

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

Dated: March 9, 2012.

John Kim,

Acting Chief Strategy Officer, Office of Strategy and Special Initiatives.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Acquisition Regulation System

[Docket No. DARS-2012-0015-0002]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

The Defense Acquisition Regulations System has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposals for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by April 16, 2012.

Title, Associated Forms and OMB Number: Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Business Systems-Definition and Administration; DFARS 234, Earned Value Management Systems, OMB Control Number 0704-0479; and Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Business Systems-Definition and Administration; DFARS 245, Contractors Property Management System, OMB Control Number 0704-0480.

Type of Request for 0704-0479: Extension.

Number of Respondents for 0704-0479: 186.

Responses per Respondent for 0704-0479: 48.

Annual Responses for 0704-0479: 8,928.

Average Burden per Response for 0704-0479: 40 hours.

Annual Burden Hours for 0704-0479: 357,120.

Type of Request for 0704-0480: Extension.

Number of Respondents for 0704-0480: 2,646.

Responses per Respondent for 0704-0480: 1.

Annual Responses for 0704-0480: 2,646.

Average Burden per Response for 0704-0480: 1.2 hours.

Annual Burden Hours for 0704-0480: 3,200.

Needs and Uses: a. DFARS 242.70, Contractor Business Systems, and the clauses at 252.242-7005, Contractor Business Systems, 252.234-7002, Earned Value Management Systems, and 252.245-7003, Contractor Property Management System Administration, require certain contractors to establish and maintain acceptable business systems which include contractor Earned Value Management Systems and property management systems, and respond in writing to an initial determination from the administrative contracting officer that identifies deficiencies in any of the contractor's business systems, as well as written notifications from the Government that identifies deficiencies in the contractor's business systems.

Affected Public: The business systems clause will be used in solicitations and contracts that include DFARS clause 252.234-7002, Earned Value Management System, or 252.245-7003, Contractor Property System Administration.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or maintain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Ms. Jasmeet Seehra.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Ms. Seehra at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

You may also submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by the following method:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number, and title for the **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other public submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information provided. To confirm receipt of your comment(s), please check <http://www.regulations.gov> approximately two to three days after submission to verify posting (except allow 30 days for posting of comments submitted by mail).

DoD Clearance Officer: Ms. Patricia Toppings.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should

be sent to Ms. Toppings at WHS/ESD/Information Management Division, 4800 Mark Center Drive, 2nd Floor, East Tower, Suite 02G09, Alexandria, VA 22350-3100.

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Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations System.

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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, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13).

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 15, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Written 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, Privacy, Information and Records 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: March 13, 2012.

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

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: New.

Title of Collection: Talent Search Annual Performance Report.

OMB Control Number: 1840-NEW.

Agency Form Number(s): N/A.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 461.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 7,376.

Abstract: Talent Search grantees must submit the report annually. The report provides the U.S. Department of Education with information needed to evaluate a grantee's performance and compliance with program requirements and to award prior experience points in accordance with the program regulations. The data collected is also aggregated to provide national information on project participants and program outcomes.

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 04825. 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Application for New Awards; Alaska Native Education Program

AGENCY: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

Overview Information: Alaska Native Education.

Notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2012.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.356A.

DATES: *Applications Available:* March 16, 2012.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: May 15, 2012.

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: The purpose of the Alaska Native Education (ANE) program is to support innovative projects that enhance the educational services provided to Alaska Native children and adults. These projects may include the activities authorized under section 7304(a)(2) and (a)(3) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA).

Note: Congress has expressly authorized the use of FY 2012 program funds for construction of facilities that support the operation of Alaska Native education programs.

Priorities: This competition includes four competitive preference priorities. In accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(iv), competitive preference priority one is from section 7304(c) of the ESEA, as amended (20 U.S.C. 7544(c)). Competitive preference priorities two and three are from the notice of final supplemental priorities and definitions for discretionary grant programs, published in the **Federal Register** on December 15, 2010 (75 FR 78486), and corrected on May 12, 2011 (76 FR 27637). Competitive preference priority four is from 34 CFR 75.225.

Competitive Preference Priorities: For FY 2012 and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applicants from this competition, these priorities are competitive preference priorities. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i) we award an additional two points to an application that meets priorities one through three (for a maximum of six points); and an additional five points to an application that meets priority four. Therefore, eleven is the maximum number of competitive preference points that an

application can receive under this competition.

These priorities are:

Competitive Preference Priority 1—Alaska Native Regional Nonprofit Organizations (2 Points)

Applicants that are Alaska Native regional nonprofit organizations or consortia that include at least one Alaska Native regional nonprofit organization.

Note: In order to receive a competitive preference under this priority, the applicant must provide documentation supporting its claim that it meets this priority.

Competitive Preference Priority 2—Improving the Effectiveness and Distribution of Effective Teachers or Principals (2 Points)

Projects that are designed to address increasing the number or percentage of teachers or principals who are effective or reducing the number or percentage of teachers or principals who are ineffective, particularly in high-poverty schools (as defined in this notice), including through such activities as improving the preparation, recruitment, development, and evaluation of teachers and principals; implementing performance-based certification and retention systems; and reforming compensation and advancement systems.

For the purposes of this priority, teacher and principal effectiveness should be measured using—

(1) Teacher or principal evaluation data, in States or local educational agencies that have in place a high-quality teacher or principal evaluation system that takes into account student growth (as defined in this notice) in significant part and uses multiple measures, that, in the case of teachers, may include observations for determining teacher effectiveness (such as systems that meet the criteria for evaluation systems under the Race to the Top program as described in criterion (D)(2)(ii) of the Race to the Top notice inviting applications (74 FR 59803)); or

(2) Data that include, in significant part, student achievement (as defined in this notice) or student growth (as defined in this notice) data and may include multiple measures in States or local educational agencies that do not have the teacher or principal evaluation systems described in paragraph (1).