

Projects to Ensure Students with Disabilities Receive a Quality Higher Education program, applicants should refer to the authorizing statute in Part D, Title VII, of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA). In preparing applications, IHEs should pay particular attention to the requirements in section 427 of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA), as detailed later in this notice. Applicants must address the requirements in section 427 in order to receive funding under this competition. Section 427 requires each applicant to *describe the steps they propose to take* to address one or more barriers (i.e., gender, race, national origin, color, disability, or age) that can impede equitable access to, or participation in, the program. A restatement of compliance with civil rights requirements is not sufficient to meet the requirements in section 427 of GEPA.

Application Procedures

Note: Some of the procedures in these instructions for transmitting applications differ from those in the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR)(34 CFR 75.102). Under the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553) the Department generally offers interested parties the opportunity to comment on proposed regulations. However, these amendments make procedural changes only and do not establish new substantive policy. Therefore, under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A), the Secretary has determined that proposed rulemaking is not required.

Pilot Project for Electronic Submission of Applications

In Fiscal Year 2002, the U.S. Department of Education is continuing to expand its pilot project of electronic submission of applications to include additional formula grant programs and additional discretionary grant competitions. The Demonstration Projects to Ensure Students with Disabilities Receive a Quality Higher Education Program, CFDA 84.333, is one of the programs included in the pilot project. If you are an applicant under the Demonstration Projects to Ensure Students with Disabilities Receive a Quality Higher Education Program, you may submit your application to us in either electronic or paper format.

The pilot project involves the use of the Electronic Grant Application System (e-APPLICATION, formerly e-GAPS) portion of the Grant Administration and Payment System (GAPS). We request your participation in this pilot project. We shall continue to evaluate its

success and solicit suggestions for improvement.

If you participate in the e-APPLICATION pilot, please note the following:

- Your participation is strictly voluntary.
- You will not receive any additional point value or penalty because you submit a grant application in electronic or paper format.
- You must submit all grant documents electronically including the Application for Federal Assistance (ED 424), the Budget Information—Non-Construction Programs (ED 524), and all necessary assurances and certifications.

Within three working days of submitting your electronic application, fax a signed copy of the Application for Federal Assistance to the Application Control Center after following these steps:

1. Print ED 424 from the e-APPLICATION system.
2. Make sure that the institution's Authorizing Representative signs this form.
3. Before faxing this form, submit your electronic application via the e-APPLICATION system. You will receive an automatic acknowledgement, which will include a PR/Award number (an identifying number unique to your application).
4. Place the PR/Award number in the upper right hand corner of ED 424.
5. Fax the ED 424 to the Application Control Center at (202) 260-1349.
 - We may request that you give us original signatures on all other forms at a later date.

You may access the electronic grant application for the Demonstration Projects to Ensure Student With Disabilities Receive a Quality Higher Education Program at <http://e-grants.ed.gov>.

We have included additional information about the e-APPLICATION pilot project (see Parity Guidelines between Paper and Electronic Application) in the application package.

For Applications Contact: Education Publications Center (ED Pubs), P.O. Box 1398, Jessup, MD 20794-1398. Telephone (toll free): 1-877-433-7827. FAX: (301) 470-1244. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call (toll free): 1-877-576-7734.

You may also contact EDPUBS at its web site: <http://www.ed.gov/pubs/edpuds.html>.

Or you may contact ED Pubs at its e-mail address: edpubs@inet.ed.gov.

If you request an application from ED Pubs, be sure to identify this competition as follows: CFDA number 84.333.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Shedita Ford, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., Room 6147, Washington, DC 20006-8525. Telephone: (202) 502-7808 or via Internet: Shedita.Ford@ed.gov.

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain this document in an alternative format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain a copy of the application package in an alternative format by contacting that person. However, the Department is not able to reproduce in an alternate format the standard forms included in the application package.

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Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1140 *et seq.* Title VII, Part D of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.

