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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2019-ICCD-0117]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Borrower Defenses Regulations

AGENCY: Federal Student Aid (FSA), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

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

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 25, 2019.

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-2019-ICCD-0117. 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. If the regulations.gov site is not

available to the public for any reason, ED will temporarily accept comments at ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Please include the docket ID number and the title of the information collection request when requesting documents or submitting comments. *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, 550 12th Street SW, PCP, Room 9086, Washington, DC 20202-0023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Beth Grebeldinger, 202-377-4018.

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: Borrower Defenses Regulations.

OMB Control Number: 1845-0142.

Type of Review: A revision of an existing information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals or Households; Private Sector.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 11,487.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 5,531.

Abstract: The Department of Education (the Department) requests a revision of the current information collection associated with OMB Control Number 1845-0142 due to an increase in the number of borrowers asserting a borrower defense to repayment claim. The only change to the collection is an update to increase the number of respondents, responses and burden hours.

The regulations in § 685.222 provide a framework for the borrower defense individual and group process that applies to loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2017 and before July 1, 2020, including descriptions of the circumstances under which group borrower defense claims could be considered, and the process the Department will follow for borrower defenses for a group. The regulations establish a process for review and determination of a borrower defense for groups identified by the Secretary for which the borrower defense is made regarding a Direct Loans for attendance at a closed school that has not provided financial protection currently available to the Secretary from which to recover any losses based on borrower defense claims, and for which there is no appropriate entity from which the Secretary can otherwise practically recover such losses. The regulations also establish the process for groups identified by the Secretary for which the borrower defense is asserted with respect to Direct Loans to attend an open school.

Dated: September 13, 2019.

Kate Mullan,

PRA Coordinator, Information Collection Clearance Program, Information Management Branch, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2019-ICCD-0075]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Profiles of Selected Practices of Charter Schools, Charter Management Organizations, and Charter School Authorizers

AGENCY: Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development (OPEPD), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing a new information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 25, 2019.

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-2019-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. If the regulations.gov site is not available to the public for any reason, ED will temporarily accept comments at ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Please include the docket ID number and the title of the information collection request when requesting documents or submitting comments. *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, 550 12th Street SW, PCP, Room 9089, Washington, DC 20202-0023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Michael Fong, 202-401-7462.

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: Profiles of Selected Practices of Charter Schools, Charter Management Organizations, and Charter School Authorizers.

OMB Control Number: 1875-NEW.

Type of Review: A new information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 240.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 265.

Abstract: This project will support the development and dissemination of profiles of innovative practices to create learning resources that highlight how some in the charter sector have addressed persistent educational challenges, such as improving whole schools, supporting high-needs students, and building teacher and leader capacity. The profiles will be disseminated to educators, policymakers, parents, and other stakeholders to help them learn from and potentially replicate innovative practices that will give more students and families more public school options that take their unique needs and preferences into account.

Dated: September 20, 2019.

Stephanie Valentine,

PRA Coordinator, Information Collection Clearance Program, Information Management Branch, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Request for Information (RFI) on Identifying Wells of Opportunity for Critical Geothermal Field Research Applications

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

ACTION: Request for information (RFI).

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) invites public comment on its Request for Information (RFI) regarding the identification of wells of opportunity for critical geothermal field research application. DOE is seeking information from the geothermal community about underutilized wells in

known geothermal resource areas in the United States. The goal is to obtain feedback on industry willingness to partner with DOE's Geothermal Technologies Office (GTO) to test downhole tools, technologies, and methodologies that can improve the probability of successful geothermal commercialization.

DATES: Responses to the RFI must be received by October 25, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are to submit comments electronically to GeothermalRFI@ee.doe.gov. Include Wells of Opportunity in the subject of the title. The complete RFI document is located at <https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions may be addressed to GeothermalRFI@ee.doe.gov, or Lauren Boyd, 202-287-1854. Further instruction can be found in the RFI document posted on EERE Exchange.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this RFI is to solicit feedback from industry, academia, research laboratories, government agencies, and other stakeholders on existing Wells of Opportunity (underutilized wells in known geothermal resources) that DOE and partners can use for downhole testing of tools, technologies, and methodologies. EERE is specifically interested in information from stakeholders with available well infrastructure on their willingness to participate and allow research and testing for downhole tools, technologies, and methods in their well. Additionally, EERE is interested in stakeholder feedback on their well asset acquisition experiences for technology testing, development, or other purposes, particularly on what incentives were important towards obtaining the necessary infrastructure. The RFI is available at: <https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/>.

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