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[Notice Inviting Applications for Funds Under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund \(HEERF\), Section 2003 of the American Rescue Plan \(ARP\) for Institutions of Higher Education \(IHE\) That Meet the Criteria as a Strengthening Institutions Program \(SIP\), 86 Federal Register 41459, August 2, 2021](#)

NOTICE: The Secretary is announcing the availability of new HEERF funding for the ARP (a)(2) grant program authorized under ARP section 2003(2) and inviting applications under Assistance Listing Number (ALN) 84.425M from eligible public and private nonprofit IHEs to address needs directly related to the coronavirus. These awards are in addition to the ARP (a)(1) grant funds and have been allocated by the Secretary proportionally based on the relative share of funding appropriated to SIP in the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020. The IHEs eligible for this funding include institutions eligible for SIP that did not receive funding under section 314(a)(2) of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) and that are included in the ARP (a)(2) allocation table.

AVAILABILITY DATE: August 2, 2021

DEADLINE DATE: Applications accepting on rolling basis until October 1, 2021

[Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund, American Rescue Plan for Institutions of Higher Education that Meet the Criteria for the Minority Serving Institutions, 86 Federal Register 41454, August 2, 2021](#)

NOTICE: The Secretary is announcing the availability of new HEERF funding for the ARP (a)(2) grant program authorized under ARP section 2003(2) and inviting applications under Assistance Listing Number (ALN) 84.425L from eligible public and private nonprofit IHEs to address needs directly related to the coronavirus. These awards are in addition to the ARP (a)(1) grants and have been allocated by the Secretary proportionally to funding for MSI programs in the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020. The institutions eligible for this funding include institutions that generally would be eligible to apply for the following grant programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), and that are listed on the ARP (a)(2) MSI Allocation Table: Title V, part A Developing Hispanic Serving Institutions, Title V, part B Promoting Postbaccalaureate Opportunities for Hispanic Americans, and the following Title III Part A programs: Strengthening Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISI), Strengthening Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions (ANNH), Strengthening Native American-Serving Nontribal Institutions (NASNTI), and Strengthening Predominantly Black Institutions (PBI). This notice relates to the approved information collection under OMB control number 1840-XXXX.

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[Employment Authorization for Haitian F-1 Nonimmigrant Students Experiencing Severe Economic Hardship as a Direct Result of the Current Crisis in Haiti, 86 Federal Register 41857, August 3, 2021](#)

NOTICE: This notice announces that the Secretary of Homeland Security (Secretary) has suspended certain regulatory requirements for F-1 nonimmigrant students whose country of citizenship is Haiti (regardless of country of birth) and who are experiencing severe economic hardship as a direct result of the

	<p>current crisis in Haiti. The Secretary is taking action to provide relief to Haitian citizens who are lawful F-1 nonimmigrant students so the students may request employment authorization, work an increased number of hours while school is in session, and reduce their course load while continuing to maintain F-1 nonimmigrant student status. DHS will deem an F-1 nonimmigrant student who receives employment authorization by means of this notice to be engaged in a “full course of study” for the duration of the employment authorization, if the nonimmigrant student satisfies the minimum course load requirement described in this notice.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE: August 3, 2021 through February 3, 2023</p>
<p>Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards for the Steam Electric Power Generating Point Source Category, 86 Federal Register 41801, August 3, 2021</p>	<p>NOTICE: In accordance with President Biden's Executive Order 13990, Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis (January 25, 2021), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announces its decision to undertake a rulemaking that will propose to revise the Steam Electric Power Generating Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards. As part of the rulemaking process, EPA will determine whether more stringent limitations and standards are appropriate and consistent with the technology-forcing statutory scheme and the goals of the Clean Water Act. EPA intends to sign the notice of proposed rulemaking for public comment in the Fall of 2022.</p>
<p>Eighth Amendment to Declaration Under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act for Medical Countermeasures Against COVID-19, 86 Federal Register 41977, August 4, 2021</p>	<p>NOTICE OF AMENDMENT: The Secretary issues this amendment pursuant to section 319F-3 of the Public Health Service Act to clarify and expand the authority for certain Qualified Persons authorized to prescribe, dispense, and administer covered countermeasures under section VI of this Declaration.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE: August 4, 2021</p>
<p>Information Collection: Standards for Protection Against Radiation, 86 Federal Register 42003, August 3, 2021</p>	<p>NOTICE: 10 CFR part 20 establishes standards for protection against ionizing radiation resulting from activities conducted under licenses issued by the NRC and by Agreement States. These standards require the establishment of radiation protection programs, maintenance of radiation protection programs, maintenance of radiation records, recording of radiation received by workers, reporting of incidents which could cause exposure to radiation, submittal of an annual report to NRC and to Agreement States of the results of individual monitoring, and submittal of license termination information. These mandatory requirements are needed to protect occupationally exposed individuals from undue risks of excessive exposure to ionizing radiation and to protect the health and safety of the public.</p> <p>COMMENTS DUE: September 3, 2021</p>
<p>FCC Updating Broadcast Radio Technical Rules, 86 Federal Register 43145, August 6, 2021</p>	<p>PROPOSED RULE: The Federal Communication Commission proposes to amend the rules applicable to broadcast radio stations to better reflect current requirements and eliminate redundant, outdated, or conflicting technical provisions.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE: September 7, 2021</p> <p>COMMENTS DUE: September 20, 2021</p>

