

**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.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 1, 2007.

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

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.

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*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* U.S. Department of Education Grant Performance Report Form and Instructions (ED 524B).

*Frequency:* Annually.

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

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

*Responses:* 9,000.

*Burden Hours:* 201,000.

*Abstract:* The U.S. Department of Education (ED) information collection package, OMB Control number 1890-0004, which expires on October 31, 2007, currently includes three distinct information collection instruments: the ED 524 Budget Form, the ED 524B Grant Performance Report and the recordkeeping and reporting requirements in the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR). As part of the renewal of these instruments, ED is requesting that each of these information collection instruments be approved under separate OMB control numbers. The ED 524B will retain the 1890-0004 control number. In this information collection package, ED is requesting a two-year renewal of the ED 524B. In separate information collection packages, ED is requesting a new OMB control number for the ED 524, Budget Information Form and Instructions and a new OMB control number for the EDGAR administrative requirements.

The ED 524B form and instructions are used in order for grantees to meet ED deadline dates for submission of performance reports for Department discretionary grant programs. Recipients of multi-year discretionary grants must submit an annual performance report for each year funding has been approved in order to receive a continuation award. The annual performance report should demonstrate whether substantial progress has been made toward meeting the approved goals and objectives of the project. ED program offices may also require recipients of "forward funded" grants that are awarded funds for their entire multi-year project up-front in a single grant award to submit the ED 524B on an annual basis. In addition, ED program offices may also require recipients to use the ED 524B to submit their final performance reports to

demonstrate project success, impact and outcomes. In both the annual and final performance reports, grantees are required to provide data on established performance measures for the grant program (e.g., Government Performance and Results Act measures) and on project performance measures that were included in the grantee's approved grant application. The ED 524B also contains a number of questions related to project financial data such as Federal and non-Federal expenditures and indirect cost information.

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 3415. 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., Potomac Center, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20202-4700. Requests may also be electronically mailed to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-245-6623. 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****Office of Postsecondary Education; Overview Information; Underground Railroad Educational and Cultural Program (URR); Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2007**

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number:* 84.345A

Dates:

*Applications Available:* August 1, 2007.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* August 31, 2007.

*Eligible Applicants:* Nonprofit educational organizations that research, display, interpret, and collect artifacts relating to the history of the Underground Railroad.

*Available Funds:* \$1,980,000.

*Estimated Range of Awards:* \$500,000-\$1,000,000 total for up to three years.