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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background

The GLMRIS authority directed USACE to identify the range of options and technologies available to prevent the spread of ANS between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Basins through the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal and other aquatic pathways. The goal of the GLMRIS-Brandon Road Study is to prevent the upstream transfer of ANS while minimizing impacts to existing waterways uses and users. USACE conducted the GLMRIS-Brandon Road Study in consultation with other Federal agencies, Native American tribes, state agencies, local governments, non-governmental organizations, and industry.

2. The GLMRIS-Brandon Road Report

The GLMRIS-Brandon Road Report identified six potential alternatives including no new action (continuing current efforts), a nonstructural alternative, three technology alternatives using an electric barrier and/or complex noise, and lock closure. The effectiveness of these alternatives was considered against the three different modes of ANS transport—swimming, floating, and hitchhiking. Selection of the Tentatively Selected Plan (TSP) required careful evaluation of each alternative's 1. reduction in the probability of establishment in the Great Lakes Basin; 2. life safety risk; 3. system performance robustness; and 4. costs, which include construction, mitigation, operation and maintenance, repair, replacement and rehabilitation, and navigation impacts. The evaluation also included careful consideration of cost effectiveness and incremental cost analyses; significance of the Great Lakes Basin ecosystem; and acceptability, completeness, efficiency, and effectiveness. The GLMRIS-Brandon Road Report identifies potential adverse impacts that alternatives may have on existing uses and users of the waterways. Based on the results of the evaluation and comparison of the alternatives, the TSP is the Technology Alternative—Complex Noise with Electric Barrier, which includes the following measures: Nonstructural measures, complex noise, water jets, engineered channel, electric barrier,

flushing lock, boat ramps, and mooring area.

3. Public Participation

USACE will accept comments related to the GLMRIS-Brandon Road Report until September 21, 2017. Comments may be submitted in the following ways:

- *GLMRIS Project Web site:* Use the web comment function found at <http://glmris.anl.gov>.
- *Mail:* Send comments to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District, ATTN: GLMRIS-Brandon Road Comments, 231 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1500, Chicago, IL 60604. Comments must be postmarked by September 21, 2017.
- *Public Meetings:* Public meeting dates, times and locations are to be determined; USACE asks those wanting to make oral comments to register on the GLMRIS project Web site at <http://glmris.anl.gov>. Each individual wishing to make oral comments shall be given three (3) minutes, and a stenographer will document oral comments.

Public meetings will begin with a brief presentation regarding the study and the formulated alternatives followed by an oral comment period. During each meeting, USACE personnel will also collect written comments on comment cards. Additional information about public meetings including dates, times and locations will be posted on the GLMRIS project Web site at <http://glmris.anl.gov> as soon as that information is available.

Comments, including the names and addresses of those that comment, received during the comment period will be posted on the GLMRIS project Web site. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted, considered, and posted. Commenters may indicate that they do not wish to have their name or other personal information made available on the Web site. However, USACE cannot guarantee that information withheld from the Web site will be maintained as confidential. Persons requesting confidentially should be aware that, under the Freedom of Information Act, confidentiality may be granted in only limited circumstances.

4. Authority

This action is being undertaken pursuant to the Water Resources and Development Act of 2007, Section 3061(d), Public Law 110–114, and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321, *et seq.*, as amended.

Dated: July 28, 2017.

Dennis W. Hamilton,

Chief, Programs and Project Management Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED–2017–ICCD–0075]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; U.S. Department of Education Supplemental Information for the SF–424 Form

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing an extension of an existing information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 6, 2017.

ADDRESSES: To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED–2017–ICCD–0075. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number 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 216–32, Washington, DC 20202–4537.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Alfreida Pettiford, 202–245–6110.

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: U.S. Department of Education Supplemental Information for the SF-424 form.

OMB Control Number: 1894-0007.

Type of Review: An extension of an existing information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Private Sector.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 8,078.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 2,666.

