

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval; they will also become a matter of public record.

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Valerie Green,
General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Final Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the Clearwater Program

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) in conjunction with the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (Sanitation Districts) has completed a Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the Clearwater Program. The Clearwater Program is a comprehensive planning effort undertaken by the Sanitation Districts for the Joint Outfall System, a regional wastewater management system serving approximately 4.8 million people in 73 cities and unincorporated areas in Los Angeles County. A major component of the Clearwater Program is the evaluation of alternatives for construction of a new ocean outfall and rehabilitation of the existing ocean outfalls. Both activities would entail discharge of dredged and fill material in waters of the United States, work in navigable waters of the United States, and the transport of dredged material for ocean disposal. These activities would require authorization from the Corps pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, and Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act, respectively. The Draft EIS/EIR was circulated for a 57-day review period from February 13, 2012 through April 10, 2012. The Corps and the Sanitation Districts reviewed and provided responses to 19 agency comments and 33 public comments in preparing the Final EIS/EIR.

The Final EIS/EIR, including a Draft 404(b)(1) alternatives analysis, is available for a 31-day review period from November 9, 2012 through December 10, 2012. The document is accessible via the World-Wide Web at

www.ClearwaterProgram.org. Alternatively, printed copies are available at the following locations: Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, 1955 Workman Mill Road, Whittier, California; Carson Regional Library, 151 East Carson Street, Carson, California; Los Angeles Public Library, San Pedro Branch, 931 South Gaffey Street, San Pedro, California; and Los Angeles Public Library, Wilmington Branch, 1300 North Avalon Boulevard, Wilmington, California. Written comments will be accepted until the close of public review on December 10, 2012.

For Additional Information Contact: Questions or comments concerning the Final EIS/EIR should be directed to Dr. Aaron O. Allen, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, Regulatory Division, Ventura Field Office, 2151 Alessandro Drive, Suite 110, Ventura, CA 93001, (805) 585-2148.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2012-ICCD-0050]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; 2013-2014 Federal Student Aid Application

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 3501 *et seq.*), ED is proposing a revision of an existing information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 10, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting Docket ID number ED-2012-ICCD-0050 or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. 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, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Room 2E117, Washington, DC 20202-4537.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Electronically mail

ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Please do not send comments here.

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: 2013-2014 Federal Student Aid Application.

OMB Control Number: 1845-0001.

Type of Review: Revision of an existing information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 46,099,008.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 25,959,853.

Abstract: Section 483 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), mandates that the Secretary of Education “* * * shall produce, distribute, and process free of charge common financial reporting forms as described in this subsection to be used for application and reapplication to determine the need and eligibility of a student for financial assistance* * *”.

The determination of need and eligibility are for the following Title IV,

HEA, federal student financial assistance programs: The Federal Pell Grant Program; the Campus-Based programs (Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG), Federal Work-Study (FWS), and the Federal Perkins Loan Program); the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program; the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant; and the Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant.

Federal Student Aid, an office of the U.S. Department of Education (hereafter “the Department”), subsequently developed an application process to collect and process the data necessary to determine a student’s eligibility to receive Title IV, HEA program assistance. The application process involves an applicant’s submission of the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA). After submission of the FAFSA, an applicant receives a *Student Aid Report* (SAR), which is a summary

of the data they submitted on the FAFSA. The applicant reviews the SAR, and, if necessary, will make corrections or updates to their submitted FAFSA.

The Department seeks OMB approval of all application components as a single “collection of information”. The aggregate burden will be accounted for under OMB Control Number 1845–0001. The specific application components, descriptions and submission methods for each are listed in Table 1.

