**MEMORANDUM U. S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  **Washington, D.C. 20202**

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TO : Sharon Mar

 Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs

 Office of Management and the Budget

THROUGH : Andre Lewis

 Deputy Assistant Secretary

 International and Foreign Language Education

FROM : Richard La Pointe

 Director

 International Education Programs Service (IEPS)

SUBJECT : Request for Approval of the Application for the Business and International Education (CFDA 84.153A) Program (1840-0794 v.3)

The application used to apply for the funding under the Business and International Education (BIE) program will expire on August 31, 2010. This application was previously a part of 1840-0794 and is being submitted with minor changes.

This application is needed by applicants in order to apply for new grants in the fiscal year 2011 competition.

Your immediate review of the attached information collection clearance package is requested. Please note that this request is extremely time-sensitive, as the Notices Inviting Applications for the FY 2011 competition for this program must be developed and placed into Departmental clearance this July to meet established schedules for early awards.

If you require additional information, please feel free to contact Tanyelle Richardson at (202) 502-7626.