

closely review any supporting documentation, such as a signed statement by a manufacturer stating that it produces the acrylic staple fiber that is the subject of the request, including the quantities that can be supplied and the time necessary to fill an order, as well as any relevant information regarding past production.

CITA will protect any business confidential information that is marked "business confidential" from disclosure to the full extent permitted by law. CITA will make available to the public non-confidential versions of the request and non-confidential versions of any public comments received with respect to a request in room 3100 in the Herbert Hoover Building, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230. Persons submitting comments on a request are encouraged to include a non-confidential version and a non-confidential summary.

R. Matthew Priest,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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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.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before August 25, 2008.

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: June 20, 2008.

Angela C. Arrington,

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

Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development

Type of Review: New.

Title: Study of the Effects of the Section 1003(e) Hold Harmless Provision on Title I Allocations.

Frequency: One time.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 49.

Burden Hours: 196.

Abstract: This study will examine the impact of the 100 percent hold-harmless provision under Section 1003(e) on states' Title I Part A allocations to school districts. Findings from this study will inform the upcoming reauthorization of Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) and will help to guide policymakers who may consider potential changes to Section 1003 and the hold-harmless provision.

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 3745. 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 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. 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 Waivers for the Rehabilitation Training—Rehabilitation Continuing Education Program (RCEP)

AGENCY: Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of waivers for the Rehabilitation Training—Rehabilitation Continuing Education Program (RCEP).

SUMMARY: The Secretary waives the requirements in 34 CFR 75.250 and 75.261(a) and (c)(2) of the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), respectively, that generally prohibit project periods exceeding five years and project period extensions involving the obligation of additional Federal funds. These waivers will enable seven current RCEP grantees to provide continuing education to employees of vocational rehabilitation (VR) agencies and their partners and to continue to receive some additional Federal funding from July 1 through September 30, 2008.

DATES: *Effective Date:* These waivers are effective June 25, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christine Marschall, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave, SW., room 5053, Potomac Center Plaza, Washington, DC 20202-2800. Telephone: (202) 245-7429 or via Internet: Christine.Marschall@ed.gov.

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

Individuals with disabilities can obtain this document in an alternative format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, or computer diskette) on request to the contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 12, 2008, we published a notice in the

Federal Register (73 FR 26974), proposing waivers of 34 CFR 75.250 and 75.261(a) and (c)(2) of EDGAR in order to give early notice of the possibility that the Department will continue to fund seven current RCEP grantees from July 1 through September 30, 2008.

The RCEPs provide continuing education to employees of State VR agencies and their partners, as well as other rehabilitation services agencies. The Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) in the Department's Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services is in the process of redesigning the RCEPs to create and support 10 regional Technical Assistance and Continuing Education (TACE) centers. (For more information on the TACE centers, see the notice of final priority that the Department published in the **Federal Register** on June 5, 2008 (73 FR 32010). The Department intends to make awards for the TACE centers so that grant activities can begin by October 1, 2008.

The waivers announced in this notice ensure that services provided by the current RCEP grantees are provided to the extent possible through September 30, 2008, the anticipated date that the TACE centers will commence their project activities. The project periods for the following current RCEP grantees end on June 30, 2008: (1) State University of New York at Buffalo, (2) George Washington University, (3) the University of Arkansas, (4) the University of Missouri-Columbia, (5) the University of Northern Colorado, (6) San Diego State University, and (7) Western Washington University. Because it would be contrary to the public interest to have a lapse in continuing education activities before grants for RSA's new TACE projects are awarded and implemented, the Secretary will provide some additional funding to these seven RCEP grantees that are in the fifth year of their project periods to allow them to continue operating through September 30, 2008.

Note: RSA does not plan to continue funding any other RCEPs with the exception of three RCEP grantees currently in the fourth year of their grant (Assumption College, the University of Tennessee, and Georgia State University) with budget periods ending on June 30, 2008. For these three RCEP grantees, the Secretary plans to extend their current budget period and provide some additional funding to support continuing education activities through September 30, 2008.

Analysis of Comments and Changes

In response to our invitation to comment on the proposed waivers, we received 13 comments, all expressing support for the waivers. As a result,

there are no changes in the final waivers.

Waiver of Delayed Effective Date

The Administrative Procedure Act requires that a substantive rule be published at least 30 days before its effective date, except as otherwise provided for good cause (5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3)). We provided the public with an opportunity to comment on the Secretary's intent to waive the requirements in 34 CFR 75.250 and 75.261(a) and (c)(2) of EDGAR for current RCEP grantees that have grants ending on June 30, 2008, to enable them to provide continuing education to employees of VR agencies and their partners and to continue to receive some additional Federal funding from July 1 through September 30, 2008. All of the comments that we received supported the proposed waivers. Given that the current RCEP grantees' project periods will expire on June 30, 2008, in order to ensure that there is no lapse in the services provided by these grantees, the Secretary has determined that a delayed effective date is impracticable and would be contrary to the public interest.

Final Waivers—Rehabilitation Continuing Education Program

The Secretary waives the requirements in 34 CFR 75.250 and 75.261(a) and (c)(2), which prohibit project periods exceeding five years and extensions of project periods that involve the obligation of additional Federal funds, for current RCEP grantees in the fifth year of their grants.

With these waivers, the seven RCEP grantees that have grants ending on June 30, 2008, are eligible for additional funding, as available, to allow them to continue their activities through September 30, 2008.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

The Secretary certifies that the announced waivers will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

This notice of waivers does not contain any information collection requirements.

Intergovernmental Review: This program is subject to Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79. One of the objectives of the Executive order is to foster an intergovernmental partnership and a strengthened federalism. The Executive order relies on processes developed by State and local governments for coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance.

This document provides early notification of our specific plans and actions for this program.

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(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 84.264A, Rehabilitation Continuing Education Program)

Program Authority: 29 U.S.C. 772.

Dated: June 20, 2008.

Tracy R. Justesen,

Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee; Notice of Open Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy, Office of Science.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee (BESAC). Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, July 24, 2008, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday, July 25, 2008, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, 5701 Marinelli Road, North Bethesda, MD 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Talamini, Office of Basic Energy Sciences, U.S. Department of Energy, Germantown Building, Independence Avenue, Washington, DC 20585; *Telephone:* (301) 903-4563.