

2125. Requests should contain the individual's full name and must be signed by the individual.

The system manager may require an original signature or a notarized signature as a means of proving the identity of the individual requesting access to the records."

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Submission for OMB Review; Federal Student Aid; Lender Application Process (LAP)

**SUMMARY:** The Lender's Application Process is submitted by lenders who are eligible for reimbursement of interest and special allowance, as well as Federal Insured Student Loan claims payment, under the Federal Family Education Loan Program.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 11, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov) or mailed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. 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 04819. 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](mailto: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.

**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 Acting 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. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

*Title of Collection:* Lender Application Process (LAP).

*OMB Control Number:* 1845-0032.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 30.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 5.

*Abstract:* The information from the Lender Application Process will be used by the U.S. Department of Education to update Lender Identification Numbers, lender's names, and addresses with nine-digit zip codes and other pertinent information.

Dated: May 7, 2012.

**Kate Mullan,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Submission for OMB Review; Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; Annual Protection and Advocacy for Assistive Technology (PAAT) Program Performance Report, Form RSA 661

**SUMMARY:** The Annual Protection and Advocacy for Assistive Technology (PAAT) Program Performance Report, Form RSA-661 is used to analyze and evaluate the PAAT Program administered by eligible systems in states. These systems provide services to eligible individuals with disabilities to assist in the acquisition, utilization, or maintenance of assistive technology devices or assistive technology services.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 11, 2012.

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*Title of Collection:* Annual Protection and Advocacy for Assistive Technology (PAAT) Program Performance Report, Form RSA 661.

OMB Control Number: 1820-0661.

Type of Review: Extension.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 57.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 912.

**Abstract:** The Rehabilitative Services Administration (RSA) uses the form to meet specific data collection requirements of Section 5 of the Assistive Technology Act of 1998, as amended. PAAT programs must report annually using the form, which is due on or before December 30 each year. The Annual PAAT Performance Report has enabled RSA to furnish the President and Congress with data on the provision of protection and advocacy services and has helped to establish a sound basis for future funding requests. Data from the form has been used to evaluate the effectiveness of eligible systems within individual states in meeting annual priorities and objectives. These data also have been used to indicate trends in the provision of services from year to year.

Dated: May 7, 2012.

**Tomakie Washington,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Applications for New Awards; Personnel Development To Improve Services and Results for Children With Disabilities—Personnel Preparation in Special Education, Early Intervention, and Related Services

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**Overview Information:** Personnel Development To Improve Services and Results for Children With Disabilities—Personnel Preparation in Special Education, Early Intervention, and Related Services; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2012.

**Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number:** 84.325K.

**DATES:** Applications Available: May 11, 2012.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: June 25, 2012.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: August 24, 2012.

## Full Text of Announcement

### I. Funding Opportunity Description

**Purpose of Program:** The purposes of this program are to (1) help address State-identified needs for highly qualified personnel—in special education, early intervention, related services, and regular education—to work with children, including infants and toddlers, 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 and experience, to be successful in serving those children.

**Priorities:** In accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(iv), this priority is from allowable activities specified in the statute (see sections 662 and 681 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)).

**Absolute Priority:** For FY 2012 and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applicants 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:

**Personnel Preparation in Special Education, Early Intervention, and Related Services.**

**Background:**

The purpose of the Personnel Preparation in Special Education, Early Intervention, and Related Services priority is to improve the quality and increase the number of personnel who are fully credentialed to serve children, including infants and toddlers, with disabilities—especially in areas of chronic personnel shortage—by supporting projects that prepare special education, early intervention, and related services personnel at the baccalaureate, master's, and specialist levels.

State demand for fully credentialed special education, early intervention, and related services personnel to serve infants, toddlers, and children with disabilities exceeds the available supply (Bruder, 2004a; Bruder, 2004b; McLeskey & Billingsley, 2008; and McLeskey, Tyler & Flippin, 2004). These shortages of fully credentialed personnel can negatively affect the quality of services provided to infants, toddlers, and children with disabilities and their families (McLeskey et al., 2004).

Personnel preparation programs that prepare personnel to enter the fields of special education, early intervention, and related services as fully credentialed personnel with the necessary competencies to use

evidence-based practices are critical to overcome the personnel shortages in these fields. Federal support of these personnel preparation programs is needed to increase the supply of personnel with the necessary competencies to effectively serve infants, toddlers, and children with disabilities and their families.

**Priority:**

Except as provided for Focus Area D projects, to be eligible under this priority, an applicant must propose a project associated with a pre-existing personnel preparation program that will prepare and support scholars<sup>1</sup> to complete, within the project period of the grant, a degree, State certification, professional license, or State endorsement in special education, early intervention, or a related services field. Projects also can be associated with personnel preparation programs that (a) prepare individuals to be assistants in related services professions (e.g., physical therapist assistants, occupational therapist assistants), or educational interpreters; or (b) provide an alternate route to certification or that support dual certification (special education and regular education) for teachers. For purposes of this priority, the term “personnel preparation program” refers to the program with which the applicant's proposed project is associated.

To be considered for funding under the Personnel Preparation in Special Education, Early Intervention, and Related Services absolute priority, applicants must meet the application requirements contained in the priority. All projects funded under this absolute priority also must meet the programmatic and administrative requirements specified in the priority. These requirements are as follows:

(a) Demonstrate, in the narrative section of the application under “Significance of the Project,” how the proposed project will—

(1) Address national, State, or regional shortages of personnel who are fully credentialed to serve children with disabilities, ages birth through 21, including high-need children with disabilities,<sup>2</sup> by preparing special

<sup>1</sup> For the purposes of this priority, the term “scholar” means an individual who is pursuing a degree, license, endorsement, or certification related to special education, related services, or early intervention services and who receives scholarship assistance under section 662 of IDEA (see 34 CFR 304.3(g)).

<sup>2</sup> For the purpose of this priority, “high-need children with disabilities” refers to children (ages birth through 21, depending on the State) who are eligible for services under IDEA, and who may be further disadvantaged and at risk of educational