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Dated: September 29, 2010.

**Darrin A. King,**

*Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.*

### Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title of Collection:* Improving Literacy through School Libraries.

*OMB Control Number:* 1810-0667.

*Agency Form Number(s):* N/A.

*Frequency of Responses:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit; State, Local, or Tribal Government, State Educational Agencies or Local Educational Agencies.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 70.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 280.

*Abstract:* This information is required under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended. Specifically, part B, subpart 4 section 1251(h)(1) requires that each respondent will report on “\* \* \* how the funding was used and the extent to which the availability of, the access to, and the use of up-to-date school library media resources in the elementary and secondary schools served by the local educational agency was increased.” The final report makes specific request for easily retrieved information on each approved activity, personnel description and outcomes that can’t be derived from any other information collection.

Additionally, section 1251(j)(1) of the ESEA requires an independent evaluation of the activities supported by funds and their impact on improved reading skills not later than three (3) years after the date of enactment for ESEA, as amended and biennially thereafter. This information collection is one of three sources of data for the congressional mandated program evaluation.

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 4412. 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 and OMB Control Number when making your request.

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.

**ACTION:** Comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Education (the Department), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the reporting burden on the public and helps the public understand the Department’s information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, 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 December 6, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov) or mailed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that Federal agencies provide interested parties an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. 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: September 30, 2010.

**James Hyler,**

*Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.*

### Institute of Education Sciences

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title of Collection:* Integrated Evaluation of ARRA Funding, Implementation and Outcomes.

*OMB Control Number:* Pending.

*Agency Form Number(s):* N/A.

*Frequency of Responses:* One time.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Government, State Educational Agencies or Local Educational Agencies.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 5,551.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 1,774.

*Abstract:* On February 17, 2009, President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) into law (Pub. L. 111-50). ARRA supports investments in innovative strategies that are intended to lead to improved results for students, long-term gains in school and local education agency (LEA) capacity for success, and increased productivity and effectiveness.

This evaluation will focus on answering four sets of research questions:

- *Money:* Which states/districts/schools get which program funds, when, and how much? What do they spend it on? How much overlap is there across ARRA funding streams in terms of who receives the funding or what grantees do with it?

- *Strategies:* What efforts and activities are underway as a result of each of the ARRA programs and overall? What state policies are changing or being enacted? What specific interventions are districts and schools implementing? How do the strategies line up with the four assurances or with the specific strategies promoted by the different programs?

- *Implementation Process:* How much coordination do states and

districts report in the decision-making and planning for implementation across the various streams of funds? Are districts that receive funds directly (e.g., thru I3) employing strategies that are consistent with their state's policies and plans (e.g., under Race to the Top)? On an ongoing basis, what challenges do grantees face in enacting their plans and what successes have they had?

- **Outcomes:** Is receiving more ARRA funds or certain types of funds associated with improvement in student outcomes or other key measures (e.g., more equitable distribution of teacher quality)?

The integrated evaluation will draw on existing data, including ED data collections, ED ARRA program files, ARRA required reporting, and databases of achievement and other outcomes. The evaluation will also collect new information through surveys of (1) The 50 states and the District of Columbia, (2) a nationally representative sample of school districts, and (3) a nationally representative sample of schools within the sampled school districts. Surveys are planned for spring 2011, spring 2012, and spring 2013. Subsamples of school districts will also be drawn to receive a smaller set of questions (polls); these polls will be administered twice between 2011 and 2013.

A report will be prepared in the first year of the evaluation to describe the distribution of funding. A report and state tabulations will be prepared after each annual survey. The first report, based on the 2011 surveys, will focus on early ARRA implementation and strategies. The second report, based on the 2012 surveys, will expand upon strategies implemented under ARRA. The final report will draw upon existing data on outcomes as well as data from the 2013 surveys.

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## ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Notice

**AGENCY:** U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of Public Meeting and Hearing Agenda.

**DATE AND TIME:** Thursday, October 14, 2010, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time (PDT).

**PLACE:** Sheraton Pasadena Hotel, 303 East Cordova Street, Pasadena, CA 91101, 626-449-4000.

**MEETING AGENDA:** The Commission will hold a public meeting to consider and discuss the following matters: (1) Consideration of Election Worker Appreciation Resolution, and (2) Discussion of Voter Preparation and Information. Commissioners will consider other administrative matters.

**HEARING AGENDA:** The Commission will conduct a public hearing to receive testimony on proposed draft National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) regulations. Members of the public who wish to speak at the hearing, regarding proposed NVRA regulations may send a request to participate to the EAC via e-mail to [testimony@eac.gov](mailto:testimony@eac.gov) by 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) on Tuesday, October 12, 2010. Members of the public may also sign up at the public meeting as long as they do so before the public meeting adjourns and the public hearing begins and EAC has not already received the maximum number of requests to testify via e-mail. Due to time constraints, the EAC can select no more than ten participants amongst the volunteers who request to participate. Each participant will be allotted up to five minutes each to share his or her viewpoint. Participants will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis. To maximize diversity of input, only one participant per organization or entity will be chosen. Participants may also submit written testimony to be published at <http://www.eac.gov>. All requests must include a description of what will be said, contact information which will be used to notify the requestor with status of request (phone number on which a message may be left or e-mail), and include the subject/attention line (or on the envelope if by mail): **Testimony on proposed NVRA regulations**. Please note that these testimonies will be made available to the public at <http://www.eac.gov>.

Written testimony from members of the public, regarding proposed NVRA regulations will also be accepted. This testimony will be included as part of the written record of the hearing, and available on our Web site. Written testimony must be submitted before the end of the public hearing, and received by 4 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) on Thursday, October 14, 2010. Written testimony should be submitted via e-mail at [testimony@eac.gov](mailto:testimony@eac.gov), via mail addressed to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission 1201 New York Avenue, NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20005, or by fax at 202-566-1392. All correspondence that contains written testimony must have in the subject/attention line (or on the envelope if by mail): **Written testimony on proposed NVRA regulations**.

Members of the public may observe but not participate in EAC meetings unless this notice provides otherwise. Members of the public may use small electronic audio recording devices to record the proceedings. The use of other recording equipment and cameras requires advance notice to and coordination with the Commission's Communications Office.\*

\*View EAC Regulations Implementing Government in the Sunshine Act.

This meeting and hearing will be open to the public.

**PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION:** Bryan Whitener, Telephone: (202) 566-3100.

**Donetta Davidson,**

*Chair, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Paducah

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Paducah. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**. **DATES:** Thursday, October 21, 2010 6 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Barkley Centre, 111 Memorial Drive, Paducah, Kentucky 42001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Reinhard Knerr, Deputy Designated