



MEMORANDUM

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TO : Sharon Mar
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Office of Management and Budget

THROUGH : Alan J. Schiff 
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FROM : Richard LaPointe 
Director
International Education Programs Service (IEPS)

SUBJECT : Request for OMB Approval of the Application Forms and
Instructions for Grants under the National Resource Centers (NRC)
Program and the Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS)
Fellowships Program

The Office of Postsecondary Education requests that you submit the NRC and FLAS programs grant application package for Department and OMB approval. OPE requests approval of this information collection so that IEPS can establish a closing date for receipt of fiscal year (FY) 2010 applications, conduct the peer review, and make new awards by June 30, 2010.

The NRC and FLAS application package was previously approved under OMB number 1840-0068 and included seven IEPS application packages. OMB number 1840-0068 was discontinued to allow IEPS to submit its application packages separately to OMB for approval. We submit this information collection as "new" to obtain an OMB number specific to the NRC and FLAS application package. Please be advised that the application content and materials themselves are not new.

Form OMB 83-1 parts 1 and 2 and the required supporting documents are attached.

We ask that you review our request at your earliest convenience, so that we can conduct our grant making activities on schedule.

Attachments: Supporting Statement
Information Collection Data Parts I and II
FY 2006 and FY 2010 NRC and FLAS Applications