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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: October 23, 2008.

**Angela C. Arrington,**  
IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.

#### Federal Student Aid

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title:* Student Assistance General Provisions—Subpart I—Immigration—Status Confirmation.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

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

#### Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 78,848.

Burden Hours: 19,712.

*Abstract:* Collection of this information used for immigration status confirmation which reduces the potential of fraud and abuse caused by ineligible aliens receiving Federally subsidized student financial assistance under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA). The respondent population is institutions of higher education which must submit a USCIS Form G-845 when automated secondary confirmation of the applicant's immigration match status fails.

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 3897. 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 when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@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 IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

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Dated: October 23, 2008.

**Angela C. Arrington,**  
IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.

#### Federal Student Aid

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title:* Student Assistance General Provisions—Subpart J—Approval of Independently Administered Tests.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

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

#### Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 360,010.

Burden Hours: 181,110.

*Abstract:* This request is for approval of the reporting requirements that are contained in the Student Assistance General Provisions regulations—Subpart J, governing the approval of State processes for assessments used to measure a student's skills and abilities,

as well as private test publisher submissions for approval by the Secretary and the administration of tests that may be used to determine a student's eligibility for assistance for the Title IV student financial assistance programs authorized under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA). The Secretary publishes a list of approved tests which can be used to establish the ability to benefit for a student who does not have a high school diploma or its equivalent for Title IV, HEA eligibility purposes.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Teaching American History Grant Program

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number 84.215X.

**AGENCY:** Office of Innovation and Improvement, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed revisions to selection criteria.

**SUMMARY:** The Assistant Deputy Secretary for Innovation and Improvement proposes to amend the final selection criteria governing the Teaching American History Grant Program (TAH) as published in the notice of final selection criteria and other application requirements (2005 Notice) in the **Federal Register** on April 15, 2005 (70 FR 19939). The 2005 Notice required the Secretary to use specific selection criteria when evaluating grant applications for the TAH program. The changes proposed in this notice would

allow the Secretary to use an approach similar to that in 34 CFR 75.200 for establishing selection criteria in grant competitions. That is, the Secretary would have the flexibility to use selection criteria (i) established for the TAH program in the 2005 Notice, (ii) from the menu of general selection criteria in the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR 75.210, (iii) based on statutory provisions in accordance with 34 CFR 75.209, or (iv) from any combination of (i) through (iii) for competitions in fiscal year (FY) 2009 and in subsequent years.

**DATES:** We must receive your comments on or before November 28, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Address all comments about this notice to Mia Howerton, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4W212, Washington, DC 20202-5960.

If you prefer to send your comments by e-mail, use the following address: [Mia.Howerton@ed.gov](mailto:Mia.Howerton@ed.gov). You must include the term "Teaching American History" in the subject line of your electronic message.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mia Howerton. Telephone: (202) 205-0147 or e-mail: [Mia.Howerton@ed.gov](mailto:Mia.Howerton@ed.gov).

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Invitation to Comment:* We invite you to submit comments regarding this notice. We invite you to assist us in complying with the specific requirements of Executive Order 12866 and its overall requirement of reducing regulatory burden that might result from this regulatory action. Please let us know of any further ways we could reduce potential costs or increase potential benefits while preserving the effective and efficient administration of the program.

During and after the comment period, you may inspect all public comments on this notice in room 4W212, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Washington, DC, time, Monday through Friday of each week except Federal holidays.

*Assistance to Individuals with Disabilities in Reviewing the Rulemaking Record:* On request we will provide an appropriate accommodation or auxiliary aid to an individual with a disability who needs assistance to review the comments or other documents in the public rulemaking record for this regulatory action. If you want to schedule an appointment for

this type of accommodation or auxiliary aid, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

*Purpose of Program:* TAH is authorized under Title II, Part C, Subpart 4 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. The goal of the TAH program is to support activities that raise student achievement by improving teachers' knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of American history.

**Program Authority:** 20 U.S.C. 6721-6722.

#### Proposed Selection Criteria

##### Background

The Department's regulations in EDGAR govern, among other things, the Department's use of selection criteria to evaluate discretionary grant applications. Under § 75.200, the Secretary may use selection criteria based on statutory provisions in accordance with 34 CFR 75.209, selection criteria in program-specific regulations, selection criteria established under 34 CFR 75.210, or any combination of these. Section 75.210 provides a menu of selection criteria. For a competition, the Department selects from the menu one or more criteria that best enable us to identify the highest-quality applications consistent with the program purpose, statutory requirements, and any priorities established. Within each criterion, the Secretary may further define the criterion by selecting one or more specific factors.

The 2005 Notice established specific selection criteria by which the Department would evaluate TAH applications (Project Quality, Significance, Quality of Project Evaluation, and Quality of Management Plan) and other application requirements.

After using these specific criteria for the last three years, we have determined that the Department needs greater flexibility in using selection criteria to evaluate TAH program applications. Accordingly, we are proposing in this notice that, in addition to the criteria established for the TAH program in the 2005 Notice, the Secretary also may use selection criteria under § 75.210 and criteria based on the program statute under § 75.209, or any combination of these criteria for the purpose of evaluating grant applications under the TAH program. We believe that by expanding the range of selection criteria that could be used in a specific grant competition, we will be able to administer the TAH program more