

guidelines on the conduct of computer matching programs, notice is hereby given of the establishment of a computer matching program between the U.S. Department of Education (ED) (recipient agency), and the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) (source agency). This matching program will become effective as explained in this notice.

In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-503) and the Computer Matching and Privacy Protections Amendments of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-508) (Privacy Act), Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Guidelines on the Conduct of Matching Programs published in the **Federal Register** on June 19, 1989 (54 FR 25818), and OMB Circular No. A-130, Transmittal Memorandum #4, Management of Federal Information Resources (Nov. 28, 2000), we provide the following information:

#### 1. Names of Participating Agencies

The U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

#### 2. Purpose of the Match

The purpose of this matching program between ED and OPM is to assist ED in detecting improper disbursements or overpayments of need-based student financial assistance funds under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), to Federal employees or their dependents. Overpayments may occur when Federal employee applicants underreport family income on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Financial need is determined by using a standard formula, established by Congress, to evaluate the financial information reported on the FAFSA and to determine the expected family contribution (EFC). A fundamental element in this standard formula is the student's or parents' income. This program will assist in verifying the income information reported by Federal employees on the FAFSA. ED will compare the FAFSA income to the income listed in OPM/GOVT-1 General Personnel Records System (71 FR 35342, June 29, 2006).

#### 3. Authority for Conducting the Matching Program

ED is authorized to participate in the matching program under the Inspector General Act (IG Act) (5 U.S.C. App.). Section 2 of the IG Act authorizes ED's Office of Inspector General (OIG) to conduct audits and investigations relating to the programs and operations

of ED. Section 4(a)(3) of the IG Act provides that it shall be the duty and responsibility of each Inspector General to coordinate other activities carried out or financed by ED for the purpose of preventing and detecting fraud and abuse in its programs and operations. In addition, under section 4(a)(4) of the IG Act it is the responsibility of ED's Inspector General to coordinate relationships between ED and other Federal agencies with respect to all matters relating to the prevention and detection of fraud and abuse in programs and operations administered or financed by ED.

#### 4. Categories of Records and Individuals Covered by the Match

The Office of Inspector General Data Analytics System (ODAS) (18-10-02), which downloads data from the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) (18-11-06) and contains FAFSA information that ED uses to determine eligibility for need-based student financial assistance, will be matched against OPM's General Personnel Records System, which maintains records of current and former Federal employees, including grades, dates, and salaries for all Federal positions held.

#### 5. Effective Dates of the Matching Program

The matching program will become effective: (1) Thirty days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**; or (2) forty days after a report concerning the matching program has been transmitted to the Office of Management and Budget and the Congress, whichever date occurs last. The matching program will continue for 18 months and can be extended for an additional 12 months thereafter if the conditions specified in 5 U.S.C. 552a(o)(2)(D) have been met.

#### 6. Address for Receipt of Public Comments or Inquiries

Individuals wishing to comment on this matching program or obtain additional information about the program, including requesting a copy of the computer matching agreement between ED and OPM, should contact Ms. Shelley Shepherd, Assistant Counsel to the Inspector General, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: (202) 245-7077. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

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**Kathleen S. Tighe,**  
*Inspector General.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No. 84.325F]

### National Center To Enhance the Professional Development of School Personnel Who Share Responsibility for Improving Results for Children With Disabilities; Final Extension of Project Period and Waiver

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

**ACTION:** Notice of final extension of project period and waiver for the National Center to Enhance the Professional Development of School Personnel Who Share Responsibility for Improving Results for Children with Disabilities.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary issues this notice to waive the requirements in the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) that generally prohibit project periods exceeding five years and extensions of project periods involving the obligation of additional Federal funds. This extension of project period and waiver enables the currently funded National Center to Enhance the Professional Development of School Personnel Who

Share Responsibility for Improving Results for Children with Disabilities to receive funding from October 1, 2011, through September 30, 2012.

