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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under section 153(a)(1)(I) of the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002, 20 U.S.C. 9543, which authorizes NCES to gather data on the financing of education, NCES collects data annually from SEAs through ED Form 2447. The report from SEAs includes attendance, revenue, and expenditure data from which NCES determines a State's "average per-pupil expenditure" (SPPE) for elementary and secondary education, as defined in section 9101(2) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA) (20 U.S.C. 7801(2)).

In addition to using the SPPE data as general information on the financing of elementary and secondary education, the Secretary uses these data directly in calculating allocations for certain formula grant programs, including, but not limited to, title I, part A of the ESEA, Impact Aid, and Indian Education programs. Other programs, such as the Education for Homeless Children and Youth program under Title VII of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and the Teacher Quality State Grants program (title II, part A of the ESEA), make use of SPPE data indirectly because their formulas are based, in whole or in part, on State Title I, part A allocations.

In January 2015, the Census Bureau, acting as the data collection agent for NCES, will email to SEAs ED Form 2447, with instructions, and will request that SEAs commence submitting FY 2014 data to the Census Bureau on Friday, January 30, 2015. SEAs are urged to submit accurate and complete data by Friday, March 13, 2015, to facilitate timely processing.

Submissions by SEAs to the Census Bureau will be analyzed for accuracy and returned to each SEA for verification. SEAs must submit all data, including any revisions to FY 2013 and FY 2014 data, to the Census Bureau no later than Friday, August 14, 2015. Any resubmissions of FY 2013 or FY 2014 data by SEAs in response to requests for clarification, reconciliation, or other inquiries by NCES or the Census Bureau must be completed by Tuesday, September 8, 2015. Between August 14, 2015, and September 8, 2015, SEAs may also, on their own initiative, resubmit data to resolve issues not addressed in

their final submission of NPEFS data by August 14, 2015. All outstanding data issues must be reconciled or resolved by the SEAs, NCES, and the Census Bureau as soon as possible, but no later than September 8, 2015.

In order to facilitate timely submission of data, the Census Bureau will send reminder notices to SEAs in May, June, and July of 2015.

Having accurate, consistent, and timely information is critical to an efficient and fair Department of Education (Department) allocation process and to the NCES statistical process. To ensure timely distribution of Federal education funds based on the best, most accurate data available, the Department establishes, for program funding allocation purposes, Friday, August 14, 2015, as the final date by which the SEAs must submit data online using the interactive survey form on the NPEFS data collection Web site at: <http://surveys.nces.ed.gov/ccdnpefs> or ED Form 2447 must be submitted.

Any resubmissions of FY 2013 or FY 2014 data by SEAs in response to requests for clarification, reconciliation, or other inquiries by NCES or the Census Bureau must be completed through the interactive survey form on the NPEFS data collection Web site or ED Form 2447 by Tuesday, September 8, 2015. If an SEA submits revised data after the final deadline that result in a lower SPPE figure, the SEA's allocations may be adjusted downward, or the Department may direct the SEA to return funds. SEAs should be aware that all of these data are subject to audit and that, if any inaccuracies are discovered in the audit process, the Department may seek recovery of overpayments for the applicable programs.

**Note:** The following are important dates in the data collection process for FY 2014:

January 30, 2015—SEAs can begin to submit accurate and complete data for FY 2014 and revisions to previously submitted data for FY 2013.

March 13, 2015—Date by which SEAs are urged to submit accurate and complete data for FY 2013 and FY 2014.

August 14, 2015—Mandatory final submission date for FY 2013 and FY 2014 data to be used for program funding allocation purposes.

September 8, 2015—Mandatory final deadline for responses by SEAs to requests for clarification, reconciliation, or other inquiries by NCES or the Census Bureau. All data issues must be resolved.

If an SEA's submission is received by the Census Bureau after August 14, 2015, the SEA must show one of the following as proof that the submission was mailed on or before that date:

1. A legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark.

2. A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service.

3. A dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier.

4. Any other proof of mailing acceptable to the Secretary.

If the SEA mails ED Form 2447 through the U.S. Postal Service, the Secretary does not accept either of the following as proof of mailing:

1. A private metered postmark.  
2. A mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Service.

**Note:** The U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark. Before relying on this method, an SEA should check with its local post office.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Proposed Agency Information Collection

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice and Request for OMB Review and Comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance, a proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. DOE, Office of Science (SC), has chosen to leverage the use of Government, Off-the-Shelf (GOTS) software capabilities to implement a new consolidated system called Portfolio Analysis and Management System (PAMS).

**DATES:** Comments regarding this collection must be received on or before February 23, 2015. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, please advise the DOE Desk Officer at OMB of your intention to make a submission as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at 202-395-4650.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to the DOE Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10102, 735 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.

