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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education

SUMMARY: The Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management 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 [insert the 30th day after publication of this notice].

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Education Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, N.W., Room 10222, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503, be faxed to (202) 395-5806 or send email to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov.

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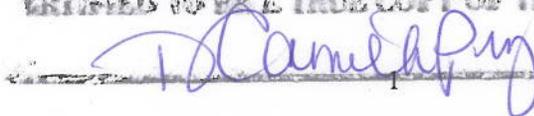
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Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

Type of Review: New Collection

Title: Evaluation of the Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults

Frequency: One time

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit; Individuals or households; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 201

Burden Hours: 278

Abstract: The Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults (HKNC) provides services designed to equip clients to live independently in their communities and/or to enhance their ability to secure meaningful employment. The HKNC evaluation will provide RSA with independent and objective information by which to draw conclusions about the effectiveness, including cost effectiveness, of the Center. The evaluation will identify characteristics of the populations served by HKNC and the extent to which HKNC effectively serves clients with different needs. The evaluation will also examine the relationship between HKNC and vocational rehabilitation (VR) agencies and how well HKNC meets the needs of the agencies. Finally, this evaluation will include recommendations to improve HKNC programs and service delivery, including measures that could be used to assess ongoing performance of the Center, its regional staff and functions, and its national training program.

The evaluation scope of work is identified in the following objectives:

- * Provide RSA with reliable and valid information on program effectiveness, including cost effectiveness.
- * Identify both the characteristics of the populations served by HKNC and the strengths and weaknesses of the program that have an impact on its effectiveness in serving these populations.
- * Examine the relationship between HKNC and VR agencies and the effectiveness of direct services, technical assistance, and training activities provided by the Center's headquarters and regional programs in meeting the needs of VR agencies.
- * Make recommendations for program adjustments or improvements based on study findings, including measures that could be implemented to assess ongoing performance.

Requests for copies of the information collection submission for OMB review may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 4157. 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, LBJ, Washington, D.C. 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202-401-0920. **Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.**

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