

diversifying its course offerings to meet the needs of all types of separating veterans, including first-term separations, mid-career separators, and career retirees. These groups are inherently different. First-term separators are the most likely to be immediately reentering the civilian labor market (and thus may be in need of skills training) and to be making use of their GI-Bills. They also have fewer experiences with significant transitions and life changes than their older, more tenured counterparts. Comparing the demographic characteristics of our focus group participants with those of first-term and other separators will allow us to determine if the inputs we receive are likely reflective of the population of transitioning veterans at large, or if they likely represent only specific subsets of the transitioning population.

We will audio tape these discussions so that transcription can occur after the discussions have been conducted. We will be certain that any introductions are made prior to the tape recorder being turned on, should the focus group members want to introduce themselves. Discussion topics will include:

- Organizations and social structures
- Community location decision
- Initial intentions after separation
- Reintegration challenges
- Transition Assistance Program (TAP) effect on reintegration
- Community involvement effect

Dated: July 10, 2013.

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Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No. ED-2013-ICCD-0095]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Veterans Upward Bound Annual Performance Report

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 3501 *et seq.*), ED is proposing a new information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 23, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Comments submitted in response to this notice should be

submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting Docket ID number ED-2013-ICCD-0095 or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Room 2E103, Washington, DC 20202-4537.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Electronically mail ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Please do not send comments here.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Veterans Upward Bound Annual Performance Report.

OMB Control Number: 1840-NEW.

Type of Review: New information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Private Sector, State, Local, or Tribal Governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 51.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 867.

Abstract: The U.S. Department of Education is requesting a new Annual Performance Report (APR) for grants under the Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) Program. The Department is requesting a new APR because of the implementation of the Higher Education Opportunity Act revisions to the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, the authorizing statute for the programs. The APRs are used to evaluate the performance of grantees prior to awarding continuation funding and to assess a grantee's prior experience at the end of each budget period.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2013-ICCD-0096]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Early Childhood Longitudinal Study Kindergarten Class of 2010-11 (ECLS-K: 2011) Spring Third-Grade National Collection, Fourth-Grade Recruitment, and Fifth-Grade Tracking

AGENCY: Department of Education (ED), Institute of Education Sciences/National Center for Education Statistics (IES).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 3501 *et seq.*), ED is proposing a revision of an existing information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 23, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting Docket ID number ED-2013-ICCD-0096 or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Room 2E103, Washington, DC 20202-4537.

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