

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

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BILLING CODE 5001-06-P**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION****Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests****AGENCY:** Department of Education.**ACTION:** Comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Education (the Department), 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 and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the reporting burden on the public and helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 12, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or mailed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that Federal agencies provide interested parties an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. 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: February 7, 2011.

Darrin A. King,

Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.

Institute of Education Sciences*Type of Review:* Reinstatement.

Title of Collection: Baccalaureate and Beyond Longitudinal Study 2008/12 (B&B:08/12) Field Test 2011.

OMB Control Number: 1850-0729.*Agency Form Number(s):* N/A.*Frequency of Responses:* Annually.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 3,782.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 805.

Abstract: This request for OMB approval is to conduct a second follow-up field test for the Baccalaureate and Beyond Longitudinal Study of 2008/2012 (B&B:08/12), from June through October 2011. The primary purpose of the B&B series of studies is to describe the various paths of recent college graduates into employment and additional education. Baseline data for the B&B:08 cohort were collected as part of the National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS:08). The first follow-up interview (B&B:08/09) collected information from respondents one year after they received their bachelor's degree; the second follow-up (B&B:08/12) will collect data four years after bachelor's degree receipt. Interview data will be supplemented with a variety of administrative data sources, including the Central Processing System, the National Student Loan Data System, and the National Student Clearinghouse. This request also requests a waiver of the 60-day **Federal Register** notice for the full-scale data collection package. Full-scale data collection will take place from July 2012 through March 2013.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 4416. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of

Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202-401-0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection and OMB Control Number when making your request.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

[FR Doc. 2011-3128 Filed 2-10-11; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4000-01-P**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION****Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests****AGENCY:** Department of Education (ED).**ACTION:** Notice of proposed information collection requests.

SUMMARY: The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, 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 March 15, 2011. It is encouraged that all comments are sent by March 11, 2011. A regular clearance process is also beginning. Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 12, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Education Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10222, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, be faxed to (202) 395-5806 or e-mailed to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov with a cc: to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35) requires that the Director of OMB provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (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 Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. 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. ED invites public comment.

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 respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: February 8, 2011.

Darrin A. King,

Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.

Office of the Deputy Secretary

Type of Review: New.

Title: Race to the Top Program Review Protocols.

OMB #: Pending.

Frequency: Monthly; Semi-Annually.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Government, State Educational Agencies or Local Educational Agencies.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 48.

Burden Hours: 74.

Abstract: The ARRA provides \$4.3 billion for the Race to the Top Fund (referred to in the statute as the State Incentive Grant Fund). This is a competitive grant program. The purpose of the program is to encourage and reward States that are creating the conditions for education innovation and reform; achieving significant improvement in student outcomes, including making substantial gains in

student achievement, closing achievement gaps, improving high school graduation rates, and ensuring student preparation for success in college and careers; and implementing ambitious plans in four core education reform areas: (a) Adopting internationally-benchmarked standards and assessments that prepare students for success in college and the workplace; (b) building data systems that measure student success and inform teachers and principals in how they can improve their practices; (c) increasing teacher effectiveness and achieving equity in teacher distribution; and (d) turning around our lowest-achieving schools.

The U.S. Department of Education (the Department) will collect this data from the 12 Race to the Top grantee states to inform its review of grantee implementation, outcomes, oversight, and accountability. The Department will use these forms to inform on-site visits, "stocktake" meetings with Implementation and Support Unit leadership at the Department, and annual reports for individual grantees and the grant program as a whole.

In order to allow for the program review of the Race to the Top grantees to occur in a timely manner, we are committed to expediting the program review for Race to the Top, necessitating emergency clearance of the protocols.

Additional Information: As work on the protocols evolved, the Department concluded that it was more efficient and effective to have a few common questions that would apply to all of the grantees. Due to this unanticipated result of the protocol development, the Department is requesting that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) clear the monitoring protocol on an emergency basis. This is the first year of implementation of a \$4 billion dollar program, the largest discretionary grant program ever administered by the Department. As a result, the program continues to generate high public interest both for the Department and the Administration. Delays in finalizing this collection would also impede our ability to use this data to inform our technical assistance efforts in the first year of program implementation when support is critical. Additionally, as it is our intention to use much of the data gathered through this monitoring protocol to inform the on-site monitoring process, delay of clearance of this document will also hinder our on-site monitoring process.

Copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and

by clicking on link number 4513. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202-401-0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. PP-371]

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Conduct Public Scoping Meetings, and Notice of Floodplains and Wetlands Involvement; Northern Pass Transmission LLC

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Conduct Public Scoping Meetings; Notice of Floodplains and Wetlands Involvement.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) announces its intention to prepare an EIS pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 to assess the potential environmental impacts from its proposed Federal action of granting a Presidential permit to Northern Pass Applicant) to construct, operate, maintain, and connect a new electric transmission line across the U.S.-Canada border in northern New Hampshire (NH). The EIS, *Northern Pass Transmission Line Project Environmental Impact Statement* (DOE/EIS-0463), will address potential environmental impacts from the proposed action and the range of reasonable alternatives. The U.S. Forest Service, White Mountain National Forest, and the Army Corps of Engineers, New England District, are cooperating agencies.

The EIS will provide the analysis to support a Forest Service decision on