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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, 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 January 25, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Lauren Wittenberg, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, N.W., Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address Lauren.Wittenberg@omb.eop.gov.

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, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the 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.

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

Type of Review: New.

Title: An Evaluation of the State Program Improvement Grant (SIG) Program.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 135. Burden Hours: 306.

Abstract: The purpose of this data collection is to obtain relevant and credible information from an evaluation of the State Improvement Grant Program in order to (1) make mid-course programmatic improvements to the Program, and (2) describe the implementation and progress of the Program to Federal officials, Congress, and other stakeholders. These data will also inform the reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Respondents will include SIG Directors, SIG project evaluators, State educational agencies (SEA) policymakers, and SIG sub-grant directors in each of the 36 states with currently funded SIG projects.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO.RIMG@ed.gov or faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Sheila Carey at (202) 708-6287 or via her internet address Sheila.Carey@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

Dated: December 19, 2001.

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Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Strengthening Institutions (SIP), American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCU), Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian- Serving Institutions (ANNH) and Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI) Programs; Notice Inviting Applications for Designation as Eligible Institutions for Fiscal Year (FY) 2002

Purpose of Programs: Under the SIP, TCCU, and ANNH Programs authorized under Part A of Title III of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), institutions of higher education are eligible to apply for grants if they meet specific statutory and regulatory eligibility requirements. Similarly, HSIs are eligible to apply for grants under the HSI Program, authorized under Title V of the HEA, if they meet specific statutory and regulatory requirements.

In addition, an institution that is designated as an eligible institution under those programs may also receive a waiver of certain non-Federal share requirements under the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG), the Federal Work Study (FWS), the Student Support Services (SSS) and the Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language (UISFL) Programs. These first three programs are authorized under Title IV of the HEA; the fourth program is authorized under Title VI of the HEA. Qualified institutions may receive these waivers even if they are not recipients of grant funds under the Title III Part A or Title V programs.

Special Note: To become eligible, your institution must satisfy a criterion related to needy student enrollment and one related to Educational and General (E&G) expenditures for a particular base year.

Because we changed the collection processes for determining the thresholds for these criteria, we do not have base year data beyond 1998-99. In order to award FY 2002 grants in a timely manner, we will use threshold data from base year 1998-99 rather than a later base year. In completing your eligibility application, therefore, you are to use data from the base year 1998-99.

Eligible Applicants: To qualify as an eligible institution under any of the programs included in this notice, an accredited institution must, among other requirements, have a high enrollment of needy students, and its E&G expenditures per full-time equivalent (FTE) undergraduate student must be low in comparison with the average E&G expenditures per FTE undergraduate student of institutions