

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 Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer, publishes that 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: January 14, 1999.

Kent H. Hannaman,

Leader, Information Management Group,
Office of the Chief Financial and Chief
Information Officer.

Office of the Under Secretary

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Third National Even Start Evaluation: Performance Information Reporting System and Experimental Study.

Frequency: Annually.

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

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: Responses: 1,350. Burden hours: 63,503.

Abstract: The third national Even Start evaluation calls for two data collection activities: (1) The Even Start Performance Information Reporting System involves the refinement and maintenance of a data collection system, collection and analysis of descriptive and outcome data from all Even Start grantees, and training of local Even Start project directors in data collection and technical assistance to them. (2) The Even Start Experimental Study involves recruiting 20 projects to participate in an experimental evaluation of the effectiveness of Even Start, random assignment of new families to Even Start or control groups, and measurement of child, adult, and family outcomes in fall 1999 and spring 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of proposed information collection requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection requests.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: An emergency review has been requested in accordance with the Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3507(j)), since public harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by January 29, 1999. A regular clearance process is also beginning. Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 22, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding the emergency review should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer: Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget; 725 17th Street, N.W., Room 10235, New

Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address Pat_Sherrill@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

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collection on respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: January 15, 1999.

Kent H. Hannaman,

*Leader, Information Management Group,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: New.

Title: Application Package for Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP).

Abstract: Partnerships and states proposing to conduct early intervention and scholarship components under GEAR UP need to respond to this collection of information. Applications submitted will be reviewed to access the quality of the proposed GEAR UP projects.

This information collection is being submitted under the Streamlined Clearance Process for Discretionary Grant Information Collections (1890-0001). Therefore, this 30-day public comment period notice will be the only public comment notice published for this information collection.

Additional Information: The application package requests programmatic and budgetary information needed to evaluate new applications and make funding decisions based on the authorizing legislation, program regulations, and EDGAR. The package will also be used to collect the information necessary to determine if it is in the best interest of the government to make new and continuing awards under GEAR UP.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: Responses: 2,000; Burden hours: 120,000.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science Financial Assistance Program Notice 99-11; Fundamental Research in Carbon Management

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)

ACTION: Notice inviting research grant applications.

SUMMARY: The Office of Basic Energy Sciences (BES), of the Office of Science (SC), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), hereby announces its interest in

receiving applications for research grants in the area of fundamental research underlying potential strategies to reduce or limit gaseous carbon production from fossil fuel use. Research areas of particular interest include: Geosciences research related to understanding the geophysics and geochemistry of potential reservoirs appropriate for subsurface sequestration of carbon dioxide; Energy Biosciences research related to chemical and cellular mechanisms of carbon fixation in plants; Chemical Sciences research related to enhancing our molecular level understanding of CO₂ production and utilization chemistry relevant to managing our carbon resources including, but not limited to, such areas as combustion and chemical dynamics, photochemical conversion, electrochemical energy storage and conversion, catalysis, and membrane separation science; and Materials Science research related to ceramics, metals, polymers and other materials needed for higher efficiency power systems. Carbon Management is a cooperative activity within DOE between the Office of Science and the Office of Fossil Energy. Participants within the Office of Science include both the Office of Basic Energy Sciences and the Office of Biological and Environmental Research.

DATES: Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit a brief preapplication. All preapplications, referencing Program Notice 99-11, should be received by DOE by 4:30 P.M., E.S.T., February 16, 1999. A response to the preapplications discussing the potential program relevance and encouraging or discouraging a formal application generally will be communicated to the applicant within 14 days of receipt.

The deadline for receipt of formal applications is 4:30 P.M., E.S.T., April 1, 1999, in order to be accepted for merit review and to permit timely consideration for award in Fiscal Year 1999.

ADDRESSES: All preapplications, referencing Program Notice 99-11, should be sent to Dr. Nicholas B. Woodward, Division of Engineering and Geosciences, SC-15, Office of Science, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290.

Formal applications, referencing Program Notice 99-11, must be sent to: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Science, Grants and Contracts Division, SC-64, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290, ATTN: Program Notice 99-11. This address

must also be used when submitting applications by U.S. Postal Service Express Mail or any other commercial overnight delivery service, or when hand-carried by the applicant.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions concerning research topics in specific technical areas, contact the following individuals in the appropriate division of interest: Dr. Nicholas B. Woodward (301-903-4061; e-mail: nick.woodward@oer.doe.gov), Division of Engineering and Geosciences, SC-15, Office of Science, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290, division telephone (301) 903-5822, fax (301) 903-0271.

Dr. Gregory L. Dilworth, Division of Energy Biosciences, SC-17, Office of Science, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290, division telephone (301) 903-2873, fax (301) 903-1003, e-mail: greg.dilworth@oer.doe.gov.

Dr. William Millman, Division of Chemical Sciences, SC-14, Office of Science, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290, division telephone (301) 903-5804, fax (301) 903-4110; e-mail: william.millman@oer.doe.gov.

Dr. Craig Hartley, Division of Material Sciences, SC-13, Office of Science, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290, division telephone (301) 903-3427, fax (301) 903-9513, e-mail: craig.hartley@oer.doe.gov.

The full text of Program Notice 99-11 is available via the Internet using the following web site address: <http://www.er.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The production of fuels and chemicals by plants and microorganisms and the interconversion of greenhouse gases requires a better understanding of plant biochemistry, physiology, molecular biology, and the structure and function of sub-cellular components, and of enzymes. Improvements in combustion to reduce carbon emissions requires a molecular mechanistic fundamental understanding in chemical dynamics and theoretical chemistry and physics. Conversion of sunlight to energy requires an understanding in many areas of science, including solid state physics, photochemistry, photosynthesis, photosynthetic and nonphotosynthetic carbon fixation, plant and microbial carbon biochemistry, regulatory control of plant assimilate allocation and transport, and molecular regulatory mechanisms controlling carbon metabolism.