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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 of [Insert OMB Control Number from Block 2, IC Data Form Part 1 and Insert Title from Block 3, IC Data Form Part 1] OSEP Personnel Development Program Scholar Data Report (SDR)

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this memorandum is to obtain your approval and signature of the above data collection instrument.

**DISCUSSION**

The Office of Special Education Program's (OSEP) Personnel Development Program is one of the largest pre-service grant programs in the Department of Education. In order to ensure that OSEP is meeting the needs of children with disabilities and their families, OSEP collects data on the results of grants awarded to institutions of higher education on the number and characteristics (e.g., minority status, related professional experience) of personnel trained and the grant outcomes (e.g., training completion, certification, employment in area supported by training, etc.).

These data are being collected using the SDR to assess program effectiveness and efficiency and to meet the reporting requirements of the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) and the Performance Accountability Rating Tool (PART). The data provide annual information on students supported under OSEP personnel preparation grants within and across personnel categories, including special educators certified to

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