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Alert #35 – Update 1

Title: Comments Requested for Proposed IPEDS Changes

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Summary

In a May 30, 2007, Federal Register notice, the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) announced it is seeking comments on a set of proposed changes to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) for 2007-08 through 2009-10. Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov by **June 29, 2007**.

Current Status

The set of proposed changes is significantly reduced from those announced in January (see [AIR Alert #35](#)). The current proposed changes include a preliminary plan for implementing the proposed new categories and definitions for race and ethnicity reporting for enrollment, completions, graduation rates, and human resources (see [AIR Alert #14 Update 2](#)). There will be no changes in Race/Ethnicity reporting for 2007-08 and changes in future years are dependent upon the Department of Education issuing its final guidance, which it has yet to do.

Additional proposed changes include:

1. Moving unduplicated headcount and instructional activity to separate survey
2. Requiring current year admissions data
3. Collecting institutional URLs (if available) for online admission applications
4. Collecting of additional data on retention rates

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5. Dropping the athletic subcohorts in the Graduation Rate Survey

Additional changes may be proposed for 2008-09 and 2009-10 (e.g., changes to IPEDS Finance based on suggestions from a recent Technical Review Panel and changes to how first-professional degrees are reported) in the future, and will have to submit to OMB for approval at that time.

Implications for Institutions

Individuals in the institutional offices responsible for IPEDS reporting should be notified of the proposed changes. Institutions should consider coordinating any comments that might be submitted to the OMB.

Timeline

May 30, 2007 - *Federal Register* notice announcing request for comments.

June 29, 2007 - Deadline for comments.

Additional Information

Complete information about IPEDS is available at <http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds>.

The Clearance Package submitted by the NCES to the OMB is available at http://edicsweb.ed.gov/browse/downldatt.cfm?pkg_serial_num=3269.

The description of the proposed changes is contained in pages 2 - 5 of Section A (http://edicsweb.ed.gov/edics_files_web/03269/Att_IPEDS%2007%2010%20Supp%20State%20Exec%20Summary%20and%20Section%20A%2007%2005%2023.doc)

Information about estimated response burden is on pages 25-29 of Section A.

To obtain a paper copy of the Clearance Package see the instructions included in the May 30, 2007, *Federal Register* notice available at <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan2007/1800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/pdf/E7-10277.pdf>)

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Previous Related AIR Alerts

[AIR Alert #35](#), Comments Requested for Proposed IPEDS Changes, February 19, 2007

[AIR Alert #14 Update 2](#), U.S. Department of Education Issues Proposed Guidance on Collecting, Maintaining, and Reporting Data on Race and Ethnicity, August 2006

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