

SUMMARY: The Acting Director, Information Resources Group, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 18, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

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 Director of the Information Resources Group publishes this 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 at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

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.

Dated: December 13, 1996.

Linda Tague,

Acting Director, Information Resources Group.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Fiscal Operations Report and Application to Participate in Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, and Federal Work-Study Programs.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 4,800

Burden Hours: 80,241

Abstract: This data will be used to compute the amount of funds needed by each institution during the 1998-99 Award Year. The Fiscal operations report data will be used to assess program effectiveness, account for funds expended during the 1996-97 Award Year, and as part of the institutional funding process.

Office of the Under Secretary

Type of Review: New.

Title: Congressionally Mandated Study of Migrant Student Participation in Title I Schoolwide Programs.

Frequency: One Time.

Affected Public: State, local or Tribal Government, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 1,315

Burden Hours: 1,498

Abstract: Congress required a study of services to migrant children in schoolwide projects. This study uses school surveys, case studies, and document reviews to meet that requirement. A final report will be submitted to Congress in December 1997.

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Vocational Rehabilitation Service Projects for American Indians With Disabilities; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1997

Purpose of Program: To provide vocational rehabilitation services to

American Indians with disabilities who reside on Federal or State reservations, consistent with their individual strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, capabilities, and informed choice, so that they may prepare for and engage in gainful employment.

Eligible Applicants: Applications may be submitted only by the governing bodies of Indian Tribes and consortia of those governing bodies located on Federal or State reservations.

Deadline for Transmittal of

Applications: May 12, 1997

Applications Available: December 20, 1996

Available Funds: \$1,000,000

Estimated Range of Awards:

\$250,000-\$300,000

Estimated Average Size of Awards:

\$275,000

Estimated Number of Awards: 3-4

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

Project Period: Up to 36 months.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR Parts 75, 77, 80, 81, and 82; and (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR Parts 369 and 371.

Priority

Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i) and section 130(b)(4) of the Rehabilitation Act the Secretary gives preference to applications that meet the following competitive priority. The Secretary awards 10 points to an application that meets this competitive priority. These points are in addition to any points the application earns under the selection criteria for the program:

Competitive Preference Priority—Continuation of Previously Funded Tribal Programs

Section 130(b)(4) of the Rehabilitation Act provides that in making new awards under this program the Secretary gives priority consideration to applications for the continuation of tribal programs that have been funded under this program. For this competition in fiscal year 1997, the Secretary implements this priority by giving a competitive preference of 10 bonus points, in accordance with CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i), to applications that meet this priority.

For Applications: To request an application package, please call (202) 205-8351 or write to Joyce R. Jones, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3038, Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202-2649.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pamela Martin, U.S. Department of

Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3314, Switzer Building, Washington, D.C., 20202-2650. Telephone: (202) 205-8494.

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Information about the Department's funding opportunities, including copies of application notices for discretionary grant competitions, can be viewed on the Department's electronic bulletin board (ED Board), telephone (202) 260-9950; on the Internet Gopher Server (at [gopher://gcs.ed.gov/](http://gcs.ed.gov/)); or on the World Wide Web (at <http://gcs.ed.gov/>). This information can also be viewed on the Rehabilitation Services Administration's electronic bulletin board, telephone (202) 401-6147. However, the official application notice for a discretionary grant competition is the notice published in the Federal Register.

Program Authority: 29 U.S.C. 711(c) and 750.

Dated: December 13, 1996.

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Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Storage and Disposition of Weapons-Usable Fissile Materials Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) announces the availability of the Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the Storage and Disposition of Weapons-Usable Fissile Materials (S&D Final PEIS) (DOE/EIS-0229). In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and the Department's NEPA Implementation Procedures (10 CFR Part 1021), the Department has prepared the S&D PEIS to evaluate alternatives for the storage of weapons-usable fissile materials and the disposition of surplus plutonium.

DATES: A Record of Decision on the Storage and Disposition program will be issued no earlier than January 13, 1997. The Department will consider and reflect, as appropriate, in the Record of

Decision any comments received before issuance of the Record of Decision.

