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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 25, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Lauren Wittenberg, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, N.W., Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address Lauren.Wittenberg@omb.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

Type of Review: New.

Title: An Evaluation of the State Program Improvement Grant (SIG) Program.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 135. Burden Hours: 306.

Abstract: The purpose of this data collection is to obtain relevant and credible information from an evaluation of the State Improvement Grant Program in order to (1) make mid-course programmatic improvements to the Program, and (2) describe the implementation and progress of the Program to Federal officials, Congress, and other stakeholders. These data will also inform the reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Respondents will include SIG Directors, SIG project evaluators, State educational agencies (SEA) policymakers, and SIG sub-grant directors in each of the 36 states with currently funded SIG projects.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO.RIMG@ed.gov or faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Sheila Carey at (202) 708-6287 or via her internet address Sheila.Carey@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.

Dated: December 19, 2001.

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Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA NO. 84.031H]

Strengthening Institutions (SIP), American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCU), Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian- Serving Institutions (ANNH) and Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI) Programs; Notice Inviting Applications for Designation as Eligible Institutions for Fiscal Year (FY) 2002

Purpose of Programs: Under the SIP, TCCU, and ANNH Programs authorized under Part A of Title III of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), institutions of higher education are eligible to apply for grants if they meet specific statutory and regulatory eligibility requirements. Similarly, HSIs are eligible to apply for grants under the HSI Program, authorized under Title V of the HEA, if they meet specific statutory and regulatory requirements.

In addition, an institution that is designated as an eligible institution under those programs may also receive a waiver of certain non-Federal share requirements under the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG), the Federal Work Study (FWS), the Student Support Services (SSS) and the Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language (UISFL) Programs. These first three programs are authorized under Title IV of the HEA; the fourth program is authorized under Title VI of the HEA. Qualified institutions may receive these waivers even if they are not recipients of grant funds under the Title III Part A or Title V programs.

Special Note: To become eligible, your institution must satisfy a criterion related to needy student enrollment and one related to Educational and General (E&G) expenditures for a particular base year.

Because we changed the collection processes for determining the thresholds for these criteria, we do not have base year data beyond 1998-99. In order to award FY 2002 grants in a timely manner, we will use threshold data from base year 1998-99 rather than a later base year. In completing your eligibility application, therefore, you are to use data from the base year 1998-99.

Eligible Applicants: To qualify as an eligible institution under any of the programs included in this notice, an accredited institution must, among other requirements, have a high enrollment of needy students, and its E&G expenditures per full-time equivalent (FTE) undergraduate student must be low in comparison with the average E&G expenditures per FTE undergraduate student of institutions

that offer similar instruction. The complete eligibility requirements for the HSI Program are found in 34 CFR 606.2–606.5. The complete eligibility requirements for the remaining programs are found in 34 CFR 607.2–607.5. The regulations may also be accessed by visiting the following Department of Education web site on the World Wide Web: <http://www.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister/finrule/1999-4/121599a.html>

Enrollment of Needy Students: Under 34 CFR 606.3(a) and 607.3(a), an institution is considered to have a high enrollment of needy students if—(1) at least 50 percent of its degree students received financial assistance under one or more of the following programs: Federal Pell Grant, FSEOG, FWS, and Federal Perkins Loan Programs; or (2) the percentage of its undergraduate degree students who were enrolled on at least a half-time basis and received Federal Pell Grants exceeded the median percentage of undergraduate degree students who were enrolled on at least a half-time basis and received Federal Pell Grants at comparable institutions that offered similar instruction.

To qualify under this latter criterion, an institution's Federal Pell Grant percentage for base year 1998–1999 must be *more than* the median for its category of comparable institutions provided in the table in this notice.

Educational and General Expenditures per Full-Time Equivalent Student: An institution should compare its 1998–1999 E&G expenditures per FTE student to the average E&G expenditure per FTE student for its category of comparable institutions contained in the table in this notice. If the institution's E&G expenditures for the 1998–1999 base year are *less than* the average for its category of comparable institutions, it meets this eligibility requirement.

An institution's E&G expenditures are the total amount it expended during the base year for instruction, research, public service, academic support, student services, institutional support, operation and maintenance, scholarships and fellowships, and mandatory transfers.

The following table identifies the relevant median Federal Pell Grant percentages and the relevant average E&G expenditures per FTE student for the base year, 1998–1999, for the four categories of comparable institutions:

Type of institution	Median Pell grant percentage	Average E&G FTE
2-year Public Institutions	19.1	\$7,948
2-year Non-Prof-it Private Institutions	30.6	25,358

Type of institution	Median Pell grant percentage	Average E&G FTE
4-year Public Institutions	25.0	18,732
4-year Non-Prof-it Private Institutions	25.2	27,143

Waiver Information: Institutions of higher education that are unable to meet the needy student enrollment requirement or the E&G expenditure requirement may apply to the Secretary for waivers of these requirements, as described in 34 CFR 606.3(b), 606.4(c) and (d), 607.3(b) and 607.4(c) and (d). *Institutions requesting a waiver of the needy student or the E&G expenditures requirement must include the detailed information as described in the instructions for completing the application.*

The needy student requirement waiver authority, provided in 34 CFR 606.3(b)(2) and (3) and 607.3(b)(2) and (3), refers to “low-income” students and families. The regulations define “low-income” as an amount that does not exceed 150 percent of the amount equal to the poverty level in the 1998–99 base year as established by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, 34 CFR 606.3(c) and 607.3(c). For the purposes of this waiver provision, the following table sets forth the low-income levels for the various sizes of families:

1998 ANNUAL LOW-INCOME LEVELS

Size of family unit	Contiguous 48 States, the District of Columbia and Outlying	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$12,075	\$15,105	\$13,890
2	16,275	20,355	18,720
3	20,475	25,605	23,550
4	24,675	30,855	28,380
5	28,875	36,105	33,210
6	33,075	41,355	38,040
7	37,275	46,605	42,870
8	41,475	51,855	47,700

For family units with more than eight members, add the following amount for each additional family member: \$4,200 for the contiguous 48 states, the District of Columbia and outlying jurisdictions; \$5,250 for Alaska; and \$4,830 for Hawaii.

