

information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

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.

Dated: September 10, 1997.

**Gloria Parker,**

*Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

**Office of the Chief Financial Officer**

**Title:** Streamlined Clearance Process for Discretionary Grant Information Collections.

**Frequency:** Annually.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

**Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:**

Responses: 1.

Burden Hours: 1.

**Abstract:** This information collection plan provides the U.S. Department of Education with the option of submitting its discretionary grant information collections through a streamlined Paperwork Reduction Act clearance process. This streamlined clearance process will begin when the Department submits the information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and, at the same time, publishes a 30-day public comment period notice in the **Federal Register**. OMB will then have 60 days after the public comment period begins to reach a decision on the information collection.

**Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services**

**Type of Review:** Reinstatement.

**Title:** Annual Report of Independent Living Services for Older Individuals who are Blind.

**Frequency:** Annually.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

**Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:**

Responses: 55.

Burden Hours: 440.

**Abstract:** Section 752(I)(2)(A) of the Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1992 (Attachment A) requires each grantee under this program to submit an annual report to the Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) on essential demographic, service and outcome information. The information collected by RSA will be used to evaluate the program, including the new Government Performance and Results Act (GEPR) requirements, and make recommendations to Congress. It provides RSA with a uniform and efficient method of monitoring the program for compliance with statutory regulatory requirements and to determine substantial progress required for funding of all non-competing continuation discretionary grants. The

respondents are State Vocational Rehabilitation Agencies.

**Office of Postsecondary Education**

**Type of Review:** New.

**Title:** Controlling the Cost of Postsecondary Education.

**Frequency:** Annually.

**Affected Public:** Not-for-profit institutions; State, local and Tribal Gov't, SEAs and LEAs.

**Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:**

Responses: 75.

Burden Hours: 1,500.

**Abstract:** This first time application package provides information and forms for those wishing to apply for grants that demonstrate projects addressing issues of cost control at postsecondary institutions.

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**Submission for OMB Review;  
Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Submission for OMB review; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 16, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Dan Chenok, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

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#### **Office of Educational Research and Improvement**

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title:* Financial and Performance Report, Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA), Titles I, II, and III.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting Burden and Recordkeeping:*

Responses: 55.

Burden Hours: 2,481.

*Abstract:* The State Library Administrative Agency submits the Financial and Performance Report reflecting project expenditures and completion data, the relationship of the projects to the LSCA Long-range Plan, and evaluation project data for Title I (Public Library Services); Title II (Public Library Construction and Technology Enhancement); and Title III (Interlibrary Cooperation and Resource Sharing).

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

##### **Secretary of Energy Advisory Board; Notice of Open Meeting.**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**SUMMARY:** Consistent with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is hereby given of the following advisory committee meeting:  
*Name:* Secretary of Energy Advisory Board—Electric System Reliability Task Force.

**DATES AND TIMES:** Thursday, September 25, 1997, 8:30 am–4:00 pm.

**ADDRESSES:** Sheraton Inn, Grand Ballroom, 180 Water Street, Plymouth, Massachusetts.

##### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Richard C. Burrow, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (AB-1), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-1709 or (202) 586-6279 (fax).

##### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

The electric power industry is in the midst of a complex transition to competition, which will induce many far-reaching changes in the structure of the industry and the institutions which regulate it. This transition raises many reliability issues, as new entities emerge in the power markets and as generation becomes less integrated with transmission.

##### **Purpose of the Task Force**

The purpose of the Electric System Reliability Task Force is to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board regarding the critical institutional, technical, and policy issues that need to be addressed in order to maintain the reliability of the nation's bulk electric system in the context of a more competitive industry.

##### **Tentative Agenda**

Thursday, September 25, 1997

8:30–8:45 am—Opening Remarks & Objectives—Philip Sharp, ESR Task Force Chairman

8:45–9:15 am—Working Session: Discussion of the ESR Task Force Work Plan

9:15–10:15 am—Working Session: Discussion of a Draft Position Paper on the Roles of Reliability Organizations

10:15–10:30 am—Break

10:30–11:30 am—Working Session: Review of a Draft Position Paper on the Roles of Reliability Organizations

11:30–12:00 pm—Public Comment Period

12:00–1:15 pm—Lunch

1:15–2:15 pm—Working Session: Discussion of Technology Issues Affecting Reliability

2:15–3:30 pm—Panel Discussion: The Need to Extend FERC Jurisdiction to All Entities In Order to Provide Reliability Oversight

3:30–4:00 pm—Public Comment Period  
4:00 pm Adjourn.

This tentative agenda is subject to change. The final agenda will be available at the meeting.

##### **Public Participation**

The Chairman of the Task Force is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will, in the Chairman's judgment, facilitate the orderly conduct of business. During its meeting in Plymouth, Massachusetts, the Task Force welcomes public comment. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting. The Task Force will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties. Written comments may be submitted to Skila Harris, Executive Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board, AB-1, US Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to programmatic issues that had to be resolved prior to publication.

##### **Minutes**

Minutes and a transcript of the meeting will be available for public review and copying approximately 30 days following the meeting at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190 Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C., between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. Information on the Electric System Reliability Task Force and the Task Force's interim report may be found at the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board's web site, located at <http://vm1.hqadmin.doe.gov:80/seab/>.

Issued at Washington, D.C., on September 10, 1997.

**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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