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Clearance Package Supporting Statement
And Data Collection Instrument*

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A. JUSTIFICATION

A1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary. Identify any legal or administrative requirements that necessitate the collection. Attach a copy of the appropriate section of each statute and regulation mandating or authorizing the collection of the information.

The College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) office staff collects information for the CAMP Annual Performance Report (APR) the data being collected is in compliance with Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, Title IV, Sec. 418A; 20 U.S.C. 1070d-2 (special programs for students whose families are engaged in migrant and seasonal farm work) (shown in appendix A), the Government Performance Results Act (GPRA) of 1993, Section 4 (1115) (shown in appendix B), and the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), 34 CFR 75.253. EDGAR states that recipients of multi-year discretionary grants must submit an APR demonstrating that substantial progress has been made towards meeting the approved objectives of the project. In addition, EDGAR requires discretionary grantees to report on their progress toward meeting the performance measures established for the ED grant program.

Currently the CAMP under 1810-0689 in ROCIS, has a glitch that is making this record a Generic ICR type versus a program specific ICR which the CAMP APR is. When attempting to submit this ICR as an extension, the record entry would only allow this collection be submitted as a Generic. As a work around and to correct this for any burden revisions, program changes or adjustments that may occur for the life of this OMB control number we've submitted the CAMP APR as a Generic ICR type and requested a new OMB control number for the CAMP APR with a 60-day FRN for a new ICR. On approval of the new CAMP APR OMB control number; ED plans to request the discontinuance of the 1810-0689 control number with the return of approval for this request of a new control number for the correct ICR type. The historical information will be available under 1810-0689 with the active and current data under the "new" OMB control number for CAMP, we are not changing the data, but for systematic purposes will need to get this out of the Generic ICR type. ED has requested a one year extension to allow enough time for this work around and prevent any lapse of approval to collect CAMP APR data.

A2. Indicate how, by whom, and for what purpose the information will be used. Except for a new collection, indicate the actual use the agency has made of the information received from the current collection.

The CAMP office staff collects information via the APR submitted by CAMP grantees in compliance with GPRA 1993 section 4, sub-section 1115. APRs are submitted once a year and are used to monitor grantee progress. We request a customized APR that goes beyond the generic 524B APR to facilitate the collection of more standardized and comprehensive data to inform GPRA, to improve the overall quality of data collected, and to increase the quality of data that can be used for evaluation and to inform policy decisions.

Using the information collected in the APR, the Office of Migrant Education (OME) has been able to develop decision rules to measure whether or not grantees were making substantial progress from year to year. The grantees that OME determined had not made substantial progress were then required to submit a corrective action plan, which included benchmarks for improving their program performance. As a result of this kind of evaluation, the OME was able to objectively decide to discontinue the funding for grantees who had habitually failed to make substantial progress in accordance with the national performance measures for GED attainment and placement, despite the OME's provision of technical assistance.

A3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The APR form is collected via an online form accessible only to grantees. This may improve the timeliness of submission, accuracy of data, and reduce cost or burden associated with regular mail or email. It will also reduce the CAMP office's cost associated with data analysis. All information collected in support of the APR will be collected in compliance with grantee evaluation requirements.

A4. Describe efforts to identify duplication. Show specifically why any similar information already available cannot be used or modified for use for the purposes described in item 2 above.

There is no duplication of reporting on the CAMP APR. Data are reported annually covering the specified reporting period. The information requested on the APR from CAMP grantees is not collected or reported elsewhere.

A5. If the collection of information involves small businesses or other small entities, describe any methods used to minimize burden.

The data collection does not involve small businesses or other small entities.

A6. Describe the consequences to the Federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently, as well as any technical or legal obstacles to reducing burden.

The APR is a requirement of funded CAMP projects, as stipulated in GPRA 1993, Section 4. Annual reporting ensures each grantee is:

- implementing project activities as described in their grant proposal and funding agreement;
- reducing waste and inefficiencies through the collection, analysis and use of formative information;
- contributing to desired progress on program indicators.

Less frequent or no annual reporting risks waste, inefficiency and/or lack of progress on desired indicators due to insufficient oversight. In addition, the CAMP's most recent PART rating was "Results Not Demonstrated," and ED would like to use data from the customized APR to improve that rating.

A7. Explain any special circumstances that require the collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with OMB guidelines.

There is no special circumstance that would require the collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with OMB guidelines.

A8. If applicable, provide a copy and identify the date and page number of publication in the Federal Register of the agency's notice, required by 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comment on the information collection prior to submission to OMB. Summarize the public comments received in response to that notice and describe the actions taken by the agency in response to those comments. Specifically address comments received on cost and hour burden. Describe efforts to consult with persons outside the agency to obtain their views on the availability of data, frequency of collection,

the clarity of instructions and recordkeeping, disclosure, or reporting format (if any), and on the data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported.

The Department published both a 60-day and 30-day Federal Register Notice; and received no public comments during the 60-day FRN comment period.

A9. Explain any decision to provide payments or gifts to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees.

There are no payments or gifts to grantees in support of the data collection.

A10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.

There are no assurances of confidentiality to grantees.

A11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.

There are no questions of a sensitive nature on the APR.

A12. Provide an estimate in hours of the burden of the collection of information.

We anticipate a burden of approximately 40 hours per grantee. With 39 grantees, that would be a total of about 1,560 hours. Using a cost estimate of \$40 per hour, the cost burden per grantee would be about \$1,560 or a total for all 39 grantees of about \$60,840.

A13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to the respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection of information (do not include the cost of any hour burden shown in items #12 and #14).

There are no additional costs to respondents or record-keepers resulting from the collection other than already reported in A12 and A14, including capital or start-up costs, or operation, maintenance, or purchase of services.

A14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal government.

The College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) office staff will conduct the data collection for the APR. There are currently 39 CAMP grantees. Assuming that the response for each grantee takes an average of about one hour of CAMP office staff time, and that each hour of CAMP office staff time (including overhead) costs the federal government \$45.05 (grade 13, step 5), the annualized federal cost will be \$1,756.95

A15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments reported in Items 13 or 14 of the OMB 83-I.

This is a request for a new OMB control number; there is a program change increase of 1560 annual burden hours.

A16. For collections whose results will be published, outline the plans for tabulation and publication.

The CAMP office staff will publish findings from aggregated grantee reports, as they pertain to the evaluation questions stated in the APR for program and grantee use in better understanding effective service models and strategies. The CAMP office will follow OMB recommended steps (outlined above) to ensure information quality. Following this, the CAMP office will engage in peer review by Education Department colleagues as well as experts in the field for any publication of analyses resulting from APRs.

A17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons why display would be inappropriate.

The OMB number and expiration date will be displayed on the data collection form.

A18. Explain each exception to the certification statement identified in Item 19 of the OMB 83-I.

There are no exceptions to the certification statement.

B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS

Data collection does not employ statistical methods.