The figures shown as low-income levels represent amounts equal to 150 percent of the family income levels established by the U.S. Bureau of the Census for determining poverty status. The Census levels were published by

the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the **Federal Register** on February 24, 1998 (63 FR 9235–9238).

In reference to the waiver option specified in 606.3(b)(4) and 607.3(b)(4) of the regulations, information about “metropolitan statistical areas” may be obtained by requesting the Metropolitan Statistical Areas, 1999, order number PB99–501538, from the National Technical Information Service, Document Sales, 5285 Port Royal Road,

Springfield, Virginia 22161, telephone number 1–800–553–6847. There is a charge for this publication.

Applications Available: January 4, 2002.

Deadline for Transmittal of Eligibility Applications:

- March 29, 2002 for applicant institutions that wish to apply for fiscal year 2002 new grants under the Title III SIP, TCCU, and ANNH Programs or the Title V HSI Program.

- May 24, 2002 for applicant institutions that wish to apply only for cost-sharing waivers under the FSEOG, FWS, SSS or UISFL Programs.

- March 29, 2002 for applicant institutions that wish to apply for both a grant under the Title III SIP, TCCU, and ANNH Programs or the Title V HSI Program and a waiver of the cost-sharing requirements under the FSEOG, FWS, SSS or UISFL Programs.

Electronic Submission of Applications: For FY 2002, we are again offering applicant institutions the option of submitting their Designation of Eligibility application in hard copy or sending it electronically to our eligibility web site at: <http://webprod.cbmiweb.com/Title3and5/index.html>

To enter the web site, you must use your institution's unique 8-digit identifier, i.e., your Office of Postsecondary Education Identification Number (OPE ID number). If you receive a hard copy of the eligibility application and instructions from us in the mail, look for the OPE ID number on the address label. Otherwise, your business office or student financial aid office should have the OPE ID number. If your business office or student financial aid office does not have that OPE ID number, contact a Department of Education staff member using the e-mail address located at the end of the Web page or the contact persons' telephone numbers or e-mail addresses included in this notice.

You will find detailed instructions for completing the form electronically under the "eligibility 2002" link at either of the following web sites:

<http://www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/HEP/idues/title3a.html>

or

<http://www.ed.gov/hsi>.

We encourage applicants to complete their form electronically and to complete it as soon as possible. For institutions of higher education that are unable to meet the needy student enrollment requirement or the E&G expenditure requirement and wish to request a waiver of one or both of those requirements, you may complete your designation application form on-line, print the form, and attach your narrative waiver request(s) to the printed form and mail both to the address in the next paragraph.

Mail your Designation of Eligibility application request to: U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW, Request for Eligibility Designation, Washington, DC 20202-8513.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General

Administrative Regulations in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 82, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99. (b) The regulations for the SIP, TCCU and ANNH Programs in 34 CFR part 607, and for the HSI Program in 34 CFR 606.

For Applications and Further Information Contact: Thomas M. Keyes, Margaret A. Wheeler or Ellen Sealey, Institutional Development and Undergraduate Education Service, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, Request for Eligibility Designation, Washington, DC 20202-8513. Mr. Keyes' telephone number is (202) 502-7577. Ms. Wheeler's telephone number is (202) 502-7583. Ms. Sealey's telephone number is (202) 502-7580. Mr. Keyes, Ms. Wheeler and Ms. Sealey may be reached by e-mail at: thomas.keyes@ed.gov, margaret.wheeler@ed.gov, ellen.sealey@ed.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP02-49-000]

Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership; Notice of Application

December 18, 2001.

Take notice that on December 12, 2001, Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership (Great Lakes), 5250 Corporate Drive, Troy, Michigan 48098, filed in Docket No. CP02-49-000, an application pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to abandon certain meter station facilities on Great Lakes' system, located in Clare County, Michigan, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" from the RIMS Menu and follow the instructions (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance).

Great Lakes proposes to abandon its Summerfield Meter Station facilities, located in Clare County, Michigan, by removal of all above-ground and below-ground appurtenances upstream of Great Lakes' preexisting Mainline Branch Valve 11-5. Great Lakes states that the facilities to be abandoned include minor valves and fittings, 300 linear feet of nominal 2-inch diameter pipeline, a separator, condensate tank, heater, fence, building, and miscellaneous related facilities. Great Lakes indicates that it intends to salvage a 2-inch positive displacement meter and gas sampling equipment; all other items removed will be disposed of as scrap and/or solid waste, as appropriate.

On April 2, 1986, in Docket No. CP86-12-000, 35 FERC ¶ 62,038 (1986), the Commission issued a certificate to Great Lakes authorizing the construction and operation of a tap and metering facilities in Summerfield Township, Clare County, Michigan. Great Lakes declares that construction and operation of the Summerfield Meter Station was necessary for Great Lakes to provide