

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 19, 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.

Dated: August 14, 2007.

Angela C. Arrington,

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

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: 21st Century Community Learning Centers Annual Performance Report.

Frequency: On Occasion, Quarterly, Annually.

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

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 1,400.

Burden Hours: 36,400.

Abstract: Originally authorized under Title X, Part I, of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, the program was initially administered through the U.S. Department of Education, which provided grants directly to over 1,825 grantees. With the reauthorization of the program under the No Child Left Behind Act, direct administration of the program was transferred to state education agencies (SEA) to administer their own grant competitions. Preliminary data shows that states have awarded approximately 1,400 grants to support more than 4,700 centers in every state in the country. The purpose of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program (21st CCLC) program, as reauthorized under Title IV, Part B, of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 4201 *et seq.*, (20 U.S. Code 7171 *et seq.*), is to provide expanded academic enrichment opportunities for children attending low-performing schools. To reflect the changes in the authorization and administration of the 21st CCLC program and to comply with its reporting requirements, the Education Department (ED) is requesting authorization for the collection of data through Web-based, data-collection modules, the Annual Performance Report, the Grantee Profile, the Competition Overview, and the State Activities module, which collectively will be housed in an application called the 21st CCLC Profile and Performance Information Collection System (PPICS). The data will continue to be used to fulfill ED's requirement under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) to report to Congress annually on the implementation and progress of 21st CCLC projects and the use of state administrative and technical assistance funds allocated to the states to support the program. The data collection will

also provide SEA liaisons with needed descriptive data about their grantees and allow SEA liaisons to conduct performance monitoring and identify areas of needed technical assistance.

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 3444. 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 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. 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**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 19, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Education Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10222, Washington, DC 20503. Commenters are encouraged to submit responses electronically by e-mail to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov or via fax to (202) 395-6974. Commenters should include the following subject line in their response "Comment: [insert OMB number], [insert abbreviated collection name, e.g., "Upward Bound Evaluation"]". Persons submitting comments electronically should not submit paper copies.

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Dated: August 14, 2007.

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Institute of Education Sciences

Type of Review: New.

Title: Improving Adolescent Literacy Across the Curriculum in High Schools: An Evaluation of the Strategic Instruction Model's Content Literacy Continuum.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Individuals or household; not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 2,084.

Burden Hours: 115.

Abstract: The Department of Education's Institute for Education Sciences has commissioned this evaluation as a response to the current need for experimental research about the impacts of adolescent literacy programs on reading and academic outcomes of struggling readers. This study focuses on literacy across the curriculum intervention that emphasizes literacy instruction throughout a high school student's day. High school students from diverse types of school districts across at least two of

the states in the Midwest region will be tested in literacy and other student achievement data will be collected from school records. Classroom instruction will be observed throughout the course of the intervention. District and building administrators will be interviewed about the intervention and the need for large scale district and school reform in literacy instruction.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Mathematics Advisory Panel; Notice of Open Meeting and Public Hearing

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Education, National Mathematics Advisory Panel.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting & public hearing.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of an upcoming meeting, including a public hearing, with members of the National Mathematics Advisory Panel. The notice also describes the functions of the Panel. Notice of this meeting is required by section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and is intended to notify the public of their opportunity to attend.

DATES: Thursday, September 6 and Friday, September 7, 2007.

Times: Thursday, September 6, 3:15 p.m.-5:15 p.m. and Friday, September 7, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Washington University in St. Louis, Eric P. Newman Education

Center, 320 S. Euclid Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63110.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Tyrrell Flawn, Executive Director, National Mathematics Advisory Panel, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202; telephone: (202) 260-8354.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Panel was established by Executive Order 13398. The purpose of this Panel is to foster greater knowledge of and improved performance in mathematics among American students, in order to keep America competitive, support American talent and creativity, encourage innovation throughout the American economy, and help State, local, territorial, and tribal governments give the nation's children and youth the education they need to succeed.

The meeting will be held at Washington University in St. Louis. The meeting begins on Thursday, September 6 at 3:15 p.m. with introductory remarks by Dr. Larry Faulkner, Chair of the National Mathematics Advisory Panel, and Dr. Mark Stephen Wrighton, Chancellor of Washington University in St. Louis. The Panel will meet from 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. to receive the report of the University of Chicago's National Opinion Research Center (NORC) on the Algebra Teachers' Survey commissioned by the National Math Panel. From 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. the Panel will receive public comment on the Executive Order and the Panel's work. On Friday, September 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the subcommittee on Standards of Evidence and the five task groups—Conceptual Knowledge and Skills, Learning Processes, Instructional Practices, Teachers, and Assessment—will present progress reports to the entire Panel on their work to date. Individuals interested in attending the meeting are advised to register in advance to ensure space availability. Please contact Jennifer Graban at (202) 260-1491 or by e-mail at Jennifer.Graban@ed.gov by Wednesday, August 22, 2007.

If you are interested in giving testimony during the public comment session on September 6, please contact Jennifer Graban at (202) 260-1491 or Jennifer.Graban@ed.gov by Wednesday, August 22, 2007, to reserve time on the agenda. Presenters are encouraged to address one or more of the topics covered in the Executive Order. (Please refer to the Web site at <http://www.ed.gov/mathpanel> for more