## **MEMORANDUM**

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Alan J. Schiff

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**Education Programs** 

Office of Postsecondary Education

FROM

Richard LaRointe

Director

International Education Programs Service (IEPS)

SUBJECT

Request for OMB Approval of the Application Forms and

Instructions for Grants under the International Research and

Studies (IRS) Program

The Office of Postsecondary Education requests that you submit the IRS program 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) 2011 applications, conduct the peer review, and make new awards by May 30, 2011.

The IRS program has two schedules, research, surveys, and studies (84.017A-1) and instructional materials (84.017A-3). The schedules have separate applications with different selection criteria. However, the information collection and supporting statement are combined for the program.

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 2011 IRS Applications