**DATES:** The extension of project period and waiver is effective August 12, 2011.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** ShedeH Hajghassemali, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 4091, Potomac Center Plaza (PCP), Washington, DC 20202-2550. Telephone: (202) 245-7506.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 7, 2011, the Department published a notice in the **Federal Register** (76 FR 32968-32969) proposing an extension of project period and a waiver of 34 CFR 75.250 and 75.261(a) and (c) in order to—

(1) Enable the Secretary to provide additional funds to the currently funded National Center to Enhance the Professional Development of School Personnel Who Share Responsibility for Improving Results for Children with Disabilities (Center) for an additional 12-month period, from October 1, 2011, through September 30, 2012; and

(2) Request comments on the proposed extension of project period and waiver.

There are no substantive differences between the notice of proposed extension of project period and waiver and this notice of final extension of project period and waiver.

#### Public Comment

In response to our invitation in the notice of proposed project period and waiver, we did not receive any substantive comments. Generally, we do not address comments that do not express views on the substance of the notice of proposed extension of project period and waiver.

#### Waiver of Delayed Effective Date

The Administrative Procedure Act requires that a substantive rule must 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 received no substantive comments on the proposed extension of project period and waiver, and we have not made any substantive changes to the proposal. The Secretary has therefore determined to waive the delayed effective date to ensure a timely continuation grant to the entity affected.

#### Background

On June 19, 2006, the Department published a notice in the **Federal**

**Register** (71 FR 35260) inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2006 for a National Professional Development Enhancement Center (Center), funded under the Personnel Development to Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities program authorized under section 662 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 20 U.S.C. 1462.

The purpose of the Center is to provide pre-service training and professional development programs with high-quality instructional modules, materials, and resources in order to improve the overall quality of special education personnel training and professional development. The Center's goals are to help ensure that local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools have the capacity to implement school improvement programs; to close achievement gaps between students with disabilities and their peers; and to promote access to, and greater participation and progress in, the general education curriculum in the least restrictive environment for students with disabilities.

Based on the 2006 notice inviting applications, the Department made one award to Vanderbilt University to serve as the Center. The project period was 60 months, and it is scheduled to end on September 30, 2011.

We believe that it is not in the public interest to hold a new competition under this program in 2011 to fund a new Center as the Department is currently working on changes to the entire Personnel Development to Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities program. The program's new design will ensure that all projects the program supports are more strategically aligned with each other and that all projects better meet the needs of LEAs and schools for effective personnel. The Department is currently shaping these changes and expects to fund a new competition in FY 2012. However, we also have concluded that it is not in the public interest for the Center to have a lapse in the provision of the resources currently provided by the Center.

For these reasons, the Secretary waives the requirements in 34 CFR 75.250, which prohibit project periods exceeding five years; waives the requirements in 34 CFR 75.261(a) and (c), which limit the extension of a project period if the extension involves the obligation of additional Federal funds; and is issuing a continuation award under 34 CFR 75.253 in the amount of \$1,350,000 to Vanderbilt University (H325F060003) to operate

the Center for an additional 12-month period.

Waiving these regulations and issuing this continuation award ensure that pre-service and professional development programs will continue to receive instructional modules, materials, and resources to improve the overall quality of training for individuals who provide services to students with disabilities.

With this final extension of project period and waiver, the Center will conduct the following activities during FY 2012:

(a) Build on the previous work of the project by developing additional products, and disseminating both new and previously developed products to an increased number of institutions of higher education, State educational agencies, LEAs, and any other entities that provide training and professional development to individuals who provide services to students with disabilities.

(b) Develop products and services based on the input obtained from the comprehensive needs-assessments, textbook analyses, focus groups, and consumer-input processes previously conducted by the Center that tapped the experiences and expertise of an array of partners, consumers, and advisors, including staff from the Department's Office of Special Education Programs. In addition, the Center must continue to seek recommendations from consumers and the Department to guide the development of enhancements (e.g., interactive modules, case studies, activities, information briefs) and services (e.g., technical assistance to faculty, training of trainers, training sessions, and dissemination activities) provided by the Center.

