

**SUMMARY:** The Director, Information Resources Group, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before August 14, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Wendy Taylor, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U. S. C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Director of the Information Resources Group publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

Dated: July 9, 1996.

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*Director, Information Resources Group.*

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* Application for Grants Under the Innovative Programs Section of the Magnet Schools Assistance Program.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs and LEAs.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:*

Responses: 150.

Burden Hours: 3,600.

*Abstract:* The application is used by local educational agencies to apply for funds to administer innovative programs under the Magnet Schools Program. The proposed projects must involve strategies other than magnet schools, be organized around a special emphasis, theme, or concept, and involve parent and community input.

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#### **Office of Postsecondary Education; Federal Perkins Program Expanded Lending Option**

**AGENCY:** Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of deadline of submission of institutional agreement for participation in the Federal Perkins Program Expanded Lending Option.

**SUMMARY:** This notice establishes the deadline for submission of the "Institutional Agreement For Participation In the Federal Perkins Loan Program Expanded Lending Option (ELO)" (ELO Participation Agreement) by those eligible institutions that elect to participate in the Federal Perkins Loan Program ELO in the 1996-97 award year (the period from July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Perkins Loan Program provides low-interest loans to financially needy students attending institutions of higher education to help them pay their educational costs. The ELO is available for the 1996-97 award year for institutions of higher education that participate in the Federal Perkins Loan Program.

To be eligible to participate in the Federal Perkins Loan Program ELO for 1996-97, an institution must have had a Federal Perkins Loan cohort rate of 15 percent or less as of June 30, 1995, and must have participated in the Federal Perkins Loan Program for the two previous award years (1994-95 and

1995-96). In addition, an institution must enter into a special ELO Participation Agreement with the Secretary. An institution that elects to participate in the ELO must complete, sign, date and submit the ELO Participation Agreement by the deadline date to obtain approval.

Institutions that become Federal Perkins Loan Program ELO participants will be required to increase the Institutional Capital Contribution (ICC) to at least a dollar-for-dollar match with any portion of the 1996-97 award year Federal Capital Contribution (FCC) received. Only new FCC received on or after July 1, 1996, would be matched at the increased rate. Institutions would not match funds received prior to July 1, 1996, at the higher rate.

Institutions that become Federal Perkins Loan Program ELO participants may make loans to eligible students at higher maximum annual and aggregate limits than is the case with nonparticipating institutions. ELO participating institutions that do not ultimately make any loans at the higher ELO levels for the 1996-97 award year must still honor the ELO Participation Agreement to deposit in the Federal Perkins Loan Program Fund an ICC at least equal to the 1996-97 award year FCC deposited into the Fund. All other administrative procedures would remain the same as for institutions not participating in the Federal Perkins Loan Program ELO.

**DATES:** *Closing Date for Transmittal of ELO Participation Agreement:* To ensure participation in the Federal Perkins Loan Program ELO in the 1996-97 award year, an eligible institution that elects to participate must submit its ELO Participation Agreement by August 1, 1996.

*ELO Participation Agreement Delivered By Mail:* An ELO Participation Agreement delivered by mail must be addressed to the U.S. Department of Education, Student Financial Assistance Programs, Institutional Financial Management Division, Campus-Based Financial Operations Branch, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 4714 Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-5458.

An institution must show proof of mailing its ELO Participation Agreement by the closing date. Proof of mailing consists of one of the following: (1) A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service, (2) a legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark, (3) a dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier, or (4) any other proof of mailing acceptable to the U.S. Secretary of Education.

If an ELO Participation Agreement is sent through the U.S. Postal Service, the Secretary does not accept either of the following as proof of mailing: (1) A private metered postmark, or (2) a mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Service. An institution should note that the U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark. Before relying on this method, an institution should check with its local post office. An institution is encouraged to use certified or at least first-class mail.

*ELO Participation Agreement delivered by hand and Commercial Delivery Services:* An ELO Participation Agreement delivered by hand must be delivered to the U.S. Department of Education, Student Financial Assistance Programs, Institutional Financial Management Division, Campus-Based Financial Operations Branch, 7th and D Streets, SW., Room 4714 Regional Office Building 3, Washington DC. Hand-delivered ELO Participation Agreements will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. daily (eastern Daylight Time), except Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays. An ELO Participation Agreement that is hand-delivered will not be accepted after 4:30 p.m. on August 1, 1996.

