

from us. We will also publish an announcement of a public meeting tentatively to be held approximately 5 months prior to CoP18; that meeting will enable us to receive public input on our positions regarding CoP18 issues.

The procedures for developing U.S. documents and negotiating positions for a meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES are outlined in 50 CFR 23.87. As noted, we may modify or suspend the procedures outlined there if they would interfere with the timely or appropriate development of documents for submission to the CoP and of U.S. negotiating positions.

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. If you submit a hardcopy comment that includes personal identifying information, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review; however, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Author

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Authority

The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Gregory J. Sheehan,

Principal Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Number 1076-0182]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Sovereignty in Indian Education Grant Program

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection;
request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we,
the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) are

proposing to renew an information
collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to
submit comments on or before March
26, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on
this information collection request (ICR)
by mail to the Dr. Maureen Lesky,
Bureau of Indian Education, 1011
Indian School Road NW, Albuquerque,
NM 87104; or by email to
Maureen.Lesky@bie.edu. Please
reference OMB Control Number 1076-
0182 in the subject line of your
comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To
request additional information about
this ICR, contact to Dr. Maureen Lesky
by email at Maureen.Lesky@bie.edu, or
by telephone at (505) 563-5397.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In
accordance with the Paperwork
Reduction Act of 1995, we provide the
general public and other Federal
agencies with an opportunity to
comment on new, proposed, revised,
and continuing collections of
information. This helps us assess the
impact of our information collection
requirements and minimize the public's
reporting burden. It also helps the
public understand our information
collection requirements and provide the
requested data in the desired format.

We are soliciting comments on the
proposed ICR that is described below.
We are especially interested in public
comment addressing the following
issues: (1) Is the collection necessary to
the proper functions of the BIE; (2) will
this information be processed and used
in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate
of burden accurate; (4) how might the
BIE enhance the quality, utility, and
clarity of the information to be
collected; and (5) how might the BIE
minimize the burden of this collection
on the respondents, including through
the use of information technology.

Comments that you submit in
response to this notice are a matter of
public record. We will include or
summarize each comment in our request
to OMB to approve this ICR. Before
including your address, phone number,
email address, or other personal
identifying information in your
comment, you should be aware that
your entire comment—including your
personal identifying information—may
be made publicly available at any time.
While you can ask us in your comment
to withhold your personal identifying
information from public review, we
cannot guarantee that we will be able to
do so.

Abstract: Indian Tribes and Tribal
Organizations may submit proposals to
support their efforts to take control and
operate BIE-funded schools located on
the tribe's reservation. Each proposal
must include a project narrative, a
budget narrative, a work plan outline,
and a Project Director to manage the
execution of the grant. The Project
Directors will participate in monthly
collaboration meetings, submit quarterly
budget updates, ensure an annual report
is submitted at the end of each project
year, and ultimately ensure that the
tribal education agency fulfills the
obligations of the grant.

Title of Collection: Sovereignty in
Indian Education Grant Program.

OMB Control Number: 1076-0182.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension of a
currently approved collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Indian
Tribes and/or Tribal Education
Departments.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual
Respondents:** 11 per year.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual
Responses:** 55 per year.

**Estimated Completion Time per
Response:** Ranges from 1 hour to 40
hours.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual
Burden Hours:** 682 hours.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to
Obtain a Benefit.

Frequency of Collection: Proposals
and Annual reports once per year and
Budget Reports are submitted 4 times
per year.

**Total Estimated Annual Nonhour
Burden Cost:** \$0.

An agency may not conduct or
sponsor and a person is not required to
respond to a collection of information
unless it displays a currently valid OMB
control number.

The authority for this action is the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44
U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Elizabeth K. Appel,

*Director, Office of Regulatory Affairs and
Collaborative Action—Indian Affairs.*

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