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Assistant Secretary, Office of Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Scoping Meetings for Radioisotope Thermoelectric Generator Relocation Environmental Assessment (EA)

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy published on May 31, 2002, in the **Federal Register**, a notice announcing its intent to prepare an EA for determining the future location of the Department's Heat Source/Radioisotope Power System (HS/RPS) assembly and test operations. The Department invited comments on the proposed action and scope of the EA and announced public meetings to encourage public participation. The comment period was to continue for 21 days from the date of the publication of the **Federal Register** notice (till June 21, 2002).

This **Federal Register** notice extends the comment period till July 5, 2002. The comments received after this date will be considered to the extent practical.

DATES: The scoping comment period has been extended to July 5, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please direct comments on the proposed relocation and scope of the EA, requests for copies of the EA, and questions concerning the project to: Mr. Timothy A. Frazier, U.S. Department of Energy, PO Box 66, Miamisburg, OH 45343-0066, Telephone: (937) 865-3748, Facsimile (937) 865-4489, Electronic mail: Tim.Frazier@hq.doe.gov For general information on DOE's National Environmental Policy Act process, please contact Ms. Carol Borgstrom, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, Washington, DC 20585, telephone (202) 586-4600 or leave message at 1-(800) 472-2756.

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Director, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC02-717-000; FERC-717]

Commission Information Collection Activities, Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension

June 17, 2002.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described below.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due by August 23, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained from Michael Miller, Office of the Chief Information Officer, CI-1, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments may be filed either in paper format or electronically. Those persons filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. For paper filings, the original and 14 copies of such comments should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE. Washington, DC 20426 and should refer to Docket No. IC02-717-000.

Documents filed electronically via the Internet must be prepared in WordPerfect, MS Word, Portable Document Format, or ASCII format. To file the document, access the Commission's website at www.ferc.gov and click on "Make an E-filing," and then follow the instructions for each screen. First time users will have to establish a user name and password. The Commission will send an automatic acknowledgment to the sender's E-mail address upon receipt of comments. User assistance for electronic filings is available at 202-208-0258 or by e-mail to efiling@ferc.fed.us. Comments should not be submitted to the e-mail address.

All comments may be viewed, printed or downloaded remotely via the Internet through FERC's homepage using the RIMS link. User assistance for RIMS is available at 202-208-2222, or by e-mail to rimsmaster@ferc.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202)208-1415, by fax at (202)208-2425, and by e-mail at michael.miller@ferc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information collected under the requirements of FERC-717 "Open Access Same Time Information System" (OMB No. 1902-0173) is used by the Commission to carry out the general authority in Sections 309 and 311 of the Federal Power Act 1978 (PURPA)(16

U.S.C. 825h). On April 24, 1996, the Commission issued two separate but interrelated final rules. The first rule, Order No. 888 required that all public utilities that own, control or operate facilities used for transmitting electric energy in interstate commerce to have on file open access non-discriminatory transmission tariffs that contain minimum terms and conditions of non-discriminatory service. The second rule Order No. 889, required utilities to establish electronic systems to share information about available transmission capacity. Under this rule, each public utility (or its agent) that owns, controls, or operates transmission facilities had to create or participate in an Open Access Same-Time Information System (OASIS) that provides open access transmission customers (current and potential) with electronic information about transmission capacity, prices, and other information necessary to obtain open access nondiscriminatory transmission services. The rule also established standards of conduct to ensure that a public utility's employees engaged in a transmission operations function independently of those employees engaged in wholesale purchases and sales of electric energy in interstate commerce. In addition, specific requirements with respect to various standards and protocols were identified to ensure that the OASIS system presents information in a consistent and uniform manner. In subsequent orders OASIS has been modified as it became necessary to adopt uniform business practices and communication protocols. In Docket No. RM01-10-000, the Commission proposed new standards of conduct to apply uniformly to both natural gas pipelines and transmitting public utilities, a matter still pending before the Commission.

The compliance with these requirements is mandatory. The reporting requirements are found at 18 CFR Part 37.

Action: The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection of data with exception to the standards of conduct which are the subject of a separate proceeding as noted above.

Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated as: