

Progress (NAEP) 2014–2016 System Clearance.

OMB Control Number: 1850–0790.

Type of Review: New Generic information collection to an existing collection of information.

Respondents/Affected Public:

Individuals or households.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 23,661.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 15,612.

Abstract: The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is a federally authorized survey of student achievement at grades 4, 8, and 12 in various subject areas, such as mathematics, reading, writing, science, U.S. history, civics, geography, economics, and the arts. In the current legislation that reauthorized NAEP (20 U.S.C. § 9622), Congress again mandated the collection of national education survey data through a national assessment program. This 2014 Wave 2 submittal contains the grade 8 student core and Technology and Engineering Literacy (TEL) survey questions; the grade 8 school TEL survey questions (School Characteristics and Policies (SCP), TEL, and Charter School); and Assessment Feedback Surveys.

Dated: August 6, 2013.

Stephanie Valentine,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED–2013–ICCD–0106]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Evaluation of the Early Warning and Intervention Monitoring System

AGENCY: Institute of Education Sciences/ National Center for Education Statistics (IES), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 3501 *et seq.*), ED is proposing a new information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 11, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting Docket ID number ED–2013–ICCD–0106

or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Room 2E105, Washington, DC 20202–4537.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Electronically mail ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Please do not send comments here.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), 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, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. 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. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Evaluation of the Early Warning and Intervention Monitoring System.

OMB Control Number: 1850–NEW.

Type of Review: A new information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 1,589.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 4,899.

Abstract: The proposed study is a two-year randomized controlled trial (RCT) to examine the impact of implementing an early warning system

on school processes and student outcomes. The project responds to a need expressed by members of the REL Midwest's Ohio Dropout Prevention Alliance for clear information about the efficacy of early warning systems. Despite the strong foundational research on the use of early indicators to identify students who are at risk of not graduating and the increasingly widespread implementation of early warning systems by states, districts and schools to date there have been no rigorous studies testing the impact of early warning systems on student outcomes such as staying in school, progressing in school and graduating. There also is very little information on the impact of adopting an early warning system on school level processes, such as how schools allocate their limited resources to prevent dropout and how early warning systems may affect school data culture.

Dated: August 6, 2013.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of Science, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Renewal

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 14(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, (Pub. L. 92–463), and in accordance with Title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 102–3.65, and following consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee will be renewed for a two-year period beginning on August 2, 2013.

The Committee will provide advice to the Office of Science (DOE), on long-range plans, priorities, and strategies for advancing plasma science, fusion science and fusion technology—the knowledge base needed for an economically and environmentally attractive fusion energy source.

Additionally, the renewal of the Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee has been determined to be essential to conduct business of the Department of Energy and to be in the public interest in connection with the

performance of duties imposed upon the Department of Energy, by law and agreement. The Committee will continue to operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, adhering to the rules and regulations in implementation of that Act.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edmund J. Synakowski at (301) 903-4941.

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 5, 2013.

Carol A. Matthews,
Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Limited Public Interest Waiver Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act)

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of Limited Waiver.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is hereby granting a determination of inapplicability (unreasonable cost waiver) of section 1605 of the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009 (Recovery Act Buy American provisions) to the California Energy Commission, recipient of EECBG grant EE0000905, for the installation of a heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system at the City of La Cañada Flintridge City Hall building.

This waiver applies only to this project.

DATES: *Effective Date:* September 12, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christine Platt-Patrick, Weatherization and Intergovernmental Program, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), (202) 287-1553, buyamerican@ee.doe.gov, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Mailstop EE-2K, Washington, DC 20585.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the authority of the Recovery Act, section 1605(b)(3), the head of a Federal department or agency may issue a "determination of inapplicability" (a waiver of the Buy American provisions) if the application of section 1605 would represent an 'unreasonable cost'. The

authority of the Secretary of Energy to make all inapplicability determinations was re-delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), for EERE projects under the Recovery Act, in Redelegation Order No. 00-002.01E, dated April 25, 2011, for EERE Recovery Act projects.

Pursuant to this delegation, the Assistant Secretary has determined that application of section 1605 restrictions represents an 'unreasonable cost' for the project described herein.

Specifically, this unreasonable cost determination waives the Buy American requirements to the California Energy Commission, recipient of EECBG grant EE0000905, for the installation of a heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system at the City of La Cañada Flintridge City Hall building.

EERE has developed a robust process to ascertain in a systematic and expeditious manner whether or not there is domestic manufacturing capacity for the items submitted for a waiver of the Recovery Act Buy American provision. This process involves a close collaboration with the United States Department of Commerce National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP), in order to scour the domestic manufacturing landscape in search of producers before making any nonavailability or unreasonable cost determinations.

The NIST MEP has 59 regional centers with substantial knowledge of, and connections to, the domestic manufacturing sector. MEP uses their regional centers to 'scout' for current or potential manufacturers of the product(s) submitted in a waiver request. In the course of this interagency collaboration, MEP has been able to find exact or partial matches for manufactured goods that EERE grantees had been unable to locate. As a result, in those cases, EERE was able to work with the grantees to procure American-made products rather than granting a waiver.

Upon receipt of completed waiver requests for the product in the current waiver, EERE reviewed the information provided and submitted the relevant technical information to the NIST MEP. The MEP then used their network of nationwide centers to scout for domestic manufacturers.

In addition to the MEP collaboration outlined above, the EERE Buy American Team worked with labor unions, trade associations and other manufacturing stakeholders to scout for domestic manufacturing capacity or an equivalent

product for the HVAC components contained in this waiver. EERE also conducted significant amounts of independent research to supplement MEP's scouting efforts.

As a result of EERE's efforts and MEP's scouting process, it was determined that if the described HVAC system was manufactured domestically, it will increase the total project cost by more than 25%.

The subject HVAC Replacement Project entails the replacement of eight (8) package rooftop units (gasheat/electric cool) at the City of La Cañada Flintridge City Hall building. Units are in the range of 2½ to 5 tons in cooling capacity. New package units shall be equipped with air-side economizers and new roof curbs. The City solicited bid proposals for the project through a public bid process.

Contract drawings and specifications were created based on a Carrier design (Model 48ES Series) which at the time of document preparation was believed to be manufactured in the United States. A "Product Bulletin" (dated July 26, 2010) from Carrier indicated that the Carrier unit (Model 48ES) was indeed manufactured in America not long ago. Specifically, the subject HVAC unit (48ES) was manufactured at Carrier's plant in Tyler, TX, before recently moving its operation to Mexico.

The primary reason that Carrier (Model 48ES) was used as the basis of design for this project was because the existing units presently serving the City Hall building are also made by Carrier. In an effort to reduce project complexity and installation costs, it was understood that the proposed units shall have equal (or near equal) dimensions as the existing units. The sure way this would be accomplished is through use of new Carrier units. While other manufacturers may have equal performance characteristics, dimensional data may be significantly different. This includes but is not limited to (a) Unit base dimensions/footprint, (b) unit height, (c) supply/return duct openings and dimensions, (d) electrical and natural gas line connection locations and clearances, all of which could impact the project's complexity and costs. The grant recipient provided a mechanical unit schedule (from the Contract Drawings) in the application for a waiver, which includes a comparison of existing and proposed HVAC unit dimensions.

City and Contractor then conducted a survey of the market to find HVAC Packaged Units that meet both the technical specs and the Buy American requirements. Four manufacturers were identified by the City, one was