<p>Submission for OMB Review; 30-Day Comment Request; PHS Applications and Pre-Award Related Reporting (Office of the Director), 86 Federal Register 43559, August 9, 2021</p>	<p>NOTICE: This collection is being revised to omit the Inclusion Enrollment Report form, which is being converted to a Common form to include the Department of Defense (DoD). The Inclusion Enrollment Report is used for all applications involving NIH-defined clinical research. This form is used to report both planned and cumulative (or actual) enrollment, and describes the sex/gender, race, and ethnicity of the study participants. Starting in January 2022, NIH will require will applicants and recipients to provide their Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) instead of the Data Universal Number System (DUNS) number. Also, the application forms will be updated to align with the Grants.gov updated Country and State lists. NIH also anticipates adding an optional field to the end of our forms and applications to get a more accurate assessment of the time it takes our applicants to complete the various forms and applications..... NIH has been engaged in a multi-year effort to examine how clinical trials are supported and the level of oversight needed. The collection of more structured information in the PHS applications and pre-award reporting requirements will facilitate NIH's development of data systems to facilitate oversight of clinical trials as well as understand where gaps in the research portfolio may exist. In addition, some of the data collected here will ultimately be accessible to investigators to pre-populate certain sections of forms when registering their trials with ClinicalTrials.gov.</p> <p>COMMENTS DUE: Within 30 days of publication</p>
<p>Passports: Proposed Rule Allowing Passport Applicants Eligible To Apply By Mail for Renewal of Passports the Additional Option To Apply On-Line, 86 Federal Register 43458, August 9, 2021</p>	<p>PROPOSED RULE: The Department proposes to amend 22 CFR 51.21(b), (b)(2), (b)(3); and 51.8(a), (b), (c), (d) to allow eligible applicants the option to apply on-line via MyTravelGov, which can be found on the Department's official website. Online Passport Renewal (OPR) refers to the electronic capability for processing renewal applications in a paperless environment. Applicants must meet all eligibility requirements for using OPR or will be referred to the paper application process. Applicants using OPR will enter their application information and upload their photos directly into the OPR system, and submit their payment through pay.gov. This process will improve efficiency and accessibility by offering online verification of renewal eligibility, electronic photo upload, and electronic payment. Applications received through OPR will automatically enter review queues at a passport agency or center, thus eliminating the physical application and processing at the Lockbox.</p> <p>COMMENTS DUE: October 8, 2021</p>
<p>DOD, GSA, NASA Federal Acquisition Regulation: Revision of Limitations on Subcontracting, 86 Federal Register 44233, August 10, 2021</p>	<p>FINAL RULE: DoD, GSA, and NASA are issuing a final rule amending the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to implement revised and standardized limitations on subcontracting, including the non-manufacturer rule, that apply to small business concerns.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE: September 10, 2021</p>
<p>DOD, GSA, NASA Federal Acquisition Regulation: Section 508-Based Standards in Information and Communication Technology, 86 Federal Register 44229, August 10, 2021</p>	<p>FINAL RULE: DoD, GSA, and NASA are issuing a final rule amending the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to incorporate recent revisions and updates to accessibility standards issued by the U.S. Access Board.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE: September 10, 2021</p>

