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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Open Licensing Requirement for Direct Grant Programs

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On November 3, 2015, we published in the Federal Register a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards in order to require that all Department grantees awarded direct competitive grant funds openly license to the public all copyrightable intellectual property created with Department grant funds. That NPRM established a 30-day comment period beginning on November 3, 2015, and closing on December 3, 2015. We are extending the public comment period for 15 days, until December 18, 2015.

DATES: The comment period for the notice of proposed rulemaking that published on November 3, 2015 (80 FR 67672), is extended. We must receive your comments on or before December 18, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal or via U.S. mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. We will not accept comments submitted by fax or by email or those submitted after the comment period. To ensure that we do not receive duplicate copies, please submit your comments only once. In addition, please include the Docket ID at the top of your comments.

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6W252, Washington, DC 20202-5900. Telephone: 202-453-5646
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: On November 3, 2015, we published an NPRM in
the Federal Register (80 FR 67672), to amend the Uniform
Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit
Requirements for Federal Awards in order to require that
all Department grantees awarded direct competitive grant
funds openly license to the public all copyrightable
intellectual property created with Department grant funds.
The NPRM established a 30-day comment period, closing on
December 3, 2015. To ensure that all interested parties
are provided ample time and opportunity to submit comments,
we are extending the public comment period for an
additional 15 days. Written comments must be submitted to
us no later than December 18, 2015.

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Dated: November 23, 2015.

Arne Duncan,
Secretary of Education.

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