ADDRESSES: To request copies of the S&D Final PEIS, copies of the Summary, technical reports or other information; or to provide comments on the S&D Final PEIS write to: United States Department of Energy, Office of Fissile Materials Disposition, P.O. Box 23786, Washington, DC 20026-3786. Written (Facsimile) and oral requests and comments can also be submitted using the toll free line at 1-800-820-5156. Facsimiles should be marked Storage and Disposition Final PEIS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on DOE's National Environmental Policy Act process, please contact: Ms. Carol Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585, 202-586-4600 or leave a message at 1-800-472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Availability of the S&D Final PEIS

Copies of the S&D Final PEIS (over 4,000 pages in four volumes plus a summary) have been distributed to Federal, State, Indian tribal, and local officials; interested agencies; organizations; and individuals. The S&D Final PEIS summary is available, along with numerous other Fissile Materials Disposition Program documents on the program's Electronic Bulletin Board/World Wide Web Page (<http://web.fie.com/htdoc/fed/doe/fsl/pub/menu/any/>). Copies of the S&D Final PEIS, summary and supporting technical reports are available to the public at the DOE Reading Rooms listed at the end of this notice.

Background

On March 8, 1996, the Department published a Notice of Availability (NOA) in the Federal Register (61 FR 9443) on the Storage and Disposition of Weapons-Usable Fissile Materials Draft Environmental Impact Statement for public review and comment. The NOA invited the public to comment on the draft PEIS during a 45 day comment period that was to end on May 7, 1996. Subsequently, in response to public requests, the Department announced in the Federal Register (61 FR 22038; May 13, 1996) an extension of the comment period until June 7, 1996. Public workshops on the draft PEIS were held in Denver, CO on March 26, 1996; Las Vegas, NV on March 28 and 29, 1996; Oak Ridge, TN on April 2, 1996; Richland, WA on April 11, 1996; Idaho Falls, ID on April 15, 1996; Washington,

DC on April 17 and 18, 1996; Amarillo, TX on April 22 and 23, 1996; and North Augusta, SC on April 30, 1996.

Alternatives Considered

Storage: The S&D Final PEIS assesses the environmental impacts of four alternatives, and a No Action alternative, for the storage of weapons-usable fissile materials. The action alternatives are Upgrade at Multiple Sites alternative, Consolidate Storage of Plutonium alternative, Collocation of Plutonium and Highly Enriched Uranium alternative and a combination of the other alternatives. The S&D PEIS also analyzed sub-alternatives. The candidate sites for implementation of the alternatives are Hanford, Nevada Test Site, Idaho National Engineering Laboratory, Pantex Plant, Oak Ridge Reservation, and Savannah River Site. Each of these alternatives, except for the No Action alternative, would phaseout the storage of weapons-usable fissile materials at the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site.

Disposition: The S&D Final PEIS assesses the environmental impacts of nine action alternatives in three categories and a No Action alternative for the disposition of up to 50 metric tons of plutonium that has been or in the future may be declared surplus to national security needs. The PEIS analyzed the Deep Borehole category (two alternatives—Direct Disposition and Immobilization); the Immobilization category (three alternatives—Vitrification, Ceramic Immobilization, and Electrometallurgical Treatment); and the Reactor category (four alternatives—Existing Light Water Reactors, Partially Completed Light Water Reactors, Evolutionary Light Water Reactors and CANDU Reactors) and the No Action alternative. The preferred alternative (a combination of the above alternatives) was also analyzed.

Preferred Alternative

The Department's preferred alternative is to reduce, over time, the number of locations where plutonium and highly enriched uranium (HEU) are stored, and to pursue a disposition strategy that allows for immobilization of the surplus plutonium in glass or ceramic forms and use of surplus plutonium in mixed oxide (MOX) fuel at existing domestic reactors.

Regarding storage, the Department's preferred alternative involves:

- Phasing out storage of all weapons-usable plutonium at Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site (RFETS) beginning in 1997; moving pits to Pantex, and moving Rocky Flats'