

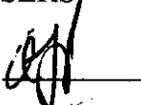
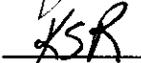


UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES
REHABILITATION SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 5, 2010

TO: Alexa Posny
Assistant Secretary, OSERS

THRU: Andy Pepin 
Jennifer Sheehy 
Katherine Race 

FROM:  Lynnae M. Ruttledge 
Commissioner, RSA

SUBJECT: Request for Extension of OMB Approval for Written Application for the Independent Living Services for Older Individuals Who Are Blind Program (OMB approval number: 1820-0660)

PURPOSE

The purpose of this memorandum is to obtain your approval of the request to seek an extension of OMB approval for the Written Application for the Independent Living Services for Older Individuals Who Are Blind (IL-OIB) Program.

DISCUSSION

Grants are made to states to support services for individuals age 55 or older whose severe visual impairment makes competitive employment difficult to obtain but for whom independent living goals are feasible. The IL-OIB program funds states to provide independent living services to older individuals who are blind, conduct activities that will improve or expand services for these individuals, and conduct activities to improve public understanding of the problems facing these individuals. This data collection instrument expires January 31, 2011. RSA is requesting that the instrument be renewed for an additional three years to enable the IL-OIB programs to apply for formula funding for their states.

The attached information collection package has been reviewed for compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act and is ready to be transmitted to the Department's Regulatory Information Management Services Team for clearance and submission to OMB.

RECOMMENDATION:

The attached IC package complies with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, and we are requesting your approval, signature, and transmittal to RIMS for review by OMB.

Approve Alisa Posny Date 10/22/10

Disapprove _____ Date _____

Request a briefing _____

Comments:

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ATTACHMENTS