



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2023-SCC-0098]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and approval; Comment Request; Report of the Randolph-Sheppard Vending Facility Program

AGENCY: Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing a revision of a currently approved information collection request (ICR).

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

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice. Click on this link www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain to access the site. Find this information collection request (ICR) by selecting “Department of Education” under “Currently Under Review,” then check the “Only Show ICR for Public Comment” checkbox. Reginfo.gov provides two links to view documents related to this information collection request. Information collection forms and instructions may be found by clicking on the “View Information Collection (IC) List” link. Supporting statements and other supporting documentation may be found by clicking on the “View Supporting Statement and Other Documents” link.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Jesse Hartle, 202-245-6415.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department 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: Report of the Randolph-Sheppard Vending Facility Program

OMB Control Number: 1820-0009

Type of Review: A revision of a currently approved ICR.

Respondents / Affected Public: State, local, and Tribal government

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 51

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 1,199

Abstract: The U.S. Department of Education (Department) is seeking a continuation of this data collection with revisions necessitated by: (1) a limited exception to the definition of “equipment” in 2 CFR 200.1; (2) guidance issued by the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) with respect to “Allowable Sources of Non-Federal Share for the State Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program;” (3) citation changes made to the definitions contained in the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance); and (4) requests for clarity from State licensing agencies (SLAs) regarding which non-Federal expenditures incurred for the benefit of the Randolph-Sheppard Vending Facilities Program (RSVFP) may be used for satisfying the match and maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements

under the VR program. This proposed information collection request (ICR) also proposes a few other technical edits to improve clarity. Current approval for this data collection expires February 29, 2024, but is it requested to use the new instructions at the start of FY 2024 for FY 2023.

The Randolph-Sheppard Act (Act), at 20 U.S.C. 107a(6)(a), directs the Secretary of Education, through the Commissioner of RSA, to conduct periodic evaluations of the programs authorized under the Act. In addition, section 107b(4) requires State government entities designated as the SLA to “make such reports in such form and containing such information as the Secretary may from time to time require....” Sections 107a(a)(2) and (4) of the Act also require the Secretary of Education to “...make annual surveys of concession vending opportunities for blind vendors on Federal and other property...” and to “...make available to the public...information obtained as a result of such surveys.” The information to be collected is a necessary component of the data gathering and evaluation process and forms the basis for the Randolph-Sheppard Act section of the RSA annual report to Congress, which is required by section 13 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Rehabilitation Act) (29 U.S.C. 710). The RSA-15 form includes information on the activities under this program and is used in monitoring the States’ implementation of the program. In addition, the fiscal data collected by the RSA-15 highlight the fiscal nexus between the RSVFP and VR program in each State, particularly with respect to the use of Federal VR

This information collection (IC) will be implemented upon the expiration of the current IC on February 29, 2024; however it is requested to begin the use of this form and the new instructions for the FY 2023 data collection (October 1, 2023). The RSA-15: Report of Randolph-Sheppard Vending Facility Program 1820-0009 is available both in hard copy and electronically; however, data will be submitted and collected through the RSAMIS on the rsa.ed.gov website by each of the 51 SLAs.

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