*Applicable Regulations:* The following regulations apply to this program:

Student Assistance General Provisions, 34 CFR Part 668.

Federal Perkins Loan Program, 34 CFR Part 674.

Federal Work-Study Program, 34 CFR Part 675.

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program, 34 CFR Part 676.

Institutional Eligibility Under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 34 CFR part 600.

Federal Family Educational Loan Program, 34 CFR 682.

New Restrictions on Lobbying, 34 CFR part 82.

Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement) and Government-wide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants), 34 CFR part 85.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information concerning ELO Participation Agreement submissions, contact Sandra Donelson, Financial Management Specialist, Campus-Based Financial Operations Branch, Institutional Financial Management Division, Office of Postsecondary Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW. (Room 4714, ROB-3), Washington, DC 20202-5452. Telephone: 202-708-9751.

For technical assistance concerning the Federal Perkins Loan Program ELO, contact Susan Morgan, Chief, Campus-Based Loan Programs Section, or Sylvia R. Ross, Program Specialist, Policy Development Division, Student Financial Assistance Programs, Office of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education, Telephone: 202-708-8242. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

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*Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.*

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**Office of Postsecondary Education; Availability of the Amendments to the Federal Perkins Loan and National Direct Student Loan Programs Loan Directory of Designated Low-Income Schools for Teacher Cancellation Benefits for the 1995-96 School Year**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of the amendments to the 1995-96 Federal Perkins Loan and National Direct Student Loan Programs Directory of Designated Low-Income Schools.

**SUMMARY:** Institutions and borrowers participating in the Federal Perkins Loan and National Direct Student Loan Programs and other interested persons are advised that they may obtain information regarding the amendments to the Federal Perkins Loan and National Direct Student Loan Programs Directory of Designated Low-Income Schools for Teacher Cancellation Benefits for the 1995-96 School Year (Directory). The amendments identify changes in the list of schools that qualify borrowers for teacher cancellation benefits under each of the loan programs.

**DATES:** The amendments to the Directory are currently available.

**ADDRESSES:** Information concerning specific schools listed in the amendments to the Directory may be obtained from Systems Administration Branch, Campus-Based Programs System Division, Office of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., (Room

4621, ROB-3), Washington, D.C. 20202-5453. Telephone (202) 708-6730.

Information concerning deferment and/or cancellation of a National Direct Student Loan or Federal Perkins Loan may be obtained from Susan M. Morgan, Section Chief, Campus-Based Loan Programs Section, Loans Branch, Policy Development Division, Office of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., (Room 3053, ROB-3), Washington, D.C. 20202-5345. Telephone (202) 708-8242. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The amendments to the Directory are available at (1) each institution of higher education participating in the Federal Perkins Loan Program, (2) each of the fifty-seven (57) State and Territory Departments of Education, (3) each of the major Federal Perkins Loan billing services, and (4) the U.S. Department of Education.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Secretary of Education published a notice in the Federal Register on December 19, 1995, indicating that the Directory was available. The Secretary has revised the Directory due to the opening and closing of schools, school name changes, and the need for other corrections. These revisions are listed in the amendments to the Directory.

The procedures for selecting the schools that qualify borrowers for cancellation benefits are described in the Federal Perkins Loan Program regulations at 34 CFR 674.53 and 674.54. The Secretary has determined that for the 1995-96 academic year full-time teaching in the schools set forth in the Directory and the amendments to the Directory qualifies a borrower for cancellation benefits.

The Secretary is providing the amendments to the Directory to each institution participating in the Federal Perkins Loan Program. Borrowers and other interested parties may check with their lending institutions, the appropriate State or Territory Department of Education, regional offices of the Department of Education, or the Office of Postsecondary Education of the Department of Education concerning the identity of qualifying schools for the 1995-96 academic year.

The Office of Postsecondary Education retains, on a permanent basis,