

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Indian Affairs**

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A0A501010.999900253G; OMB Control  
Number 1076-0120]

**Agency Information Collection  
Activities; Bureau of Indian Education  
Adult Education Program**

**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.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to  
submit comments on or before March  
26, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments on  
this information collection request (ICR)  
by mail to Ms. Juanita Mendoza,  
Program Analyst, Bureau of Indian  
Education, U.S. Department of the  
Interior, 1849 C Street NW, MS 3609-  
MIB, Washington, DC 20240; or by  
email to [Juanita.Mendoza@bie.edu](mailto:Juanita.Mendoza@bie.edu).  
Please reference OMB Control Number  
1076-0120 in the subject line of your  
comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To  
request additional information about  
this ICR, contact Juanita Mendoza by  
email at [Juanita.Mendoza@bie.edu](mailto:Juanita.Mendoza@bie.edu), or  
by telephone at (202) 208-3559.

**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.

We are 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. We will include or  
summarize each comment in our request  
to OMB to approve this ICR. 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.

*Abstract:* The Bureau of Indian  
Education (BIE) is seeking renewal of  
the approval for the information  
collection conducted under 25 CFR part  
46 to manage program resources and for  
fiscal accountability and appropriate  
direct services documentation.  
Approval for this collection expires on  
March 31, 2018. This information  
includes an annual report form. No  
changes are being made to the approved  
burden hours and forms for this  
information collection.

*Title of Collection:* Bureau of Indian  
Education Adult Education Program.

*OMB Control Number:* 1076-0120.

*Form Number:* BIA Form 62123.

*Type of Review:* Extension without  
change of currently approved collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:*  
Individuals (Tribal Adult Education  
Program Administrators).

*Total Estimated Number of Annual  
Respondents:* 70 per year, on average.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual  
Responses:* 70 per year, on average.

*Estimated Completion Time per  
Response:* 4 hours.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual  
Burden Hours:* 280 hours.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to  
Obtain a Benefit.

*Frequency of Collection:* Once per  
year.

*Total Estimated Annual Nonhour  
Burden Cost:* \$200.

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.*).

**Elizabeth K. Appel,**

*Director, Office of Regulatory Affairs and  
Collaborative Action—Indian Affairs.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Indian Affairs**

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0160]

**Agency Information Collection  
Activities; Submission to the Office of  
Management and Budget for Review  
and Approval; Verification of Indian  
Preference for Employment in BIA and  
IHS**

**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 Affairs (BIA) are  
proposing to renew an information  
collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to  
submit comments on or before February  
22, 2018.

**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](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov); or via  
facsimile to (202) 395-5806. Please  
provide a copy of your comments to Ms.  
Laurel Iron Cloud, Chief, Division of  
Tribal Government Services, Office of  
Indian Services, Bureau of Indian  
Affairs, 1849 C Street NW, Mail Stop  
4513 MIB, Washington, DC 20240;  
facsimile: (202) 208-5113; email:  
[laurel.ironcloud@bia.gov](mailto:laurel.ironcloud@bia.gov). Please  
reference OMB Control Number 1076-  
0160 in the subject line of your  
comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To  
request additional information about  
this ICR, contact Ms. Laurel Iron Cloud  
by email at [laurel.ironcloud@bia.gov](mailto:laurel.ironcloud@bia.gov), or  
by telephone at (202) 513-7641. You  
may also view the ICR at [http://  
www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](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 October 19, 2017 (82 FR 48722). 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 BIA; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the BIA enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the BIA 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.

**Abstract:** The BIA is seeking renewal of the approval for the information collection conducted under 25 U.S.C. 43, 36 Stat. 472, inter alia, and implementing regulations, at 25 CFR part 5, regarding verification of Indian preference for employment. The purpose of Indian preference is to encourage qualified Indian persons to seek employment with the BIA and Indian Health Service (IHS) by offering preferential treatment to qualified candidates of Indian heritage. BIA collects the information to ensure compliance with Indian preference hiring requirements. The information collection relates only to individuals applying for employment with the BIA and IHS. The tribe's involvement is limited to verifying membership information submitted by the applicant. The collection of information allows certain persons who are of Indian descent to receive preference when appointments are made to vacancies in positions with the BIA and IHS as well as in any unit that has been transferred intact from the BIA to a Bureau or office within the Department of the Interior or the Department of Health and Human Services and that continues to perform functions formerly performed as part of the BIA and IHS. You are eligible for preference if (a) you are a member of a

federally recognized Indian tribe; (b) you are a descendent of a member and you were residing within the present boundaries of any Indian reservation on June 1, 1934; (c) you are an Alaska native; or (d) you possess one-half degree Indian blood derived from tribes that are indigenous to the United States.

**Title of Collection:** Verification of Indian Preference for Employment in BIA and IHS.

**OMB Control Number:** 1076–0160.

**Form Number:** BIA 4432.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Respondents/Affected Public:** Qualified Indian persons who are seeking preference in employment with the BIA and IHS.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:** 5,000 per year, on average.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** 5,000 per year, on average.

**Estimated Completion Time per Response:** 30 minutes.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:** 2,500 hours.

**Respondent's Obligation:** A response is required to obtain a benefit.

**Frequency of Collection:** On occasion.

**Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:** \$6,920.

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.*).

**Elizabeth K. Appel,**

*Director, Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action—Indian Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

**[189A2100DD/AAKC001030/  
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Number 1076–0114]**

#### **Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Application for Admission to Haskell Indian Nations University and to Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute**

**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.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 22, 2018.

**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](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov); or via facsimile to (202) 395–5806. Please provide a copy of your comments to Ms. Jacquelyn Cheek, Special Assistant to the Director, Bureau of Indian Education, 1849 C Street NW, Mailstop 3609–MIB, Washington, DC 20240; facsimile: (202) 208–3312; or email to: [Jacquelyn.Cheek@bie.edu](mailto:Jacquelyn.Cheek@bie.edu). Please reference OMB Control Number 1076–0114 in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Ms. Jacquelyn Cheek, phone: 202–631–4074. 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 April 27, 2017 (82 FR 19382). 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