TABLE 1—FEDERAL STUDENT AID APPLICATION COMPONENTS

Component	Description	Submission method
Initial Submission of FAFSA		
FAFSA on the Web (FOTW)	Online FAFSA that offers applicants a customized experience.	Submitted by the applicant via <i>www.fafsa.gov</i> .
FOTW—Renewal	Online FAFSA for applicants who have previously completed the FAFSA.	
FOTW—EZ	Online FAFSA for applicants who qualify for the Simplified Needs Test (SNT) or Automatic Zero (Auto Zero) needs analysis formulas.	
FOTW—EZ Renewal	Online FAFSA for applicants who have previously completed the FAFSA and who qualify for the SNT or Auto Zero needs analysis formulas.	Submitted through <i>www.fafsa.gov</i> for applicants who call 1–800–4–FED–AID.
FAFSA on the Phone (FOTP) ..	The Federal Student Aid Information Center (FSAIC) representatives assist applicants by filing the FAFSA on their behalf through FOTW.	
FOTP—EZ	FSAIC representatives assist applicants who qualify for the SNT or Auto Zero needs analysis formulas by filing the FAFSA on their behalf through FOTW.	Submitted through <i>www.faaaccess.ed.gov</i> by a FAA on behalf of an applicant.
FAA Access	Online tool that a financial aid administrator (FAA) utilizes to submit a FAFSA	
FAA Access—Renewal	Online tool that a FAA can utilize to submit a Renewal FAFSA..	
FAA Access—EZ	Online tool that a FAA can utilize to submit a FAFSA for applicants who qualify for the SNT or Auto Zero needs analysis formulas.	
FAA Access—EZ Renewal	Online tool that a FAA can utilize to submit a FAFSA for applicants who have previously completed the FAFSA and who qualify for the SNT or Auto Zero needs analysis formulas.	The FAA may be using their mainframe computer or software to facilitate the EDE process. Mailed by the applicant.
Electronic Other	This is a submission done by a FAA, on behalf of the applicant, using the Electronic Data Exchange (EDE).	
PDF FAFSA or Paper FAFSA	The paper version of the FAFSA printed by the Department for applicants who are unable to access the Internet or the online PDF FAFSA for applicants who can access the Internet but are unable to complete the form using FOTW.	
Correcting Submitted FAFSA Information and Reviewing FAFSA Information		
FOTW—Corrections	Any applicant who has a Federal Student Aid PIN (FSA PIN)—regardless of how they originally applied—may make corrections using FOTW Corrections.	Submitted by the applicant via <i>www.fafsa.gov</i> . The FAA may be using their mainframe computer or software to facilitate the EDE process. Mailed by the applicant.
Electronic Other—Corrections	With the applicant’s permission, corrections can be made by a FAA using the EDE.	
Paper SAR—This is a SAR and an option for corrections.	The full paper summary that is mailed to paper applicants who did not provide an e-mail address and to applicants whose records were rejected due to critical errors during processing. Applicants can write corrections directly on the paper SAR and mail for processing.	Submitted through <i>www.faaaccess.ed.gov</i> by a FAA on behalf of an applicant.
FAA Access—Corrections	An institution can use FAA Access to correct the FAFSA	
Internal Department Corrections.	The Department will submit an applicant’s record for system-generated corrections.	There is no burden to the applicants under this correction type as these are system-based corrections. These changes are made directly in the CPS system by a FSAIC representative.
FSAIC Corrections	Any applicant, with their Data Release Number (DRN), can change the post-secondary institutions listed on their FAFSA or change their address by calling FSAIC.	

TABLE 1—FEDERAL STUDENT AID APPLICATION COMPONENTS—Continued

Component	Description	Submission method
SAR Electronic (eSAR)	The eSAR is an online version of the SAR that is available on FOTW to all applicants with a PIN. Notifications for the eSAR are sent to students who applied electronically or by paper and provided an e-mail address. These notifications are sent by e-mail and include a secure hyperlink that takes the user to the FOTW site.	Cannot be submitted for processing.
SAR Acknowledgment	This is the condensed paper SAR that is mailed to applicants who applied electronically but did not provide an e-mail address and do not meet the criteria for a full paper SAR.	

