

“Section 309 of the Denali Commission Act 1998 (amended), created the Commission’s Transportation Program, including the

Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC).”

3. On page 30512, in the first column, line 39, correct to read: “totaling \$24,700,000.”

4. On page 30510, in the Denali Commission FY 2012 Funding Table, correct to read:

Denali Commission FY 2012 funding table	Totals
FY 2011/2012 (combined) Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)—Estimate <i>For necessary, expenses for the Denali Access System Program as authorized under Section 1960 of Public Law 109-59</i>	\$0-\$24,700,000

5. On Page 30510, after the Denali Commission FY 2012 Funding Table, include table to read:

Proposed energy projects	FY12 funding
Nunam Iqua Bulk Fuel Facility .....	\$2,700,000
Perryville Bulk Fuel Facility .....	1,172,000
Shishmaref Bulk Fuel Facility .....	2,517,778
St. George Rural Power System Upgrade .....	2,100,000
Alakanuk/Emmonak Power Plant Bulk Fuel Storage Facility .....	2,700,000-4,355,284
Stebbins/St. Michael Intertie .....	2,610,000
Holy Cross Bulk Fuel Facility Business Plan .....	20,000
St. Mary’s Bulk Fuel Facility or Rural Power System Upgrade Design .....	250,000
Alaska Energy Authority Project Management .....	269,138
Alaska Village Electric Cooperative Project Management .....	334,800
Strategic Technical Assistance Response Team (START) Program .....	300,000
<b>Total FY12 Energy Program .....</b>	<b>16,629,000</b>

6. On page 30512, after the last paragraph, include to read:

Update on the Commission’s Transportation Program

As stated in the May 23, 2012 **Federal Register** notice, the Commission’s Transportation Advisory Committee met on June 6 and 7, 2012. The TAC rated and ranked 43 surface road projects and recommended 23 projects for funding. These 23 road projects, if funded, have an aggregate need of approximately \$14 million. Coupled with the previously rated, ranked and recommended FY11 road projects (10 projects with an aggregate need of approximately \$6 million), the Commission stands ready to obligate up to \$20 million in FY12. However, the Commission is still awaiting a decision by the Government Accountability Office on whether the FY11 and FY12 Federal Highways Administration funding for the Denali Access Program (i.e. the Commission’s Transportation Program) will be provided to the Commission. Therefore, there are no grant actions by the Commission, yet, on the agency’s surface road program.

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests; Federal Student Aid; William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Program/Federal Family Loan (FFEL) Program: Deferral Request Forms**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This form serves as the means by which borrowers in the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) and Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Programs may request an Income-Based or Income-Contingent Repayment Plans if they meet certain statutory and regulatory criteria.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 9, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov) or mailed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. 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 04906. When you access

the information collection, click on “Download Attachments” to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-401-0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection and OMB Control Number when making your request.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that Federal agencies provide interested parties an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. 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:* William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Program/Federal Family Loan (FFEL) Program: Deferment Request Forms.

*OMB Control Number:* 1845-0102.

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 3,159,132.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 1,042,514.

*Abstract:* The U.S. Department of Education uses the information collected on these forms to determine whether a borrower meets the eligibility requirements for the specific Income-Based or Income-Contingent Repayment Plan that the borrower has requested. The burden hours associated with this collection is increasing for one reason; namely, that the collection is being combined with all Income-Based or Income-Contingent materials contained in the soon-to-be revised 1845-0014 (Direct Loan Repayment Plan Selection Form), so that the forms associated with this collection may be used in both the FFEL and Direct Loan Program.

Dated: August 3, 2012.

**Kate Mullan,**

*Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Applications for New Awards; Assistive Technology Alternative Financing Program

**AGENCY:** Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice.

#### Overview Information

*Assistive Technology Alternative Financing Program Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2012*

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.224D

#### **DATES:**

*Applications Available:* August 8, 2012.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* September 7, 2012.

#### **Full Text of Announcement**

##### **I. Funding Opportunity Description**

*Purpose of Program:* Many individuals with disabilities do not have the private financial resources to purchase the assistive technology (AT) they need. In addition, programs such as Medicaid, Medicare, and vocational rehabilitation cannot meet the growing demand for AT. Financial loan services, such as alternative financing programs (AFPs), offer individuals with disabilities affordable options that can significantly enhance their access to AT. These programs offer alternatives to the traditional payment options of public assistance and out-of-pocket financing and maximize independence and participation in society by individuals with disabilities through the acquisition of AT.

Between 2000 and 2006, the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) awarded competitive one-year grants to 33 States under title III of the Assistive Technology Act of 1998 (AT Act of 1998) for the establishment, maintenance, or expansion of AFPs. The AFPs featured one or more alternative financing mechanisms that provided loans for individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, advocates, and authorized representatives to purchase AT devices and services.

Although only funded for one year, these AFPs were required to implement a sustainability plan and maintain permanent programs that continue project activities after the end of the project period. The AFPs are still operating. The 33 States that currently operate a title III AFP received a cumulative total of \$60,285,260 in Federal funding during fiscal years 2000 through 2006. From FY 2000 through the end of FY 2011, AFPs, using alternative financing mechanisms such as a revolving loan or partnership loan program, have processed 12,341 loans totaling \$135,199,949 in financial assistance for the purchase of AT devices and services, an amount more than twice the original Federal funding.

To build upon the success of these AFPs, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012 (Pub. L. 112-74) provided OSERS an additional \$1,996,220 for competitive grants to support AFPs that help individuals with disabilities purchase assistive technology devices. The AFPs may include a low-interest

loan fund, an interest buy-down program, a revolving loan fund, a loan guarantee or an insurance program, or another mechanism that is approved by the Secretary.

As stated in the conference report accompanying the FY 2012 appropriations bill (House Report 112-331), the conferees' goal in providing these funds is to allow greater access to affordable financing to help people with disabilities purchase the specialized technologies needed to live independently, to succeed at school and work, and to otherwise live active and productive lives.

The conference report also states the conferees' intent that applicants should incorporate credit-building activities in their programs, including financial education and information about other possible funding sources. The conference report further states that successful applicants should emphasize consumer choice and control and build programs that will provide financing for the full array of AT devices and services and ensure that all people with disabilities, regardless of type of disability or health condition, age, level of income, and residence have access to the program.

*Priority:* This priority is established under section 437(d)(1) of the General Education Provisions Act (Pub. L. 112-123).

*Absolute Priority:* For FY 2012, this priority is an absolute priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) we consider only applications that meet this priority.

This priority is:

#### *Assistive Technology Alternative Financing Program*

This priority is for one-year grant awards to support AFPs that assist individuals with disabilities to obtain funding for AT devices and services.

In order to meet this priority, the applicant must establish or expand one or more of the following types of AFPs:

- (1) A low-interest loan fund.
- (2) An interest buy-down program.
- (3) A revolving loan fund.
- (4) A loan guarantee or insurance program.

(5) Another mechanism that is approved by the Secretary.

AFPs must be designed to allow individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, advocates, and authorized representatives to purchase AT devices or services. If family members, guardians, advocates, and authorized representatives (including employers who have been designated by an individual with a disability as an authorized representative) receive AFP support to