

IV. Request for Comments

The USPTO is soliciting public comments to:

(a) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) Evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

All comments submitted in response to this notice are a matter of public record. The USPTO will include or summarize each comment in the request to OMB to approve this information collection. Before including an address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information (PII) in a comment, be aware that the entire comment—including PII—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask in your comment to withhold PII from public view, the USPTO cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so.

Justin Isaac,

Information Collections Officer, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice of Intent To Extend Collection 3038-0021, Regulations Governing Bankruptcies of Commodity Brokers

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC or Commission) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed extension of the collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

(PRA), Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection, and to allow 60 days for public comment. This notice solicits comments on the collection of information provided for by the Commission's regulations governing bankruptcies of commodity brokers.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before August 16, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by OMB Control No. 3038-0021, by any of the following methods:

- The agency's website, at <https://www.cftc.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments through the website.

- **Mail:** Christopher Kirkpatrick, Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581.

- **Hand Delivery/Courier:** Same as Mail, above.

Please submit your comments using only one of these methods. All comments must be submitted in English, or if not, accompanied by an English translation. Comments will be posted as received to <https://www.cftc.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. "Collection of Information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3 and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, the CFTC is publishing notice of the proposed extension of the collection of information listed below.

Title: Regulations Governing Bankruptcies of Commodity Brokers

(OMB Control No. 3038-0021). This is a request for an extension of a currently approved information collection.¹

Abstract: This collection of information involves the reporting, recordkeeping, and third party disclosure requirements set forth in the CFTC's bankruptcy regulations for commodity broker liquidations, 17 CFR part 190. These regulations apply to commodity broker liquidations under Chapter 7, Subchapter IV of the Bankruptcy Code.² The reporting requirements include, for example, notices to the Commission regarding the filing of petitions for bankruptcy and notices to the Commission regarding the intention to transfer open commodity contracts in a commodity broker liquidation. The recordkeeping requirements include, for example, the statements of customer accounts that a trustee appointed for the purposes of a commodity broker liquidation (Trustee) must generate and adjust as set forth in the regulations. The third party disclosure requirements include, for example, the disclosure statement that a commodity broker must provide to its customers containing information regarding the manner in which customer property is treated under part 190 of the Commission's regulations in the event of a bankruptcy and, in the event of a commodity broker liquidation, certain notices that a Trustee must provide to customers and to the persons to whom commodity contracts and specifically identifiable customer property have been or will be transferred. The information collection requirements are necessary, and will be used, to facilitate the effective, efficient, and fair conduct of liquidation proceedings for commodity brokers and to protect the interests of customers in these proceedings both directly and by facilitating the participation of the CFTC in such proceedings. With respect to the collections of information, the CFTC invites comments on:

- Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper

¹ There are two information collections associated with OMB Control No. 3038-0021. The first includes the reporting, recordkeeping, and third party disclosure requirements applicable to a single respondent in a commodity broker liquidation (e.g., a single commodity broker or a single trustee) within the relevant time period provided for in Commission regulations 190.02(b)(1), 190.02(b)(2), 190.02(c)(1), 190.02(c)(2), 190.02(c)(4), 190.05(b), 190.05(d), 190.07(b)(5), 190.12(a)(2), 190.12(b)(1), 190.12(b)(2), 190.12(c)(1), 190.12(c)(2), and 190.14(a), and 190.14(d). The second information collection includes third party disclosure requirements that are applicable on a regular basis to multiple respondents (i.e., multiple FCMs) provided for in Commission regulations 1.41, 1.43 and 1.55(p).

² 11 U.S.C. 761 *et seq.*

performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have a practical use;

- The accuracy of the Commission's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- Ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology; e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. If you wish the Commission to consider information that you believe is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), a petition for confidential treatment of the exempt information may be submitted according to the procedures established in § 145.9 of the Commission's regulations.³

The Commission reserves the right, but shall have no obligation, to review, pre-screen, filter, redact, refuse or remove any or all of your submission from <https://www.cftc.gov> that it may deem to be inappropriate for publication, such as obscene language. All submissions that have been redacted or removed that contain comments on the merits of the information collection requirements will be retained in the public comment file and will be considered as required under the Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws, and may be accessible under the FOIA.

