These are known as the 704 Report Part I and the 704 Report Part II, respectively. These reports are required by sections 704(m)(4)(D), 706(d), 721(b)(3) and 725(c) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (the Act) and the corresponding regulations in 34 CFR parts 364, 365, and 366. Approval of grantees’ annual performance reports (704 Report) is a prerequisite for the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) approval of the annual SILS grant awards (part B funds) and CILs continuation grant awards (part C funds).


Tomakie Washington, Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
[Docket No. ED–2013–ICCD–0142]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Implementation Study of the Ramp Up to Readiness Program

AGENCY: Institute of Education Sciences/National Center for Education Statistics (IES), Department of Education (ED).

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 March 6, 2014.

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–2013–ICCD–0142 or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted. 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., LB, Mailstop L–OM–2–2E319, Room 2E105, Washington, DC 20202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions related to collection activities or burden, please call Katrina Ingalls, 703–620–3655 or electronically mail ICDDocketMgr@ed.gov. Please do not send comments here. We will ONLY accept comments in this mailbox when the regulations.gov site is not available to the public for any reason.

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)), proposes 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: Implementation Study of the Ramp Up to Readiness Program.

OMB Control Number: 1850–NEW.

Type of Review: A new information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 6,086.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 1,212.

Abstract: This study will examine the implementation of Ramp-Up to Readiness, a statewide guidance intervention aimed at increasing the college readiness of students. The intervention is at present being implemented in 34 high schools in Minnesota, and the developers intend to make the intervention available to a much larger set of Minnesota schools. No independently gathered high-quality evidence exists, however, on whether schools are able to implement this comprehensive intervention as intended or how its core components compare to the college-readiness supports in other high schools. The project for which OMB clearance is requested will attempt to gather such evidence from 22 public Minnesota high schools through the least burdensome means. The school-level implementation study will focus on assessing whether Ramp-Up school staff implement the program as intended, on identifying the extent to which the Ramp-Up program differs from the college-readiness supports offered in schools without Ramp-Up, and on the validity of a measure of personal college readiness, which the developers hypothesize is a key mechanism through which the program impacts later outcomes. The study will collect data from school staff in the following activities: Administrative data collection, focus groups in January and June, extant document collection, instructional logs, student and staff surveys, and student personal readiness assessment. The findings produced through analysis of these data will help (1) state education agencies seeking strategies and programs to endorse as a potential means of improving students college readiness and college enrollment, (2) local education agencies that are considering the challenges of implementing Ramp-Up, (3) the developer of this intervention (the College Readiness Consortium at the University of Minnesota) and developers of other college readiness interventions who continually seek to improve their programs by using information from studies like this, and (4) a group of education stakeholders in the Midwest interested in considering whether to conduct a study of the impacts of the Ramp-Up intervention on student outcomes.


Stephanie Valentine, Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

President’s Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Education, President’s Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (Board).

ACTION: Notice of an open meeting.
SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and agenda of the meeting of the President’s Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. The notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of the meeting is required by section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and intended to notify the public of its opportunity to attend.

DATES: Tuesday, February 25, 2014.

Time: 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. (CST)


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The President’s Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (the Board) is established by Executive Order 13532 (February 25, 2010). The Board is governed by the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), (Pub. L. 92–463; as amended, 5 U.S.C.A., Appendix 2) which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees. The purpose of the Board is to advise the President and the Secretary of Education (Secretary) on all matters pertaining to strengthening the educational capacity of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

The Board shall advise the President and the Secretary in the following areas: (i) Improving the identity, visibility, and distinctive capabilities and overall competitiveness of HBCUs; (ii) engaging the philanthropic, business, government, military, homeland-security, and education communities in a national dialogue regarding new HBCU programs and initiatives; (iii) improving the ability of HBCUs to remain fiscally secure institutions that can assist the nation in reaching its goal of having the highest proportion of college graduates by 2020; (iv) elevating the public awareness of HBCUs; and (v) encouraging public-private investments in HBCUs.

Agenda

The Board will receive updates from the Chairman of the President’s Board of Advisors on HBCUs, the Board’s subcommittee chairs, strategy, science technology engineering and mathematics, community colleges, community-supported agricultural programs, and the Executive Director of the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

The Board also will discuss possible strategies to meet its duties under its charter. The Board will discuss policies that have occurred since the Board’s last meeting, which was held on September 25, 2013. In addition, the Board will discuss opportunities to congratulate the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities and our initiatives supporting the educational pipeline from high school to college, and a representative from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will present on disparities among students at HBCUs.

Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (e.g., interpreting services, assistive listening devices, or material in alternative format) should notify Sedika Franklin, White House Initiative on HBCUs, at (202) 453–5630, no later than February 7, 2014. The Board will attempt to meet requests for such accommodations after this date, but cannot guarantee their availability. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

An opportunity for public comment is available on Tuesday, February 25, 2014, from 1:30 p.m.–2:00 p.m. Individuals who wish to provide comments will be allowed three to five minutes to speak. Those members of the public interested in submitting written comments may do so by submitting comments to the attention of Sedika Franklin, White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20202, by Friday, February 21, 2014.

Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the office of the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20202, Monday through Friday (excluding federal holidays) during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Electronic Access to the Document: You may view this document, as well as all other documents of this Department published in the Federal Register, in text or Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) on the Internet at the following site: www.ed.gov/fedregister/index.html. To use PDF you must have Adobe Acrobat Reader, which is available free at this site. If you have questions about using PDF, call the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO), toll-free at 1–866–512–1830; or in the Washington, DC area at 202–512–0000.

Dated: January 17, 2014.

Jamienne S. Studley,
Acting Under Secretary, U.S. Department of Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Demonstration and Deployment Bioenergy Workshop


ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting: Demonstration and Deployment Bioenergy Workshop.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) today gives notice of a workshop hosted by the Bioenergy Technologies Office’s (BETO)’s Demonstration and Deployment Program to discuss the current state of technology and efforts needed to achieve affordable, scalable, and sustainable drop-in hydrocarbon biofuels.

DATES: March 12–13, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Argonne National Laboratory, 9700 S. Cass Avenue, Bldg. 402, APS (Advanced Photon Source) Auditorium, Lemont, IL.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions may be directed to—Stephanie Nimmagadda at (720) 356–1279 or by email at Stephanie.Nimmagadda@ee.energy.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As the bioenergy industry begins to advance commercial-scale cellulosic ethanol technologies, BETO wants to identify the next step(s) in drop-in hydrocarbon biofuel production. This workshop is intended to discuss, reassess, and prioritize demonstration and deployment efforts needed to realize affordable, scalable, and sustainable hydrocarbon biofuels. The workshop will convene university, national laboratory, industry, advocacy, government and other stakeholders to consider the following questions:

• What is the state of technology regarding the deployment of hydrocarbon biofuels, as well as supportive bioproducts and biopower?
• What are the current technical, conversion, feedstock and logistics, and market barriers to deploying hydrocarbon biofuels?
• What are priority strategies for overcoming such technical barriers?

These discussions will inform DOE’s demonstration and deployment strategy,