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5. *Performance Measures:* For the purposes of Department reporting under 34 CFR 75.110, we have established a set of performance measures, including long-term measures, that are designed to yield information on various aspects of the effectiveness and quality of the SPDG program. These measures assess the extent to which—

- Projects use professional development practices supported by evidence to support the attainment of identified competencies;
- Participants in SPDG professional development demonstrate improvement in implementation of SPDG-supported practices over time;
- Projects use SPDG professional development funds to provide activities designed to sustain the use of SPDG-supported practices; and
- Projects improve outcomes for children with disabilities.

Each grantee funded under this competition must collect and annually report data related to its performance on these measures in the project's annual and final performance report to the Department in accordance with section 653(d) of IDEA and 34 CFR 75.590. Applicants should discuss in the application narrative how they propose to collect performance data for these measures.

6. *Continuation Awards:* In making a continuation award under 34 CFR 75.253, the Secretary considers, among other things: whether a grantee has made substantial progress in achieving the goals and objectives of the project; whether the grantee has expended funds in a manner that is consistent with its approved application and budget; and, if the Secretary has established performance measurement requirements, whether the grantee has made substantial progress in achieving the performance targets in the grantee's approved application.

In making a continuation award, the Secretary also considers whether the grantee is operating in compliance with the assurances in its approved application, including those applicable to Federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department (34 CFR 100.4, 104.5, 106.4, 108.8, and 110.23).

## VII. Other Information

*Accessible Format:* On request to the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an accessible

format. The Department will provide the requestor with an accessible format that may include Rich Text Format (RTF) or text format (txt), a thumb drive, an MP3 file, braille, large print, audiotape, or compact disc, or other accessible format.

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**Katherine Neas,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary. Delegated the authority to perform the functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2022-SCC-0123]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Liquidation Extension Request Template

**AGENCY:** Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing an extension without change of a currently approved information collection request (ICR).

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 18, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice. Click on this link [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/)

[PRAMain](#) to access the site. Find this information collection request (ICR) by selecting "Department of Education" under "Currently Under Review," then check the "Only Show ICR for Public Comment" checkbox. [Reginfo.gov](http://Reginfo.gov) provides two links to view documents related to this information collection request. Information collection forms and instructions may be found by clicking on the "View Information Collection (IC) List" link. Supporting statements and other supporting documentation may be found by clicking on the "View Supporting Statement and Other Documents" link.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Jennifer Timmons, 202-987-1295.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department 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:* Liquidation Extension Request Template.

*OMB Control Number:* 1810-0771.

*Type of Review:* An extension without change of a currently approved ICR.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 104.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 2,080.

*Abstract:* This is a request for approval for an extension of the OMB approved 1810-0771 collection by the Office of State and Grantee Relations (SGR) in the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE) at the U.S. Department of Education (ED) for the Elementary and Secondary School Education Relief (ESSER) fund and the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) fund authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act of 2020, Public Law 116-136, Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). The CARES-ESSER (ALN 84.425D) program is a \$13 billion formula grant program allocated to State educational agencies (SEA) for use in responding to

and recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic. The CARES-GEER (ALN 84.425C) program is a \$2.9 billion formula grant program allocated to Governors for the purpose of providing local educational agencies (LEAs), institutions of higher education (IHEs), and other education related entities with emergency assistance to address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic. A liquidation extension request will be required in order for an SEA or Governor's office to receive approval to liquidate funds beyond the 120-day liquidation period following the period of availability of September 30, 2022. The Department will use the grantee's request to review and recommend approval for a liquidation extension request.

Dated: December 13, 2022.