Abstract: The U.S. Department of Education Supplemental Information form for the SF-424 is used together with the SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance. ED made a policy decision to switch to the SF-424 in keeping with Federal-wide forms standardization and streamlining efforts, especially with widespread agency use of *Grants.gov*.

The questions on this form deal with the following areas: Project Director identifying and contact information; Novice Applicants; and Human Subjects Research. The ED supplemental information form could be used with any of the SF-424 forms in the SF-424 forms family, as applicable.

Dated: August 2, 2017.

Stephanie Valentine,

Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Notice of Availability of Guidance and Application for Hydroelectric Incentive Program

AGENCY: Water Power Technologies Office, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability of guidance and open application period.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) gives notice of updated guidance for the Energy Policy Act of 2005 program. The guidance describes the hydroelectric incentive payment requirements and explains the type of information that owners or authorized operators of qualified hydroelectric facilities must provide DOE when applying for hydroelectric incentive payments. This incentive is available for electric energy generated and sold for a specified 10-year period as authorized under the Energy Policy Act of 2005. In Congressional appropriations for Federal fiscal year 2017, DOE received funds to support this hydroelectric incentive program. At this time, DOE is only accepting applications from owners and authorized operators of qualified hydroelectric facilities for hydroelectricity generated and sold in calendar year 2016.

DATES: DOE is currently accepting applications from August 7, 2017 through September 6, 2017. Applications must be sent to hydroincentive@ee.doe.gov by midnight EDT, September 6, 2017, or they will not be considered timely filed for calendar year 2016 incentive payments.

ADDRESSES: DOE's guidance is available at: <https://energy.gov/eere/water/downloads/federal-register-notice-epact-2005-section-242-hydroelectric-incentive-0>. Written correspondence may be sent to the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EE-4W), by email at hydroincentive@ee.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to Mr. Timothy Welch, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EE-4W), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121, (202) 586-7055 or by email at hydroincentive@ee.doe.gov. *Electronic communications are recommended for correspondence and required for submission of application information.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct 2005; Pub. L. 109-58), Congress established a new program to support the expansion of hydropower energy development at existing dams and impoundments through an incentive payment procedure. Under Section 242 of EPAct 2005, the Secretary of Energy is directed to provide incentive payments to the owner or authorized operator of qualified hydroelectric facilities for energy generated and sold by a qualified hydroelectric facility for a specified 10-year period (See 42 U.S.C. 15881). The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 authorized funding for the Section 242 program for conventional hydropower under EPAct 2005. In FY2017 DOE allocated \$6.6M for this purpose.

Recently DOE made a minor update to its Guidance for the Energy Policy Act of 2005 Section 242. The final guidance is available at: <https://energy.gov/eere/water/downloads/federal-register-notice-epact-2005-section-242-hydroelectric-incentive-0>. Each application will be reviewed based on the Guidance. DOE has updated its Guidance by requesting a statement from the owner or authorized operator indicating what the incentive has been used for in previous years and, if awarded, what the incentive will be used for in the upcoming year. The response will not affect the eligibility decision or the amount of the incentive to be received. DOE notes that applicants that received incentive payments for prior calendar years must submit a full application addressing all eligibility requirements for hydroelectricity generated and sold in calendar year 2016. As authorized under Section 242 of EPAct 2005, and as explained in the Guidance, DOE also notes that it will only accept applications from qualified hydroelectric facilities that began operations at an existing dam or conduit during the inclusive period beginning October 1, 2005, and ending on September 30, 2015. Therefore, although DOE is accepting applications for full calendar year 2016 production, the qualified hydroelectric facility must have begun operations starting October 1, 2005, through September 30, 2015, for DOE to consider the application.

When submitting information to DOE for Section 242 program, it is recommended that applicants carefully read and review the completed content of the Guidance for this process. When reviewing applications, DOE may corroborate the information provided with information that DOE finds through FERC e-filings, contact with power off-taker, and other due diligence measure carried out by reviewing