<p>Federal Preemption and Joint Federal-State Regulation and Oversight of the Department of Education's Federal Student Loan Programs and Federal Student Loan Servicers, 86 Federal Register 44277, August 12, 2021</p>	<p>INTERPRETATION: The U.S. Department of Education (Department) issues this interpretation to revise and clarify its position on the legality of State laws and regulations that govern various aspects of the servicing of Federal student loans, such as preventing unfair or deceptive practices, correcting misapplied payments, or addressing refusals to communicate with borrowers. The Department concludes that these State laws are preempted only in limited and discrete respects, as further discussed in this interpretation. In addition, this interpretation will help facilitate close coordination between the Department and its State partners to further enhance both servicer accountability and borrower protections. This interpretation revokes and supersedes the interpretation published on March 12, 2018, "Federal Preemption and State Regulation of the Department of Education's Federal Student Loan Programs and Federal Student Loan Servicers" (2018 interpretation). EFFECTIVE DATE: August 12, 2021 COMMENTS DUE: September 13, 2021</p>
<p>Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements, 86 Federal Register 44573, August 12, 2021</p>	<p>GUIDANCE: This document announces the availability of the 2021 Compliance Supplement (2021 Supplement) for the Office of Management and Budget's uniform administrative requirements, cost principles, and audit requirements regulations. This document also offers interested parties an opportunity to comment on the 2021 Supplement. EFFECTIVE DATE: Applies to FY audits beginning June 30, 2020</p>
<p>Implementation of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, 86 Federal Register 44626, August 12, 2021</p>	<p>FINAL RULE: The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) is adopting as final its proposed regulations to implement the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 (PFCRA). The PFCRA authorizes certain Federal agencies, including NEH, to impose civil penalties and assessments through administrative adjudication against any person who makes, submits, or presents a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim or written statement to NEH. The rule establishes the procedures that NEH will follow in implementing the PFCRA, and specifies the hearing and appeal rights of persons subject to penalties and assessments under the PFCRA. EFFECTIVE DATE: August 13, 2021</p>
<p>60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: DS-160, Online Application for Nonimmigrant Visa and DS-156, Nonimmigrant Visa Application, 86 Federal Register 44766, August 12, 2021</p>	<p>NOTICE: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collections described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB. COMMENTS DUE: October 12, 2021</p>
<p>Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; EARN Perspectives of Jobseekers With Disabilities: The Impact of Employer Messaging, 86 Federal Register 45753, August 16, 2021</p>	<p>NOTICE: Employer Assistance and Resource Network on Disability Inclusion (EARN) is a resource for employers seeking to recruit, hire, retain, and advance qualified employees with disabilities. EARN assists employers through online support and a range of education and outreach activities, including webinars, a website with employer-focused resources such as toolkits, a monthly e-newsletter, social media posts, and training videos. It is funded by the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability</p>

	<p>Employment Policy under a cooperative agreement with Cornell University. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the Federal Register on April 29, 2021 (86 FR 22711).</p> <p>COMMENTS DUE: September 15, 2021</p>
<p>Maximum Per Diem Reimbursement Rates for the Continental United States (CONUS), 86 Federal Register 45731, August 16, 2021</p>	<p>NOTICE: The GSA FY 2022 per diem reimbursement rates review has resulted in meal allowance changes for certain locations within CONUS to provide for reimbursement of Federal employees' subsistence expenses while on official travel. The FY 2022 maximum lodging allowance rates will remain unchanged at the FY 2021 levels.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATES: This notice applies to travel performed on or after October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022.</p>
<p>Reopening; Notice Inviting Applications for the Proprietary Institution Grant Funds for Students Program Under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF); American Rescue Plan Act, 2021 (ARP), 86 Federal Register 45975, August 17, 2021</p>	<p>NOTICE: On May 13, 2021, the U.S. Department of Education (Department) published in the Federal Register a notice announcing the availability of funds and application deadlines for the ARP (a)(4) grant funding under the Proprietary Institution Grant Funds for Students Program, Assistance Listing Number (ALN) 84.425Q, as authorized under section 2003 of the ARP. The Department reopens, until September 10, 2021, the period for both submission of new ARP (a)(4) applications, and the Required Proprietary Institution Certification (RPIC) form for supplemental ARP (a)(4) awards.</p> <p>DEADLINE: September 10, 2021</p>
<p>Copyright Alternative in Small-Claims Enforcement (“CASE”) Act Regulations: Expedited Registration and FOIA, 86 Federal Register 46119, August 18, 2021</p>	<p>FINAL RULE: The U.S. Copyright Office is amending its regulations to establish a new expedited registration option under the Copyright Alternative in Small-Claims Enforcement Act of 2020 and to provide a technical update to the Office's Freedom of Information Act regulations. To qualify for this expedited registration option, the work(s) being registered must be the subject of a claim or counterclaim before the Copyright Claims Board.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE: September 17, 2021</p>
<p>Hiring Authority for Post-Secondary Students, 86 Federal Register 46103, August 18, 2021</p>	<p>INTERIM RULE: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is issuing an interim rule, with an opportunity for comment, to amend its career and career-conditional employment regulations. The revision is necessary to implement section 1108 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019, which requires OPM to issue regulations, in interim final form, implementing hiring authorities that allow agencies to hire certain post-secondary students into positions at specified grades in the competitive service. The intended effect of the authority is to provide additional flexibility in hiring eligible and qualified individuals.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE: September 17, 2021</p> <p>COMMENTS DUE: October 18, 2021</p>
<p>Request for Information (RFI) on an Implementation Plan for a National Artificial Intelligence Research Resource, 86 Federal Register 46278, August 18, 2021</p>	<p>REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: On July 23, 2021, the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) and the National Science Foundation (NSF) published in the Federal Register a document entitled “Request for Information (RFI) on an Implementation Plan for a National Artificial Intelligence Research Resource” and invited comments to inform the work of the National Artificial Intelligence Research Resource (NAIRR) Task Force (“Task</p>

