



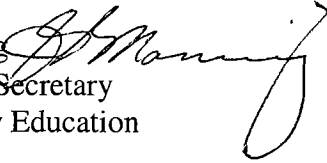
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

DATE : June 18, 2007

TO : Nicole Cafarella
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FROM : James F. Manning 
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SUBJECT : Request for Emergency Clearance to Reinstate the Hurricane Education Recovery Awards Package

This memorandum requests emergency clearance to reinstate, without change, the Hurricane Education Recovery Awards. On May 25, 2007, in Making Emergency Supplemental Appropriations and Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Agricultural and Other Emergency Assistance for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2007, and for Other Purposes (Pub. L. No.110-28), Congress provided \$30 million in awards to institutions of higher education, as defined in section 101 or section 102(c) of the HEA, that are located in an area in which a major disaster was declared in accordance with section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act related to Hurricanes Katrina or Rita that were forced to close, relocate or significantly curtail their activities as a result of damage directly caused by the hurricanes. The law provides that the appropriated funds must be awarded within 60 days of enactment, which means awards must be made by July 24, 2007.

The Department intends to reinstate the previously approved plan for allocating these funds using quantitative measures including:

- tuition and fees revenue lost;
- expenses already incurred by the institution in remediation of the effects of hurricanes;
- estimated construction costs to repair or replace campus buildings damaged by the hurricanes; and
- the estimated amount to be reimbursed by insurance or other Federal agency, foundation or charitable outlays for hurricane relief.

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The Department needs to collect this information quickly in order to make timely grant awards by July 24, 2007. For this reason, we are requesting emergency clearance of the Hurricane Education Recovery Awards.

Attachments:

OMB Form 83-I Paperwork Reduction Act Submission

Supporting Statement for Paperwork Reduction Act Submission