

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests**

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 22, 2007.

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Dated: March 19, 2007.

Angela C. Arrington,

IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

Type of Review: New.

Title: Annual Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers Program Performance Report.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 13.

Burden Hours: 208.

Abstract: The Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers Program has been instructed to develop this performance report by the Department's own regulations and the Government Performance and Results Act and under the PART. Program specific needs have been added to a standard government form in order to make compliance easier for the public.

Requests for 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 3294. 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., Potomac Center, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20202-4700. Requests may also be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202-245-6623. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Assurances for the Protection and Advocacy for Assistive Technology (PAAT) Program.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*Responses:* 57.*Burden Hours:* 9.

Abstract: This information collection instrument will be used by grantees to request funds to carry out the PAAT program. PAAT is mandated by the Assistive Technology Act of 1998, to provide protection and advocacy services to individuals with disabilities for the purposes of assisting in the acquisition, utilization, or maintenance of assistive technology or assistive technology services.

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Small, Rural School Achievement Program

AGENCY: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice announcing application deadline.

SUMMARY: Under the Small, Rural School Achievement (SRSA) Program, the U.S. Department of Education (Department) awards grants on a formula basis to eligible local educational agencies (LEAs) to address the unique needs of rural school districts. In this notice, we establish the deadline for submission of fiscal year (FY) 2007 SRSA grant applications.

If an eligible LEA submitted an application for SRSA grant funds in a

prior year, it is considered to have met the application requirement based on its previously submitted application and does not have to submit a new application to the Department to receive its FY 2007 SRSA grant award.

An eligible LEA that is required to submit an application (in other words, an LEA that did not submit an application in a prior year) must do so by the deadline in this notice in order to receive its grant award by September 30, 2007. An eligible LEA that is required to submit an application and does not do so by the deadline in this notice might not receive its grant award until after September 30, 2007.

Application Deadline: June 1, 2007, 4:30 p.m. Eastern time.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Which LEAs are eligible for an award under the SRSA program?**

An LEA is eligible for an award under the SRSA program if—

(a) The total number of students in average daily attendance at all of the schools served by the LEA is fewer than 600, or each county in which a school served by the LEA is located has a total population density of fewer than 10 persons per square mile; and

(b) All of the schools served by the LEA are designated with a school locale code of 7 or 8 by the Department's National Center for Education Statistics, or the Secretary has determined, based on a demonstration by the LEA and concurrence of the SEA, that the LEA is located in an area defined as rural by a governmental agency of the State.

Which eligible LEAs need not submit an additional application to receive a FY 2007 SRSA grant award?

Under the regulations in 34 CFR 75.104(a), the Secretary makes grants only to an eligible party that submits an application. Given the limited purpose served by an application under this program, the Secretary considers this requirement to be met if the LEA submitted an SRSA application for a prior year. In this circumstance, unless the LEA advises the Secretary by the application deadline that it is withdrawing its application, the Secretary deems the application that the LEA previously submitted to remain in effect for FY 2007 funding, and the LEA does not have to submit an additional application. All other eligible LEAs must submit a new application to receive a FY 2007 grant award.

We intend to provide, by May 1, 2007, a list of LEAs eligible for FY 2007 funds on the Department's Web site at <http://www.ed.gov/programs/reapsrsa/index.html>. The Web site will also

indicate which of these eligible LEAs must submit a new application to the Department to receive their FY 2007 SRSA grant award, and which eligible LEAs are considered already to have met the application requirement.

Eligible LEAs that must submit a new application in order to receive FY 2007 SRSA funding must do so electronically by the deadline established in this notice in order to receive their grant by September 30, 2007.

Electronic Submission of Applications: Unless it is listed on the Department's Web site as not required to submit a new application, an eligible LEA that seeks FY 2007 SRSA funding must submit an electronic application by June 1, 2007, 4:30 p.m. Eastern time in order to receive its grant award by September 30, 2007. Submission of an electronic application involves the use of the Department's Electronic Grant Application System (e-Application) available through the Department's e-GRANTS system.

You can access the electronic application for the SRSA Program at: <http://e-grants.ed.gov>.

Once you access this site, you will receive specific instructions regarding the information to include in your application.

The regular hours of operation of the e-Grants Web site are 6 a.m. Monday until 7 p.m. Wednesday; and 6 a.m. Thursday until midnight, Saturday (Washington, DC time). Please note that the system is unavailable on Sundays, Federal holidays, and after 7 p.m. on Wednesdays for maintenance (Washington, DC time).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Hitchcock, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3E243, Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: (202) 401-0039 or via Internet: reap@ed.gov.

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