

Request for Approval under the “Generic Clearance for the Collection of Routine Customer Feedback” (OMB Control Number: 1800-0542)

TITLE OF INFORMATION COLLECTION: U.S. Department of Education Reform Support Network Race to the Top Leads Survey (2014)

PURPOSE: The U.S. Department of Education (ED) is committed to understanding the utility and relevance of TA provided to Race to the Top (RTT) States through the Reform Support Network (RSN) in order to inform both service and program improvement in ensuring States achieve their Race to the Top goals as authorized by the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)*, Section 14005-6, Title XIV, (Public Law 111-5). The Reform Support Network provides TA to Race to the Top States through a variety of mechanisms including Communities of Practice, Webinars, and Convening’s, Product Development, and individualized technical assistance.

In support of RTT States, it is important to ensure that all TA provided through RSN is of high quality, relevant, useful, and helpful as States work towards achievement of their RTT goals. A survey will be administered to RTT State Leads to inform future TA and better understand how and when TA is useful to RTT grantees from a State perspective.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS: Surveys invitations will be e-mailed to the 19 RTT State Leads. Follow-up for non-respondents will occur as needed by telephone and e-mail.

TYPE OF COLLECTION: (Check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Customer Comment Card/Complaint Form | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Customer Satisfaction Survey |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Usability Testing (e.g., Website or Software) | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Discussion Group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Focus Group | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

CERTIFICATION:

I certify the following to be true:

1. The collection is voluntary.
2. The collection is low-burden for respondents and low-cost for the Federal Government.
3. The collection is non-controversial and does not raise issues of concern to other federal agencies.
4. The results are not intended to be disseminated to the public.
5. Information gathered will not be used for the purpose of substantially informing influential policy decisions.
6. The collection is targeted to the solicitation of opinions from respondents who have experience with the program or may have experience with the program in the future.

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To assist review, please provide answers to the following question:

Personally Identifiable Information:

1. Is personally identifiable information (PII) collected? Yes No

2. If Yes, is the information that will be collected included in records that are subject to the Privacy Act of 1974? Yes No
3. If Applicable, has a System or Records Notice been published? Yes No

Gifts or Payments:

Is an incentive (e.g., money or reimbursement of expenses, token of appreciation) provided to participants? Yes No

BURDEN HOURS

Respondents will be asked to complete the 10 overall questions on the State Lead Survey. We estimate the burden to be 10 minutes for each State lead.

Category of Respondent	No. of Respondents	Participation Time	Burden
RTT State Lead questions	19	10 minutes	3.23 Hours
Totals	19	10 minutes	3.23 Hours

FEDERAL COST: The estimated annual cost to the Federal government is **\$1,989.63**

If you are conducting a focus group, survey, or plan to employ statistical methods, please provide answers to the following questions:

The selection of your targeted respondents

1. Do you have a customer list or something similar that defines the universe of potential respondents and do you have a sampling plan for selecting from this universe?
 Yes No

If the answer is yes, please provide a description of both below (or attach the sampling plan)? If the answer is no, please provide a description of how you plan to identify your potential group of respondents and how you will select them?

We plan to survey the entire universe of RTT State Leads for the 19 Race to the Top States. All collection will be online unless a phone interview is requested by the State.

Administration of the Instrument

1. How will you collect the information? (Check all that apply)
 - Web-based or other forms of Social Media
 - Telephone
 - In-person
 - Mail
 - Other, Explain
2. Will interviewers or facilitators be used? Yes No