Burden Statement: The Commission notes that commodity broker liquidations occur at unpredictable and irregular intervals when particular commodity brokers become insolvent. While a commodity broker liquidation has not occurred in the past three years, the Commission took the conservative approach of maintaining the assumptions contained in the previous renewal of this information collection that, on average, a Futures Commission Merchant ("FCM") commodity broker liquidation would occur every three years and that a Derivatives Clearing Organization ("DCO") commodity broker liquidation would occur every fifty years. The Commission generally has retained the burden hour estimates set forth in the previous information collection as there have been no interim

experiences nor are there currently apparent circumstances that would warrant altering those estimates. The Commission further notes, however, that the information collection burden will vary in particular commodity broker liquidations depending on the size of the commodity broker, the extent to which accounts are able to be quickly transferred, and other factors specific to the circumstances of the liquidation.

The respondent burden for this information collection is estimated to be as follows:⁴

- **Reporting—FCMs**⁵

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1.
Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Number of Responses: 1.

Estimated Annual Number of Burden Hours per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1.

Type of Respondents: FCM commodity brokers who have filed a petition in bankruptcy, Trustees.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

- **Recordkeeping—FCMs**⁶

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1.
Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 26,666.67.

Estimated Total Annual Number of Responses: 26,666.67.

Estimated Annual Number of Burden Hours per Respondent: 266.67.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 266.67.

Type of Respondents: Trustees.

Frequency of Collection: Only during the pendency of an FCM bankruptcy: daily and on occasion.

- **Third Party Disclosures Applicable to a Single Respondent—FCMs**⁷

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1.
Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 10,003.32.

Estimated Total Annual Number of Responses: 10,003.32.

Estimated Annual Number of Burden Hours per Respondent: 1,336.66.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,336.66.

⁴ Because an FCM commodity broker liquidation is estimated to occur only once every three years, this information collection expresses such burdens in terms of those that would be imposed on one respondent during the three-year period.

⁵ The reporting requirements for FCMs are contained in Commission regulations 190.03(b)(1) and 190.03(b)(2).

⁶ The recordkeeping requirements for FCMs are contained in Commission regulations 190.05(b) and 190.05(d).

⁷ These third party disclosure requirements are contained in Commission regulations 190.03(c)(1), 190.03(c)(2), 190.02(c)(4), and 190.07(b)(5).

Type of Respondents: Trustees.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

- **Reporting—DCOs**⁸

*Estimated Number of Respondents:*⁹

1.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Number of Responses: 1.

Estimated Annual Number of Burden Hours per Respondent: 2.98.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 0.61.

Type of Respondents: DCO commodity brokers who have filed a petition in bankruptcy, Trustees.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

- **Recordkeeping—DCOs**¹⁰

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1.
Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 9.

Estimated Total Annual Number of Responses: 9.

Estimated Annual Number of Burden Hours per Respondent: 0.9.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 0.9.

Type of Respondents: Trustees.

Frequency of Collection: Only during the pendency of a DCO bankruptcy: daily.

- **Third Party Disclosures Applicable to a Single Respondent—DCOs**¹¹

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1.
Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 0.9.

Estimated Total Annual Number of Responses: 0.9.

Estimated Annual Number of Burden Hours per Respondent: 0.18.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 0.18.

Type of Respondents: Trustees.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

- **Third Party Disclosures Applicable to Multiple Respondents During Business as Usual**¹²

Estimated Number of Respondents: 125.

⁸ The reporting requirements for DCOs are contained in Commission regulations 190.12(a)(2), 190.12(b)(1), 190.12(b)(2), 190.12(c)(1), and 190.12(c)(2).

⁹ Because a DCO commodity broker liquidation is estimated to occur only once every fifty years, this information collection expresses such burdens in terms of those that would be imposed on one respondent during the fifty-year period.

¹⁰ The recordkeeping requirements for DCOs are contained in Commission regulation 190.14(d).

¹¹ The third-party disclosure requirements for DCOs are contained in Commission regulation 190.14(a).

¹² The third-party disclosure requirements that are applicable on a regular basis to multiple respondents (i.e., multiple FCMs) are contained in Commission regulations 1.41, 1.43 and 1.55(p).

³ 17 CFR 145.9.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 3,000.

Estimated Total Annual Number of Responses: 375,000.

Estimated Annual Number of Burden Hours per Respondent: 60.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 7,500.