(c) Continue to disseminate project products to instructors and their students through a cost-free, dedicated Web site that meets accessibility standards under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act. (See <http://www.section508.gov> for additional information on these standards.)

#### Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

The Secretary certifies that this final extension of project period and waiver will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The only entities that will be affected are the current grantee serving as the Professional Development Enhancement Center and any other potential applicants.

#### Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

The final extension of project period and the waiver do not contain any information collection requirements.

### Intergovernmental Review

This program is subject to the requirements of 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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Dated: August 9, 2011.

Alexa Posny,

*Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No. 84.326H]

### National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center; Final Extension of Project Period and Waiver

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

**ACTION:** Notice of final extension of project period and waiver for the National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary issues this notice to waive the requirements in the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) that generally prohibit project periods exceeding five years and extensions of project periods involving the obligation of additional Federal funds. This extension of project period and waiver enables the currently funded National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center to receive funding from October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012.

**DATES:** The extension of project period and waiver is effective August 12, 2011.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Julia Martin Eile, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 4056, Potomac Center Plaza (PCP), Washington, DC 20202-2550. Telephone: (202) 245-7431.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 7, 2011, the Department published a notice in the **Federal Register** (76 FR 32967) proposing an extension of project period and a waiver of 34 CFR 75.250 and 75.261(a) and (c) in order to—

(1) Enable the Secretary to provide additional funds to the currently funded National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (NECTAC) for an additional 12-month period, from October 1, 2011, through September 30, 2012; and

(2) Request comments on the proposed extension of project period and waiver.

There are no substantive differences between the notice of proposed extension of project period and waiver and this notice of final extension of project period and waiver.

### Public Comment

In response to our invitation in the notice of proposed extension of project period and waiver, we did not receive any substantive comments. Generally we do not address comments that do not express views on the substance of the notice of proposed extension of project period and waiver.

### Waiver of Delayed Effective Date

The Administrative Procedure Act requires that a substantive rule must 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 received no substantive

comments on the notice of proposed extension of project period and waiver, and we have not made any substantive changes to the proposal. The Secretary has therefore determined to waive the delayed effective date to ensure a timely continuation grant to the entity affected.

### Background

On April 28, 2006, the Department published a notice in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 25163) inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2006 for NECTAC. The purpose of the NECTAC, which was funded under the Technical Assistance and Dissemination to Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities (TA&D) program, authorized under section 663 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 20 U.S.C. 1463, is to ensure that eligible infants, toddlers, and children with disabilities (ages birth through five years) receive, as appropriate, services under Parts B and C of IDEA that ultimately improve their developmental and early learning outcomes. Another purpose of the NECTAC is to ensure that the families of eligible infants, toddlers, and children receiving services under Part C of IDEA receive services necessary to enhance families' capacity to meet the developmental needs of their infants, toddlers, or children.

Based on the 2006 notice inviting applications, the Department made one award for a period of 60 months to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to carry out the activities of the NECTAC.

Currently, the NECTAC focuses on providing technical assistance to strengthen State and local early childhood systems and improve outcomes for infants, toddlers, and children with disabilities and families of infants, toddlers, and children receiving services under Part C of IDEA.

The NECTAC's current project period is scheduled to end on September 30, 2011. We believe that it is not in the public interest to hold a new competition under this program in 2011 to fund a new NECTAC. An extension of the current grantee's project will align the end of the current NECTAC project period with the expiration of the project period for the Technical Assistance Center on Social-Emotional Intervention for Young Children (CFDA No. 84.326B) and allow for the Department to develop a strategic and better coordinated approach to early childhood special education technical assistance without there being a lapse in the provision of technical assistance services currently provided by the NECTAC. We also have concluded that it is not in the public