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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Submission for OMB Review; Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development;
Evaluation of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers State Competitions

SUMMARY: This study will examine state subgrant competitions conducted under the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) program in order to glean “lessons learned” that can inform efforts to improve the state capacity for conducting state competitions for similarly-structured grant programs under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended. More specifically, the study will examine how states conduct their 21st CCLC competitions; state-level conditions and capacity issues affecting the conduct of such competitions; how states evaluate of the quality of local applications and plans; and potential strategies for improvement.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before [insert the 30th day after publication of this notice].

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, D.C. 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 04807. 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, D.C. 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.**

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Abstract: Evaluation findings will support federal- and state-level staff in developing a deeper understanding of the capacity of states to carry out subgrant competitions, highlight factors that are important to consider in administering a state grant competition, and assist states in developing high-quality grant programs that meet the community needs. Additionally, the results from this review will inform the Department's technical assistance and monitoring activities.

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