**Kun Mullan,**

*PRA Coordinator, Strategic Collections and Clearance, Governance and Strategy Division, Office of Chief Data Officer, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### **Applications for New Awards; Technical Assistance and Dissemination To Improve Services and Results for Children With Disabilities—State Technical Assistance Projects To Improve Services and Results for DeafBlind Children and National Technical Assistance and Dissemination Center for DeafBlind Children**

**AGENCY:** Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Education (Department) is issuing a notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2023 for Technical Assistance and Dissemination to Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities—State Technical Assistance Projects to Improve Services and Results for DeafBlind Children and National Technical Assistance and Dissemination Center for DeafBlind Children, Assistance Listing Number (ALN) 84.326T. This notice relates to the approved information collection under OMB control number 1820-0028.

**DATES:**

*Applications Available:* December 19, 2022.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* February 17, 2023.

*Deadline for Intergovernmental*

*Review:* April 18, 2023.

*Pre-Application Webinar Information:*

No later than December 27, 2022, OSERS will post pre-recorded informational webinars designed to provide technical assistance (TA) to interested applicants. The webinars may be found at [www2.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/osep/new-osep-grants.html](http://www2.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/osep/new-osep-grants.html).

**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 December 7, 2022 (87 FR 75045) and available at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/12/07/2022-26554/common-instructions-for-applicants-to-department-of-education-discretionary-grant-programs>. Please note that these Common Instructions supersede the version published on December 27, 2021.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Susan Weigert, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Room 5076, Potomac Center Plaza, Washington, DC 20202-5076. Telephone: (202) 245-6522. Email: [susan.weigert@ed.gov](mailto:susan.weigert@ed.gov).

If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability and wish to access telecommunications relay services, please dial 7-1-1.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Full Text of Announcement**

**I. Funding Opportunity Description**

*Purpose of Program:* Two Department programs fund this competition: the Technical Assistance and Dissemination to Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities (TA&D) program and the Personnel Development to Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities (PD) program.

The purpose of the TA&D program is to promote academic achievement and improve results for children with disabilities by providing TA, supporting model demonstration projects, disseminating useful information, and implementing activities that are supported by scientifically based research. The purposes of the PD program are to (1) help address State-identified needs for personnel preparation in special education, early intervention, related services, and general education to work with children, including infants, toddlers, and youth with disabilities; and (2) ensure that those personnel have the necessary skills and knowledge, derived

from practices that have been determined through scientifically based research, to be successful in serving those children.

*Priority:* This competition includes one absolute priority. In accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(v), this priority is from allowable activities specified in the statute (see sections 662(c)(2), 663(c)(8)(A) and (C), and 681(d) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) (20 U.S.C. 1462, 1463, and 1481)).

*Absolute Priority:* For FY 2023 and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applications from this competition, this priority is an absolute priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3), we consider only applications that meet this priority.

This priority is:

*State Technical Assistance Projects to Improve Services and Results for DeafBlind Children and a National Technical Assistance and Dissemination Center for DeafBlind Children.*

*Background:*

DeafBlind children<sup>1</sup> have complex needs and are among the most diverse groups of learners served under IDEA. Approximately 85 percent of DeafBlind children also have additional physical, learning, or cognitive disabilities (National Center on Deaf-Blindness, 2022). As a result, DeafBlind children face a unique set of challenges not commonly faced by their peers with, and without, disabilities. Providing equitable educational opportunities for these students involves a range of expertise and resources to prepare and support diverse teams of families and personnel and to ensure accessible materials and environments. Teachers and early interventionists often require assistance developing strategies to instruct DeafBlind children in concept-development, communication, and early literacy. In addition, because 62 percent of DeafBlind children have additional orthopedic impairments limiting use of their hands for communication or for purposes of engaging in learning activities, families, caregivers, teachers, and service providers often require consultation on alternative and augmentative communication options to ensure such students can engage in instructional activities (Karvonen et al., 2021). Transition planning for DeafBlind children should occur as an ongoing, person-centered process with family involvement and consideration

<sup>1</sup> For purposes of this notice, the term 'DeafBlind children' refers to infants, toddlers, children, youth, and young adults (ages birth through 21) who are deaf-blind.