

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary**

[Docket ID DoD-2021-OS-0017]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Information collection notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by May 28, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

• *Mail:* The DoD cannot receive written comments at this time due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Comments should be sent electronically to the docket listed above.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number, and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

Any associated form(s) for this collection may be located within this same electronic docket and downloaded for review/testing. Follow the instructions at <http://www.regulations.gov> for submitting comments. Please submit comments on any given form identified by docket number, form number, and title.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP), Mark Center Suite 05E22, Alexandria, VA 22350-5000, Benjamin Sweeney, 202-680-3015.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB); SF 186; OMB Control Number 0704-0502.

Needs and Uses: The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA), 52 U.S.C. 203, requires the Presidential designee (Secretary of Defense) to prescribe an official backup ballot for use by the States to permit absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters to participate in general, special, primary and runoff elections for Federal office. The collected information will be used by State and local election officials to process uniformed service members, spouses and overseas citizens who submit their information to register to vote or receive an absentee ballot.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Burden Hours: 300,000.

Number of Respondents: 1,200,000.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 1,200,000.

Average Burden per Response: 15 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

The respondents are absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters. The collected information will be retained by election officials to provide election materials, including absentee ballots, to the uniformed services, their eligible family members and overseas voters during the form's eligibility period provided by State law.

Dated: March 24, 2021.

Aaron T. Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary**

[Docket ID DoD-2021-OS-0016]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Information collection notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Statement, Office of Industrial Policy, 1400 Defense Pentagon, Room 3B854, Washington, DC 20301-1400, ATTN: Mr. Keith Arscott, or call 703-697-0051.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Industrial Capabilities Questionnaire; DD Form 2737; OMB Control Number 0704-0377.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary to provide the adequate industrial

capability analyses to indicate a diverse, healthy, and competitive industrial base capable of meeting Department demands. Additionally, the information is required to perform the industrial assessments required by Chapter 148, section 2502 of Title 10 of the U.S. Code; and to support development of a defense industrial base information system as required by Section 722 of the 1992 Defense Production Act, as amended, and Section 802 of Executive Order 12919. Respondents are companies/facilities specifically identified as being of interest to the Department of Defense. Industrial Capabilities Questionnaire DD Form 2737 records pertinent information needed to conduct industrial base analysis for senior DoD leadership to ensure a robust defense industrial base to support the warfighter.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

Annual Burden Hours: 153,600.

Number of Respondents: 12,800.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 12,800.

Average Burden per Response: 12 hours.

Frequency: On occasion.

Dated: March 24, 2021.

Aaron T. Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Applications for New Awards; Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education—Supplemental Assistance to Institutions of Higher Education (SAIHE)

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Education (Department) is issuing a notice announcing the availability of funds and the application deadline for new grants to institutions of higher education (institutions) under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund, Supplemental Assistance to Institutions of Higher Education (SAIHE), Assistance Listing Number (ALN) 84.425S, under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA). The SAIHE program supports institutions of higher education (IHEs) with unmet needs related to recovery from disruptions in the finances, day-to-

day operations, instruction, and student supports due to coronavirus.

DATES:

Applications Available: March 29, 2021.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: April 28, 2021.

ADDRESSES: For the addresses for obtaining and submitting an application, please refer to our Common Instructions for Applicants to Department of Education Discretionary Grant Programs, published in the **Federal Register** on February 12, 2018 (83 FR 6003) and available at www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-02-12/pdf/2018-02558.pdf.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karen Epps, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Room 2B133, Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: (202) 377-3711. Email: HEERF@ed.gov.

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) or a text telephone (TTY), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: The SAIHE program supports IHEs that the Secretary determines, after allocating funds under section 314(a) of the CRRSAA, have unmet needs related to coronavirus.

Background: On December 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), division M of, Public Law 116-260, was signed into law. Section 314(a)(3) of CRRSAA provides 0.5 percent, or approximately \$113.5 million, of a portion of the Education Stabilization Fund for part B of title VII of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA), as amended, for public and private nonprofit institutions of higher education that the Secretary determines have, after allocating other funds available under CRRSAA HEERF, the greatest unmet needs related to coronavirus, including institutions with large populations of graduate students and institutions that did not otherwise receive an allocation under CRRSAA. We note that, while proprietary institutions were eligible for grants under CARES Act section 18004(a)(1), they are not considered an eligible institution under this program as eligibility is limited under CRRSAA section 314(a)(3) to those institutions that are eligible under part B of title VII of the HEA.

Therefore, to determine the types of institutions that would be funded under the statutory focus of “greatest unmet needs related to coronavirus,” the Department published a notice on February 25, 2021,¹ that announced the Department’s proposed institutional eligibility criteria for the SAIHE program and invited public comment.

The Department accepted public comments from February 25, 2021 through March 8, 2021. The Department received comments from fourteen entities representing institutions of higher education and trade organizations. Of the comments received, many of the comments supported funding for Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs), especially those IHEs not included in the MSI, Strengthening Institutions Program (SIP) allocation tables. Additionally, while there was a positive response with the criteria included in the notice, many of the commentors further noted the importance of including institutions serving low-income and diverse populations. Also, some of the commenters requested funding to support institutions serving high graduate populations. The Department also received comments that requested funding for institutions that serve high populations of students with financial needs, including institutions in rural areas, citing the limited resources and economic challenges for students. There was also a comment to place emphasis on trade schools, apprenticeships, and training programs.

Therefore, after reviewing the comments received and discussions with several organizations representing institutions of higher education, the Department believes that the types of IHEs highlighted under each absolute priority capture the intent of CRRSAA 314 (a)(3). The groups of IHEs that the Department has categorized as meeting the statutory focus of having additional needs related to institutional and student costs associated with coronavirus are described under each priority. This notice establishes the eligibility requirements an institution must meet to be funded under one of the seven absolute priorities.

Under Absolute Priority 1, the Department will provide funding to institutions that were not designated as eligible under the HEA, as amended, title III and V programs at the time that the Department allocated funds under CRRSAA section 314(a)(2)—Minority Serving Institution (MSI)/Strengthening Institutions Program (SIP)—but that

¹ <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/heerfeligibilitymemo.pdf>.