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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests; State Plan for Vocational Rehabilitation Services and Supplement for Supported Employment Services

SUMMARY: The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (the Act), requires each state to submit to the Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration a State Plan for the Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Services program and the State Supported Employment (SE) Services program that meets the requirements of Sections 101(a) and 625 of the Act.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before [insert the 60th day after publication of this notice].

ADDRESSES: Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting Docket ID number ED-2012-OSERS-0031 or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or e-mail and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, LBJ, Room 2E117, Washington, D.C. 20202-4537.

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 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: State Plan for Vocational Rehabilitation Services and Supplement for Supported Employment Services

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Type of Review: Extension

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 80

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 1,002,000

Abstract: The approved VR State Plan and SE supplement form the basis upon which a state participates in programs under Title I and Title VI, Part B of the Act and receives federal funds. Program funding is contingent on Departmental approval of the State Plan and its supplement.

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