Type of Respondents: FCMs.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

There are no new capital or start-up or operations costs associated with this information collection, nor are there any maintenance costs associated with this information collection.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

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Robert Sidman,

Deputy Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Applications for New Awards; From Seedlings to Scale Grant Program and Research Networks Focused on Critical Problems of Education Policy and Practice

AGENCY: Institute of Education Sciences, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Education (Department) is issuing a notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2025 for the Education Research Grant Programs.

DATES:

Application Packages Available: June 20, 2024.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: August 15, 2024.

ADDRESSES: For the addresses for obtaining and submitting an application, please refer to our Common Instructions for Applicants to Department of Education Discretionary Grant Programs, published in the **Federal Register** on December 7, 2022 (87 FR 75045) and available at www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/12/07/2022-26554/common-instructions-for-applicants-to-department-of-education-discretionary-grant-programs.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erin Higgins. Telephone: 202–987–1531. Email: erin.higgins@ed.gov.

If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability and wish to access telecommunications relay services, please dial 7–1–1.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: In awarding research grants, the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) intends to provide national leadership in expanding knowledge and understanding of (1) education outcomes for all learners from early childhood education through postsecondary and adult education, and (2) employment and wage outcomes when relevant (such as for those engaged in career and technical, postsecondary, or adult education). The IES research grant programs are designed to provide interested individuals and the general public with reliable and valid information about education practices that support learning and improve academic achievement and access to education opportunities for all learners. These interested individuals include parents, educators, learners, researchers, and policymakers. In carrying out its grant programs, IES provides support for programs of research in areas of demonstrated national need.

Assistance Listing Numbers: 84.305I and 84.305N.

OMB Control Number: 4040–0001.

Competitions in This Notice:

The IES National Center for Education Research (NCER) is announcing two competitions: From Seedlings to Scale and Research Networks Focused on Critical Problems of Education Policy and Practice. We published a request for information in the **Federal Register** on October 12, 2023 (88 FR 70652) describing the purpose and goals for the From Seedlings to Scale program.

From Seedlings to Scale (ALN 84.305I). Through this program, IES will invest in innovative products, policies, and processes within an identified focus area through three phases of increasing funding and time duration to support ideas as they grow from seedlings to scalable solutions. In this notice, IES is inviting applications to Phase One. During this initial phase, teams will clarify their understanding of the problem, refine their solution—which could be a product, policy, or process—through engagement with relevant stakeholders, and build out a detailed plan for further research and development (R&D). Phase One teams will apply for Phase Two funding and will need to provide a compelling rationale generated from the Phase One work that the idea is worth further investment and a detailed R&D plan for how they will develop their idea into a scalable solution and generate evidence of impact. Teams that move onto Phase

Two will develop their concept into a fully functioning initial version of the solution. IES may, at its discretion, support additional work in Phase Three. This third phase would focus on evaluating the impact of the solution across multiple settings and contexts and laying the foundation to scale the solution to users. Additional information about the phased nature of this competition is provided in the request for applications (RFA). Projects will incorporate high-quality research, solution development, and attention to sustainability and scaling throughout all phases. For the FY 2025 competition, NCER will consider only applications that address the following topic:

- Phase One projects for the Seamless Personalized Education Experiences Delivered at Scale (SPEED at Scale) focus area. The SPEED at Scale focus area aims to develop innovative solutions that allow teachers to seamlessly provide personalized instruction for PreK–12 grade students.

Research Networks Focused on Critical Problems of Education Policy and Practice (ALN 84.305N). For the FY 2025 competition, NCER will only consider applications that address the following topic:

- Accelerate, Transform, Scale (ATS) Initiative Hub. The ATS Initiative supports education R&D to create scalable solutions to improve education outcomes for all learners and eliminate persistent achievement and attainment gaps. The ATS Initiative Hub will support the establishment of new ATS Initiative programs and provide high-level support to IES in coordinating existing programs that fall under this new initiative.

Multiple Submissions: You may submit applications to more than one of the FY 2025 research grant programs offered through the Department, including those offered through IES as well as those offered through other offices and programs within the Department. You may submit multiple applications to each IES grant program announced here as long as they address different key issues, programs, or policies. However, you may submit a given application only once for the IES FY 2025 grant competitions, meaning you may not submit the same application or similar applications to multiple grant programs within IES, to multiple topics within a grant competition, or multiple times within the same topic. If you submit multiple similar applications, IES will determine whether and which applications will be accepted for review and/or will be eligible for funding. In addition, if you submit the same or similar application