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Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Sheila Carey at (202) 708-6287 or via her internet address Sheila.Carey@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, 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 July 2, 2001.

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Dated: April 27, 2001.

**John Tressler,**

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

### Office of Student Financial Assistance Programs

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Consolidation Loan Rebate Fee Report.

*Frequency:* Monthly.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit; State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:* Responses: 9,804, Burden Hours: 10,621.

*Abstract:* The Consolidation Loan Rebate Fee Report for payment by check or Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) will be used by approximately 817 lenders participating in the Title IV, Part B loans program. The information collected is used to transmit interest payment rebate fees to the Secretary of Education.

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#### Office of Postsecondary Education

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title:* Distance Education  
Demonstration Program Annual  
Reporting Form.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit  
institutions; Individuals or household;  
Businesses or other for-profit.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour  
Burden:* Responses: 30,544, Burden  
Hours: 6,340.

*Abstract:* The information will be used by the Department of Education to conduct analyses and prepare reports required by the Congress in the authorization of the Distance Education Demonstration Program. These analyses may also become the basis of recommendations the Department may make to amend the governing statute as prescribed by the Congress in its program authorization. Respondents include participants in the Distance Education Demonstration Program (institutions and systems and consortia of institutions) and their students who are enrolled in distance education courses and programs.

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#### Office of Student Financial Assistance Programs

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title:* Income Contingent Repayment Program Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information Form.

*Frequency:* Once every 5 years.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or household.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:* Responses: 300,000; Burden Hours: 75,000.

*Abstract:* This form is the means by which a defaulted student loan borrower (and, if married, the borrower's spouse), choosing to repay under the Income Contingent Repayment Plan, provides written consent to the disclosure of certain tax return information by the Internal Revenue Service to the Department of Education and its agents for the purpose of calculating the borrower's monthly repayment amount.

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