



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Solicitation of Nominations for the Advisory Board for Exceptional Children

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) are proposing to renew an information collection with revisions.

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

ADDRESSES: Send written comments on this information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget's Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior by email at OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov; or via facsimile to (202) 395-5806.

Please provide a copy of your comments to Ms. Jennifer Davis, Bureau of Indian Education, 2600 N. Central Avenue, Suite 800, Phoenix, Arizona 85004, fax: (602) 265-0293; or by email to jennifer.davis@bie.edu. Please reference OMB Control Number 1076-0179 in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR, Ms. Jennifer Davis by email at jennifer.davis@bie.edu or by telephone at (602) 265-1592. You may also view the ICR at

<http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

A Federal Register notice with a 60-day public comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on September 21, 2020 (85 FR 59325). No comments were received.

We are again soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the BIE; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the BIE enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the BIE minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment - including your personal identifying information - may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

The Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) is seeking renewal for an information collection that would allow it to collect information regarding individuals' qualifications to serve on the Federal advisory committee known as the Advisory Board for Exceptional

Children. This information collection requires persons interested in being nominated to serve on the Board to provide information regarding their qualifications. This information collection includes one form. After reviewing comments from respondents, BIE has edited the instructions and form to correct a typographical error, explicitly allow self-nomination, and clarify that the Board provides guidance in accordance with all relevant federal laws. BIE has also added clarifying language to the form to assist respondents with providing necessary information (example: “Work Address” now clarifies “Work Address (City, State, Zip Code)).

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) of 2004, (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.) requires the BIE to establish an Advisory Board on Exceptional Education. See 20 U.S.C. 1411(h)(6). Advisory Board members shall serve staggered terms of two or three years from the date of their appointment. This Board is currently in operation. This information collection allows BIE to better manage the nomination process for future appointments to the Board.

Title of Collection: Solicitation of Nominations for the Advisory Board for Exceptional Children.

OMB Control Number: 1076-0179.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Revision of currently approved collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 20, per year.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 20, per year.

Estimated Completion Time per Response: 1 hour.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 20 hours.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

Frequency of Collection: Once.

Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost: \$0.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq*).

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