	<p>Force”). The Task Force has been directed by Congress to develop an implementation roadmap for a shared research infrastructure that would provide Artificial Intelligence (AI) researchers and students across scientific disciplines with access to computational resources, high-quality data, educational tools, and user support. In response to requests by prospective commenters that they would benefit from additional time to adequately consider and respond to the RFI, OSTP and NSF have determined that an extension of the comment period until October 1, 2021, is appropriate.</p> <p>COMMENTS DUE: October 1, 2021</p>
<p>Emergency Alert System, Wireless Emergency Alerts; National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021, 86 Federal Register 46783, August 20, 2021</p>	<p>FINAL RULE: In this document, the Federal Communication Commission (the FCC or Commission), implements section 9201 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021, improving the way the public receives emergency alerts from the nation's Emergency Alert System (EAS) and Wireless Emergency Alerts System (WEA) on their mobile phones, televisions, and radios. The Commission adopts rules to ensure that more people receive relevant emergency alerts, to enable EAS and WEA participants to report false alerts when they occur, and to improve the way states plan for emergency alerts.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE: September 20, 2021</p>
<p>Notice To Announce Request for Comments on the National Endowment for the Arts' Draft 2022-2026 Strategic Plan, 86 Federal Register 46886, August 20, 2021</p>	<p>REQUEST FOR COMMENTS: The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) is in the process of developing a new strategic plan for fiscal years 2022 through 2026. The NEA Office of Research & Analysis is soliciting public comments on the agency's draft 2022-2026 Strategic Plan. We encourage you to read the draft Strategic Plan (linked below) and provide any comments you may have via email (see ADDRESSES). To view the draft strategic plan, please visit the NEA website at: https://www.arts.gov/strategic-plan-input. Through this Request for Comments, the NEA invites ideas and insights from the general public, including arts organizations, artists, arts educators, state and local arts agencies, other arts funders and policy-makers, researchers, and individuals and groups outside the arts sector.</p> <p>COMMENTS DUE: September 3, 2021</p>
<p>Technical Specifications for Credit Card Agreement and Data Submissions Required Under TILA and the CARD Act (Regulation Z), 86 Federal Register 46953, August 23, 2021</p>	<p>NOTIFICATION OF TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS: Certain credit card issuers must submit credit card agreements and data to the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection (Bureau) under the Truth in Lending Act (TILA) and the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009 (CARD Act). The Bureau is issuing new technical specifications for complying with those submission requirements. Credit card issuers will make the required submissions under TILA and the CARD Act through the Bureau's "Collect" website. These technical specifications include registration information and the URL for the website at which issuers (or their designees) can submit the required information.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE: August 23, 2021</p>
<p>Total and Permanent Disability Discharge of Loans Under Title IV of the Higher Education Act, 86 Federal Register 46972, August 23, 2021</p>	<p>FINAL REGULATIONS: The Dept of Education adopts as final regulations, with changes, the interim final regulations for total and permanent disability (TPD) student loan discharge.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2022</p>