This information collection also documents an estimate of the annual public burden as it relates to the application process for federal student aid. The Applicant Burden Model (ABM), measures applicant burden through an assessment of the activities each applicant conducts in conjunction with other applicant characteristics and in terms of burden, the average applicant's experience. Key determinants of the ABM include:

- The total number of applicants that will potentially apply for federal student aid;
- How the applicant chooses to complete and submit the FAFSA (e.g., by paper or electronically via FOTW);
- How the applicant chooses to submit any corrections and/or updates (e.g., the paper SAR or electronically via FOTW Corrections);
- The type of SAR document the applicant receives (eSAR, SAR acknowledgment, or paper SAR);
- The formula applied to determine the applicant's expected family contribution (EFC) (full need analysis formula, Simplified Needs Test or Automatic Zero); and
- The average amount of time involved in preparing to complete the application.

The ABM is largely driven by the number of potential applicants for the

application cycle. The total application projection for 2013–2014 is based upon two factors—estimates of the total enrollment in all degree-granting institutions and the percentage change in FAFSA submissions for the last completed or almost completed application cycle. The ABM is also based on the application options available to students and parents. The Department accounts for each application component based on web trending tools, survey information, and other Department data sources.

For 2013–2014, the Department is reporting a net burden reduction of 3,398,000 hours. The reduction is a reflection of the effects of simplifying FAFSA on the Web, which is utilized by the majority of applicants who apply for aid. Simplification of the application is demonstrated by (1) the average completion times for initial submissions and; (2) fewer corrections being made to the application.

The projected average completion times for initial submissions has decreased by 11 minutes for 2013–14. In data reported in the 2012–2013 supporting statement, first-time filers using FOTW would take approximately 1.30 hours (78 minutes) to submit an application. The data from 2011–12 indicate that the same user would be able to submit their application in 1.12

hours (67 minutes), reducing their burden by .18 hours (11 minutes).

Corrections are also projected to decrease by 760,696 responses for 2013–14. Fewer corrections mean that more comprehensive and accurate data was captured in the initial submission of the application. Updated completion times were calculated for each component and have been used to estimate the burden, excluding the change in the applicant volume. The results demonstrate that the burden for all applicants would have decreased by almost 13 percent or 3,758,702 hours, if the application volume had remained constant.

If the Department had not simplified the application process, thus reducing the time required to complete the FAFSA, the new burden estimates would only need to account for the change in applicants. The 1.43% increase in applicants would result in an increase in burden of 347,945 hours.

Accounting for both the increase in total applicants and the decrease in individual applicant burden, the net change is an overall decrease of almost 12 percent or 3,398,000 hours. The following Table shows the net burden change and total cost for applicants. The change in total annual responses is also listed in the Table. Total annual responses include the original FAFSA submission and corrections.

TABLE 2—NET BURDEN CHANGE

	2012–2013	2013–2014	Change	% Change	Burden disposition
		Accounting for change in applicant burden and change in applicants.			
Total Applicants	24,705,864	25,053,809	+347,945	+1.41	Net decrease in burden. The 1.41% increase in applicants is offset by the results of the simplification changes implemented by the Department. This has resulted in an overall decrease in burden of 11.57% or 3,397,545 hours.
Total Applicant Burden	29,357,853	25,959,853	–3,398,000	–11.6	
Total Annual Responses	46,447,024	46,099,007	–348,017	–.75	
Cost for All Applicants	\$234,804.24	\$190,224.76	\$44,579.48	–18.99	

The Department takes pride in the continued efforts to simplify the FAFSA submission process and the continued

decrease in burden associated with the application process, even as the Department serves more students each

year. The results confirm the significant improvements that have been made to the application process. The Department

believes that these changes will lead to more students completing the FAFSA and will assist more students with their pursuit of postsecondary education through access to Title IV, HEA program assistance.

Dated: November 5, 2012.

Darrin A. King,

Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records—Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Center Case Tracking System

AGENCY: Office of Management (OM), Alternative Dispute Resolution Center, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of altered systems of records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 552a (Privacy Act), the Department of Education (Department) publishes this notice proposing to revise the system of records entitled “Grievances Filed Informally Through the Informal Dispute Resolution Center” (IDR Center) (18-05-12), including revising the title to “Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Center Case Tracking System.”

