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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education

ACTION: Comment Request

SUMMARY: The Department of Education (the Department), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the reporting burden on the public and helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management, Office of Management, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before [insert the 60th day after publication of this notice].

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or mailed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, LBJ, Washington, D.C. 20202-4537. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that Federal agencies provide interested parties an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: SEP 0 7 2011

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Office of Communications and Outreach

Type of Review: NEW

Title of Collection: Green Ribbon Schools Application Package

OMB Control Number: Pending

Agency Form Number(s): N/A

Frequency of Responses: Annually

Affected Public: State Educational Agencies, Local Educational Agencies or Tribal Governments

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 61,108

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 38,764

Abstract: U.S. Department of Education (ED) - Green Ribbon Schools is a recognition award that will recognize public and private elementary, middle and high schools that save energy, reduce costs, protect health, foster wellness, feature environmentally sustainable learning spaces, and offer effective environmental education.

ED will request information from nominating authorities documenting their evaluation of schools according to the following categories: 1) environmental impact and energy efficiency; 2) healthy environment; and 3) environmental literacy. This information will be used at the Department to conduct final review to ensure schools meet eligibility requirements, including compliance with applicable federal civil rights and federal, state and local health, environment and safety statutory and regulatory requirements; meet high college- and career-ready academic standards; and are among the highest performing in the three areas provided, according to the practices and metrics indicated.

Copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from http://edicsweb.ed.gov, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 4713. 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 ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202-401-0920. **Please specify the complete title of the information collection and OMB Control Number when making your request.**

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.