

from us. We will also publish an announcement of a public meeting tentatively to be held approximately 5 months prior to CoP18; that meeting will enable us to receive public input on our positions regarding CoP18 issues.

The procedures for developing U.S. documents and negotiating positions for a meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES are outlined in 50 CFR 23.87. As noted, we may modify or suspend the procedures outlined there if they would interfere with the timely or appropriate development of documents for submission to the CoP and of U.S. negotiating positions.

#### Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. If you submit a hardcopy comment that includes personal identifying information, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review; however, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

#### Author

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#### Authority

The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

**Gregory J. Sheehan,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Number 1076-0182]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Sovereignty in Indian Education Grant Program

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs,  
Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection;  
request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the  
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we,  
the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) are

proposing to renew an information  
collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to  
submit comments on or before March  
26, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments on  
this information collection request (ICR)  
by mail to the Dr. Maureen Lesky,  
Bureau of Indian Education, 1011  
Indian School Road NW, Albuquerque,  
NM 87104; or by email to  
*Maureen.Lesky@bie.edu*. Please  
reference OMB Control Number 1076-  
0182 in the subject line of your  
comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To  
request additional information about  
this ICR, contact to Dr. Maureen Lesky  
by email at *Maureen.Lesky@bie.edu*, or  
by telephone at (505) 563-5397.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In  
accordance with the Paperwork  
Reduction Act of 1995, we provide the  
general public and other Federal  
agencies with an opportunity to  
comment on new, proposed, revised,  
and continuing collections of  
information. This helps us assess the  
impact of our information collection  
requirements and minimize the public's  
reporting burden. It also helps the  
public understand our information  
collection requirements and provide the  
requested data in the desired format.

We are soliciting comments on the  
proposed ICR that is described below.  
We are especially interested in public  
comment addressing the following  
issues: (1) Is the collection necessary to  
the proper functions of the BIE; (2) will  
this information be processed and used  
in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate  
of burden accurate; (4) how might the  
BIE enhance the quality, utility, and  
clarity of the information to be  
collected; and (5) how might the BIE  
minimize the burden of this collection  
on the respondents, including through  
the use of information technology.

Comments that you submit in  
response to this notice are a matter of  
public record. We will include or  
summarize each comment in our request  
to OMB to approve this ICR. Before  
including your address, phone number,  
email address, or other personal  
identifying information in your  
comment, you should be aware that  
your entire comment—including your  
personal identifying information—may  
be made publicly available at any time.  
While you can ask us in your comment  
to withhold your personal identifying  
information from public review, we  
cannot guarantee that we will be able to  
do so.

**Abstract:** Indian Tribes and Tribal  
Organizations may submit proposals to  
support their efforts to take control and  
operate BIE-funded schools located on  
the tribe's reservation. Each proposal  
must include a project narrative, a  
budget narrative, a work plan outline,  
and a Project Director to manage the  
execution of the grant. The Project  
Directors will participate in monthly  
collaboration meetings, submit quarterly  
budget updates, ensure an annual report  
is submitted at the end of each project  
year, and ultimately ensure that the  
tribal education agency fulfills the  
obligations of the grant.

**Title of Collection:** Sovereignty in  
Indian Education Grant Program.

**OMB Control Number:** 1076-0182.

**Form Number:** None.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a  
currently approved collection.

**Respondents/Affected Public:** Indian  
Tribes and/or Tribal Education  
Departments.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual  
Respondents:** 11 per year.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual  
Responses:** 55 per year.

**Estimated Completion Time per  
Response:** Ranges from 1 hour to 40  
hours.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual  
Burden Hours:** 682 hours.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Required to  
Obtain a Benefit.

**Frequency of Collection:** Proposals  
and Annual reports once per year and  
Budget Reports are submitted 4 times  
per year.

**Total Estimated Annual Nonhour  
Burden Cost:** \$0.

An agency may not conduct or  
sponsor and a person is not required to  
respond to a collection of information  
unless it displays a currently valid OMB  
control number.

The authority for this action is the  
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44  
U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

**Elizabeth K. Appel,**

*Director, Office of Regulatory Affairs and  
Collaborative Action—Indian Affairs.*

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