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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**[Docket No.: ED-2018-ICCD-0133]**

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and approval; Comment Request; Assessing Evidence of Effectiveness in Adult Education**

**AGENCY:** Institute of Education Sciences (IES), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing a new information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

**ADDRESSES:** To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED-2018-ICCD-0133. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. If the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) site is not available to the public for any reason, ED will temporarily accept comments at [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov). Please include the docket ID number and the title of the information collection request when requesting documents or submitting comments. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or e-mail and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 550 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, PCP, Room 9089, Washington, D.C. 20202-0023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Melanie Ali, 202-245-8345.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on

the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

*Title of Collection:* Assessing Evidence of Effectiveness in Adult Education

*OMB Control Number:* 1850-NEW

*Type of Review:* A new information collection

*Respondents/ Affected Public:* Private Sector

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 60

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 27

*Abstract:* Title II of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014 mandates a National Assessment of Adult Education. As part of the assessment, ED is conducting a feasibility study to determine whether specific adult education approaches could be rigorously evaluated at this time. If such approaches are identified, ED may elect to conduct effectiveness studies in a subsequent phase of the national assessment.

The feasibility study, which is the focus of this clearance package, will draw on interviews with directors of WIOA-funded adult education programs that currently implement, or that could implement, one of a number of approaches that ED has prioritized. If any of the proposed studies proceed, revised clearance packages will be submitted for data collections not covered under this request.

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