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OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Request for OMB Approval 1820-0675, Annual Performance Reporting (APR) Forms for NIDRR Grantees

PURPOSE

The purpose of this memorandum is to obtain your approval and signature to transmit the above-referenced data collection instrument to OMB for clearance. This information collection expires on June 30, 2010, and we are requesting a revision of a currently approved collection.

DISCUSSION

NIDRR and ED will use the information gathered annually from these data collection efforts to comply with EDGAR, provide Congress with the information mandated in GPRA, enable grantees to complete the 524B reporting requirements, provide OMB information required for assessment of performance on the GPRA indicators, and support an external evaluation being conducted by the National Academy of Sciences. Data collected from the 10 grant programs will provide a national description of the research activities of approximately 276 NIDRR grantees.

NIDRR is charged in various ways with providing technical assistance and resources regarding disability research and will be better able to carry out that mission with the data collected through the APR reporting system. Research centers can also use their own annual performance data as they discuss, plan, generate support for, and implement research, development, and knowledge translation/dissemination programs and services for individuals with disabilities. These data will provide information that policy makers can use in better understanding the barriers, opportunities, and outcomes involved in improving services for individuals with disabilities.

