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[Docket No.: ~~ED-2014-ICCD-0095~~]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and approval; Comment Request; Studies of Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP) Grantees

AGENCY: Department of Education (ED), Office of Planning Evaluation and Policy Development (OPEPD).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 3501 *et seq.*), ED is proposing a new information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAY AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

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-2014-ICCD-0095 or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. If the regulations.gov site is not available to the public for any reason, ED will temporarily accept comments at ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or e-mail and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted; ED will ONLY accept comments during the comment period in this mailbox when the regulations.gov site is not available.* 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, Mailstop L-OM-2-2E319, Room 2E105, Washington, D.C. 20202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Andrew Abrams, 202-401-1232.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), 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, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. 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: Studies of Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP) Grantees

OMB Control Number: 1875-NEW

Type of Review: A new information collection.

Respondents / Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Governments

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 310

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 168

Abstract: This request for OMB review asks for clearance to collect data through surveys and individual interviews that will provide a descriptive report on how grantees and subgrantees of the U.S. Department of Education (the Department) Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP) experience various aspects of the program, including eligibility, planning, and use of funds, as well as any technical assistance needs regarding both administrative and programmatic issues. Pending clearance, the research team will administer a survey of a nationally representative sample of the approximately 6,000 total Small, Rural School Achievement (SRSA) grantees and Rural and Low-Income Schools (RLIS) subgrantees, telephone interviews of a purposively selected sample of 30 district administrators in SRSA grantee districts and RLIS subgrantee districts, and telephone interviews of REAP coordinators in all states receiving REAP funds.

Dated: September 4, 2014.

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