

National and Community Service, by any of the following two methods within 30 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**:

- (1) By fax to: (202) 395-6974, Attention: Ms. Sharon Mar, OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service; and
- (2) Electronically by e-mail to: [smar@omb.eop.gov](mailto:smar@omb.eop.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Corporation, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Propose ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Propose ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

#### Comments

A 60-day public comment Notice was published in the **Federal Register** on February 18, 2011. This comment period ended April 19, 2011. Three public comments were received from this notice that all dealt with the budget for program grants, and asked that line items being removed from the existing budget instructions be retained. The decision to remove those line items (such as supplies) stands based on General Counsel's interpretation of our legislation. Additional comments were made regarding the lack of definitions for questions/categories in our online help system. The online help system will be reviewed and descriptive text added. Description: The Corporation is seeking approval of its AmeriCorps VISTA Concept Paper, Application and Budget Instructions, Project Progress Report (PPR) and Progress Report Supplement (VPRS) which are used by potential and current AmeriCorps VISTA sponsors. The Corporation is proposing to merge two current information collection requests into one information collection request consisting of four instruments.

The information collection will otherwise be used in the same manner

as the currently approved information collection requests. The Corporation also seeks to continue using the current information collections until the renewal is approved by OMB. The current information collection requests are due to expire on May 11, 2011 and September 30, 2011.

*Type of Review:* Renewal.  
*Agency:* Corporation for National and Community Service.  
*Title:* AmeriCorps VISTA Application and Instructions.

*OMB Number:* 3045-0038.  
*Agency Number:* None.  
*Affected Public:* Potential sponsors, current sponsoring organizations, current subsite organizations, and VISTAs.

*Instrument:* Concept Paper  
*Total Respondents:* 3,200 for the concept paper.  
*Frequency:* One time.  
*Average Time per Response:* Two hours for Concept Paper  
*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 6,400 hours.  
*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* None.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* None.  
*Instrument:* Application and Budget Instructions  
*Total Respondents:* 1,000 for the full application.  
*Frequency:* Annually.  
*Average Time per Response:* 15 hours for application.  
*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 15,000 hours.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* None.  
*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* None.

#### AmeriCorps\*VISTA Project Progress Reports

*OMB Number:* 3045-0043.  
*Agency Number:* None.  
*Instrument:* Project Progress Report  
*Total Respondents:* 1,100.  
*Frequency:* Quarterly.  
*Average Time per Response:* 7 hours.  
*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 30,800 hours.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* None.  
*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* None.  
*Instrument:* VISTA Progress Report Supplement,  
*Total Respondents:* 1,100.  
*Frequency:* Annual.  
*Average Time per Response:* 9 hours.  
*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 9,900 hours.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* None.  
*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* None.

Dated: May 23, 2011.

**Paul Davis,**

*Acting AmeriCorps VISTA Director.*

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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, Privacy, Information and Records 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 July 26, 2011.

**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 Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Information Management and Privacy 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: May 23, 2011.

**Darrin A. King,**

Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management.

**Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development**

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title of Collection:* Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Online Learning Courses for Secondary Students.

*OMB Control Number:* 1875-NEW.

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

*Frequency of Responses:* Once.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 1,761.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 220.

*Abstract:* Given the considerable scale at which online learning is being used in schools today, it is particularly important that policymakers have research-based guidance available about how best to deploy online learning activities. However, few rigorous studies have been completed that compare K-12 student achievement in online learning to traditional, classroom-based education. Similarly, while many articles provide advice regarding the "best" ways to implement online learning, few report an empirical basis for recommended practices. To fill this critical gap in knowledge, this study will provide rigorous empirical data on the effectiveness of online learning for secondary students. This study will conduct surveys of teachers and students engaged in online learning courses in two states: Florida and North Carolina. Both states have large-scale, statewide virtual school providers. In Florida, the impact of a game-based, online U.S. History course offered by the Florida Virtual School (FLVS) on student learning will be compared to a traditional FLVS U.S. History online course using an experimental design, randomly assigning students to conditions. Learning outcomes will be assessed at the end of two topical units—Civil Rights and the Industrial Revolution. In North Carolina, the impact of online learning for secondary students enrolled in five different

courses offered by the North Carolina Virtual Public School will be compared with peers enrolled in similar courses in face-to-face instruction. The North Carolina study will use a quasi-experimental design using propensity score matching. State end-of-course exams for each course and the scores on the Advanced Placement U.S. History exam will be used as the primary outcome measures. In addition to the surveys of online teachers and students, a sample of North Carolina teachers teaching similar courses in face-to-face instruction will be administered a survey to collect information on instructional practices in the comparison face-to-face courses.

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 4629. 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 ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. IC11-516A-000]

**Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-516A), Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension**

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of section 3506(c)(2)(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described below.

**DATES:** Comments in consideration of the collection of information are due July 26, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Commenters must send an original of their comments to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments may be filed either on paper or on CD/DVD, and should refer to Docket No. IC11-516A-000. Documents must be prepared in an acceptable filing format and in compliance with Commission submission guidelines at <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp>. eFiling and eSubscription are not available for Docket No. IC11-516A-000, due to a system issue.

All comments and FERC issuances may be viewed, printed or downloaded remotely through FERC's eLibrary at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>, by searching on Docket No. IC11-516A. For user assistance, contact FERC Online Support by e-mail at [ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov](mailto:ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov), or by phone at: (866) 208-3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502-8659 for TTY.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Ellen Brown may be reached by e-mail at [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov), telephone at (202) 502-8663, and fax at (202) 273-0873.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The information collected under the requirements of FERC-516A, "Small Generator Interconnection Agreements" (OMB No. 1902-2003), is used by the Commission to enforce the statutory provisions of sections 205 and 206 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), as amended by Title II, section 211 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA)(16 U.S.C. 825d). FPA sections 205 and 206 require the Commission to remedy undue discriminatory practices within interstate electric utility operations.

The Commission amended its regulations in 2005 with Order No. 2006 to require public utilities that own, control, or operate facilities used for the transmission of electric energy in interstate commerce to amend their Open Access Transmission Tariffs (OATTs) to include a Commission-approved *pro forma* interconnection procedures document and a standard interconnection agreement for the interconnection of generating facilities having a capacity of no more than 20 MW (Small Generators).<sup>1</sup>

Prior to Order No. 2006, the Commission's policy had been to

<sup>1</sup> *Standardization of Small Generator Interconnection Agreements and Procedures*, Order No. 2006, 70 FR 34189 (May 12, 2005), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,180 (2005).