DATES: Submit your comments on this proposed altered system of records on or before December 10, 2012.

The Department has filed a report describing the altered system of records covered by this notice with the Chair of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, the Chair of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on November 6, 2012. This altered system of records will become effective on the later date of: (1) The expiration of the 40-day period for OMB review on December 17, 2012, unless OMB waives 10 days of the 40-day review period for compelling reasons shown by the Department; or (2) December 10, 2012, unless the systems of records needs to be changed as a result of public comment or OMB review.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments about the ADR Center Case Tracking system of records to Debra A. Bennett, Director,

Alternative Dispute Resolution Center, Office of Management, U.S. Department of Education, Capitol Place Building, 80 F Street NW., Room 408C/Mail Stop 4000, Washington, DC 20001-1528. If you prefer to send comments through the Internet, use the following address: comments@ed.gov.

You must include the term “ADR Center System of Records” in the subject line of your electronic message. During and after the comment period, you may inspect all public comments about this notice at the U.S. Department of Education in room 410-F, 80 F Street NW., Room 410C/Mail Stop 4000, Washington, DC 20001-1528, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday of each week except Federal holidays.

Assistance to Individuals With Disabilities in Reviewing the Rulemaking Record

On request we will provide an appropriate accommodation or auxiliary aid to an individual with a disability who needs assistance to review the comments or other documents in the public rulemaking record for this notice. If you want to schedule an appointment for this type of accommodation or auxiliary aid, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Debra A. Bennett, Director, Alternative Dispute Resolution Center, Office of Management, U.S. Department of Education, Capitol Place Building, 80 F Street NW., Room 408C/Mail Stop 4000, Washington, DC 20001-1528. Telephone number: 202-401-0693. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), or text telephone (TTY), you may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

The ADR Center Case Tracking System is a web-based J2EE application that is platform independent and captures all information relating to Alternative Dispute Resolution case processing. It tracks, manages, and reports on all data, events, and procedures related to pre-grievances (administrative and negotiated), pre-Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) complaints, formal EEO complaints, and other workplace issues. The ADR Center Case Tracking System provides a reporting module that collects data for tracking, managing, and reporting purposes, including, but not limited to,

management reports, statistical analysis, and case status reports.

The ADR Center Case Tracking System will be a standalone system of records that will no longer be located in the OM, Office of Hearings and Appeals, but instead will be located in the OM, Alternative Dispute Resolution Center. These records will be maintained, not only in paper files in filing cabinets, but will now also be maintained electronically on a computerized tracking system, as well as in an email system. They will now be maintained electronically to improve efficiency and functionality, particularly with regard to tracking. The ADR Center Case Tracking System will collect the same data as previously collected on current and former non-bargaining unit employees of the Department and applicants.

The Department published the original system of records on June 4, 1999, in the **Federal Register**. (64 FR 30106, 30137-30139). This notice adds the category of individuals whose records are maintained to include current and former bargaining-unit employees of the Department. It also revises the purpose for which the information is used in the system of records to indicate that it will be used: (1) To track, manage, and report on all data, events, and procedures related to pre-grievances (administrative or negotiated); (2) to track, manage, and report on all data, events, and procedures related to pre-Equal EEO complaints referred to the ADR Center for alternative dispute resolution; (3) to track, manage, and report on all data, events, and procedures related to formal EEO complaints referred to the ADR Center for alternative dispute resolution; (4) to track, manage, and report on all data, events, and procedures related to Department employees filing any workplace issue; (5) to collect, analyze, and report data pertinent to the particular claim being asserted to include some Personally Identifiable Information (PII) for periodic reports and analysis; (6) to maintain a record of the data provided by employees requesting assistance; (7) to act as a source for information necessary to fulfill OM, Equal Employment Opportunity Services' alternative dispute resolution reporting requirements; and (8) to enable complaint resolution partners to review and analyze the data of their formal grievance/complaint population. In addition, the authority for maintenance of the ADR Center Case Tracking system of records has been updated to include applicable sources of authority.

In addition, the Department proposes to revise the routine uses. We propose