And to Marina Amoroso, Program Management Specialist, Office of Information Technology and Services, Germantown Building; Room E-180, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20585-1290, Email: [marina.amoroso@science.doe.gov](mailto:marina.amoroso@science.doe.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Marina Amoroso by email at [marina.amoroso@science.doe.gov](mailto:marina.amoroso@science.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This section contains the following information about the information collection submitted to OMB for review: (1) OMB No. New; (2) Information Collection Request Title: Portfolio Analysis and Management System (PAMS) Submissions for Letter of Intent (LOI), Pre-proposals, Interagency Proposals, and DOE National Laboratory Proposals; System Registration by External Users. (3) Type of Request: New collection; (4) Purpose: This new system is based on the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Electronic Handbooks software. Discretionary financial assistance proposals continue to be collected using Grants.gov but are imported into PAMS for use by the program offices. Under the proposed information collection, an external interface will be implemented in PAMS to allow two other types of proposal submission: DOE National

Laboratories will be able to submit proposals for technical work authorizations directly into PAMS, while other Federal Agencies will be able to submit Proposals for interagency awards directly into PAMS. External users from all institution types will be able to submit Solicitation Letters of Intent and Pre-proposals directly into PAMS. All applicants, whether they submitted through Grants.gov or PAMS, will be able to register with PAMS to view the proposals that were submitted. They will also be able to maintain a minimal amount of information in their personal profile. The proposed collection will automate and streamline the submission, tracking, and correspondence portions of financial award pre-review processes. The information collected will be used by DOE to select applicants and projects for financial awards. (5) Annual Estimated Number of Respondents: The following numbers are calculated using the average of the number of financial assistance proposals received in fiscal year 2006 through fiscal year 2010. 9,920 PAMS registrants, who are to include 8,000 submitters of lab proposals, interagency proposals, pre-proposals, and Letters Of Intent (LOI) (assuming one person per estimated submission) and 1,920 reviewers of proposals submitted through Grants.gov. (6) Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses: The Office of Science receives about 1,000 DOE national laboratory and interagency proposals per year, based on a five-year average of estimated submission numbers (fiscal year 2006 through fiscal year 2010) and about 7,000 pre-proposals and letters of intent per year, based on an estimate of about 200 per solicitation and the number of solicitations per year (about 35, based on a five-year average between fiscal year 2006 and fiscal year 2010); (7) Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours: The time it takes to complete a form depends upon the type of form being completed. External users will need to register with PAMS in order to access the system. It takes approximately 30 minutes for external users to complete the forms required to become a registered PAMS user. Both LOI and pre-proposal forms take 15 minutes each, whereas completing a lab/interagency proposal will take about 2 hours. The reviewers require about 1 hour of analysis, per submission. Based on the annual estimated number of responses, broken down by DOE national laboratory, letter of intent and pre-proposal, the annual estimated time required for reviewers to complete analysis or responses and the time

required for external users to register with PAMS, the estimated annual number of burden hours is 10,630.

Total number of unduplicated respondents: 9,920.

Reports filed per person: 1.

Total annual responses: 9,920.

Total annual burden hours: 10,630.

(8) Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: \$0.

**Statutory Authority**

Section 641 of the Department of Energy Organization Act, codified at 42 U.S.C. 7251, authorizes the DOE to collect, use, and retain information that is mandatory for the financial awards process. All information comes from proposals, reviews, and reports that are submitted to the DOE by authorized external users (*i.e.*, scientists and research administrators).

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 1, 2014.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**Notice of Effectiveness of Exempt Wholesale Generator or Foreign Utility Company Status**

|   | Docket Nos. |
|---|-------------|
| Binghamton BOP LLC .....                  | EG15-1-000  |
| Lost Hills Solar, LLC .....               | EG15-2-000  |
| Blackwell Solar, LLC .....                | EG15-3-000  |
| Mesquite Creek Wind, LLC                  | EG15-4-000  |
| Sky Global Power One, LLC.                | EG15-5-000  |
| Heritage Stoney Corners Wind Farm I, LLC. | EG15-6-000  |
| Western Antelope Blue Sky Ranch A, LLC.   | EG15-7-000  |
| Duke Energy Miami Fort, LLC.              | EG15-8-000  |
| Duke Energy Zimmer, LLC                   | EG15-9-000  |
| Spanish Town Estate Solar 1, LLC.         | EG15-10-000 |
| Diageo USVI Inc .....                     | FC15-1-000  |

Take notice that during the month of December 2014, the status of the above-captioned entities as Exempt Wholesale Generators or Foreign Utility Companies became effective by operation of the Commission's regulations. 18 CFR 366.7(a).