICR amount is performed, the income percentage factors, the constant multiplier chart, and charts showing sample repayment amounts.

We have updated the income percentage factors to reflect changes based on inflation. We have revised the income percentage factors table by changing the dollar amounts of the incomes shown by a percentage equal to the estimated percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers from December 2002 to December 2003. Further, we provide examples of monthly repayment amount calculations and two charts that show sample repayment amounts for single and married or head-of-household borrowers at various income and debt levels based on the updated income percentage factors.

The updated income percentage factors, at any given income, may cause a borrower's payments to be slightly lower than they were in prior years. This updated amount more accurately reflects the impact of inflation on a borrower's current ability to repay.

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Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1087 *et seq.*

Dated: May 13, 2003.

Theresa S. Shaw,

Chief Operating Officer, Federal Student Aid.

Attachment—Examples of the Calculations of Monthly Repayment Amounts

Example 1. This example assumes you are a single borrower with \$15,000 in Direct Loans, the interest rate being charged is 8.25 percent, and you have an adjusted gross income (AGI) of \$33,042.

Step 1: Determine your annual payments based on what you would pay over 12 years using standard amortization. To do this, multiply your loan balance by the constant multiplier for 8.25 percent interest (0.131545). The constant multiplier is a factor used to calculate amortized payments at a given interest rate over a fixed period of time. (The 8.25 percent interest rate used in this example is the maximum interest rate that may be charged for all Direct Loans excluding Direct PLUS Loans and certain Direct PLUS Consolidation Loans; your actual interest rate may be lower. You can view the constant multiplier chart at the end of this notice to determine the constant multiplier that you should use for the interest rate on your loan. If your exact interest rate is not listed, use the next highest for estimation purposes.)

• $0.131545 \times \$15,000 = \$1,973.18$

Step 2: Multiply the result of Step 1 by the income percentage factor shown in the income percentage factors table that corresponds to your income and then divide the result by 100. (If your income is not listed in the income percentage factors table, calculate the applicable income percentage factor by following the instructions under the "Interpolation" heading later in this notice.)

• $88.77 \times \$1,973.18 \div 100 = \$1,751.59$