<p>Protecting Against National Security Threats to the Communications Supply Chain Through FCC Programs, 86 Federal Register 46995, August 23, 2021</p>	<p>FINAL RULE: In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) adopts rules to modify the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Reimbursement Program (Reimbursement Program) consistent with the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019, as modified by the Congressional Appropriations Act, 2021.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE: October 22, 2021</p>
<p>Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Public Comment Request Information Collection Request Title: COVID-19 Provider Relief Programs Application and Attestation Portal, and Claims Reimbursement Submission Activities, 86 Federal Register 47119, August 23, 2021</p>	<p>NOTICE: In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, HRSA announces plans to submit an Information Collection Request (ICR), described below, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Prior to submitting the ICR to OMB, HRSA seeks comments from the public regarding the burden estimate, below, or any other aspect of the ICR.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE: October 22, 2021</p>
<p>Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Extension Without Change of a Currently Approved Collection: Grants Management System (JustGrants System), 86 Federal Register 47158, August 23, 2021</p>	<p>NOTICE: The existing title is the Community Partnership Grants Management System. Going forward, this collection will be referred to as the JustGrants System collection. The JustGrants System is the successor system to the Community Partnership Grants Management System, and encompasses and replaces the functionality of the latter. The primary respondents are state, local, and tribal governments, institutions of higher education, non-profit organizations, and other organizations applying for DOJ grants. JustGrants is a web-based grants applications system and award management system. It provides automated support throughout the award lifecycle, and facilitates reporting to Congress and other interested agencies. The system stores essential information required to comply with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (FFATA). JustGrants has also been designated the OJP official system of record for grants activities by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).</p> <p>COMMENTS DUE: October 22, 2021</p>

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<p>12VAC5-481. Virginia Radiation Protection Regulations (amending 12VAC5-481-10, 12VAC5-481-440, 12VAC5-481-451, 12VAC5-481-480, 12VAC5-481-590, 12VAC5-481-1350, 12VAC5-481-1490, 12VAC5-481-1690, 12VAC5-481-1700, 12VAC5-481-1720, 12VAC5-481-1730, 12VAC5-481-1750, 12VAC5-481-1760, 12VAC5-481-1770, 12VAC5-481-1780, 12VAC5-481-1910, 12VAC5-481-1930, 12VAC5-481-1940, 12VAC5-481-1950, 12VAC5-481-1980, 12VAC5-481-1990, 12VAC5-481-2000, 12VAC5-481-2001, 12VAC5-481-2010, 12VAC5-481-2016, 12VAC5-481-2018, 12VAC5-481-2019, 12VAC5-481-2020, 12VAC5-481-2030, 12VAC5-481-2040, 12VAC5-481-2043, 12VAC5-481-2048, 12VAC5-481-2070, 12VAC5-481-2080, 12VAC5-481-2850, 12VAC5-481-3000, 12VAC5-481-3120, 12VAC5-481-3290), Virginia Register of Regulations, Volume 37, Issue 25, August 2, 2021</p>	<p>FINAL REGULATION: The amendments revise the Radiation Protection Regulations (12VAC5-481, Virginia Radiation Protection Regulations) to make the provisions of the radiation protection program compatible with 2018, 2019, and 2020 revisions to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), which Virginia agrees to do as an NRC Agreement State. Included are (i) changes to medical event definitions and training and experience requirements; (ii) corrections to NRC organizational references; and (iii) updates to requirements for individual monitoring devices, access authorization, general security program, physical protection, and prevention of social security fraud.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE: January 14, 2022</p>
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[24VAC5-20, Regulations Governing the Licensing and Operation of Airports and Aircraft and Obstructions to Airspace in the Commonwealth of Virginia, Virginia Register of Regulations, Volume 38, Issue 1, August 30, 2021](#)

NOTICE OF INTENDED REGULATORY ACTION: The purpose of the proposed action is to establish a new regulation to set rules for how localities (cities, counties, and towns) and other political subdivisions (school divisions, park authorities, jail authorities and airport authorities) may adopt local regulations governing the take-off and landing of unmanned aircraft on properties owned by the locality or other political subdivision. Any such local regulation must be submitted to the Department of Aviation prior to adoption. Once approved by the department, the political subdivision must advertise and hold a public hearing prior to acting on the regulation. The regulation contains exceptions.

COMMENTS DUE: October 13, 2021
