

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 28, 2005.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

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.

Dated: September 22, 2005.

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*Leader, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

#### **Office of Postsecondary Education**

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Final Reporting Forms for FIPSE International Consortia Programs.

*Frequency:* End of grant period.

*Affected Public:* Federal Government.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour*

*Burden:*

Responses: 35.

Burden Hours: 700.

*Abstract:* These are final reporting forms for FIPSE's three international competitions. These forms are used at the conclusion of the performance and budget periods for these three competitions: P116J, P116M and P116N.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2885. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Potomac Center, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20202-4700. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address [OCIO\\_RIMG@ed.gov](mailto:OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-245-6621. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Joseph Schubart at his e-mail address [Joe.Schubart@ed.gov](mailto:Joe.Schubart@ed.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

##### **A National Dialogue: The Secretary of Education's Commission on the Future of Higher Education; Notice of Establishment**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of establishment of A National Dialogue: The Secretary of Education's Commission on the Future of Higher Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of Education announces her intention to establish A

National Dialogue: The Secretary of Education's Commission on the Future of Higher Education (Commission). The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463 as amended; 5 U.S.C.A. Appendix 2) will govern the Commission.

*Purpose:* The Secretary has determined that the establishment of this Commission is necessary and in the public's interest. Today, higher education in the United States encompasses a wide array of educational opportunities and programs. Students attend institutions of higher education offering programs that range from baccalaureate and advanced degrees to occupational training of less than one year. The Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, has benefited millions of students by making higher education more affordable as well as by ensuring its quality. As we look to the future, it is imperative that we maintain a system of higher education that meets the needs of our diverse population, and in particular the needs of traditionally underserved communities; provides enhanced opportunities for lifelong learning; and addresses the economic and workforce needs of the country.

In particular, the country is encountering a significant change to its economic structure, resulting in unmet workforce needs. This is particularly true with respect to highly skilled workers and in the fields of mathematics and science. The need is clear and unavoidable: only 68 out of 100 entering 9th graders graduate from high school on time. Yet, 80 percent of our fastest-growing jobs will require some higher education. As the need for highly skilled workers continues to grow, institutions of higher education must assess whether they are providing the necessary coursework and incentives that will enable American students to compete in the new global economy.

The purpose of this Commission is to consider how best to improve our system of higher education, to ensure that our graduates are well prepared to meet our future workforce needs and are able to participate fully in the changing economy. To accomplish this purpose, the Commission shall consider Federal, State, local, and institutional roles in higher education and analyze whether the current goals of higher education are appropriate and achievable. By August 1, 2006, the Commission will provide its written recommendations to the Secretary.

The Commission will be composed of no more than 20 representatives appointed by the Secretary from the

public and private sectors, as well as up to 5 ex officio members from the Department of Education and other Federal agencies. These representatives shall include former or current public and private college presidents, and may also include former elected officials, representatives of Fortune 500 corporations, the financial services industry, for-profit education companies, nonprofit education foundations, higher education researchers, and other such group representatives as the Secretary deems appropriate. As representatives, the members will speak for the groups of persons they represent, drawing on their personal experiences as members of these groups with respect to these issues.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cheryl Oldham, Executive Director, A National Dialogue: The Secretary of Education's Commission on the Future of Higher Education, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: (202) 205-5233.

Dated: September 23, 2005.

**Margaret Spellings,**

*Secretary, Department of Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### A National Dialogue: The Secretary of Education's Commission on the Future of Higher Education

**AGENCY:** The Secretary of Education's Commission on the Future of Higher Education, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of an upcoming meeting of A National Dialogue: The Secretary of Education's Commission on the Future of Higher Education, (Commission). The notice also describes the functions of the Commission. Notice of this meeting is required by section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and is intended to notify the public of their opportunity to attend.

**DATES:** Monday, October 17, 2005.

*Time:* 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The Commission will meet in Washington, DC at the Washington Court Hotel on Capitol Hill, 525 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cheryl Oldham, Executive Director, A National Dialogue: The Secretary of Education's Commission on the Future

of Higher Education, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: (202) 205-5233.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Commission is established by the Secretary of Education to begin a national dialogue about the future of higher education in this country. The purpose of the Commission is to consider how best to improve our system of higher education to ensure that our graduates are well prepared to meet our future workforce needs and are able to participate fully in the changing economy. The Commission shall consider Federal, State, local and institutional roles in higher education and analyze whether the current goals of higher education are appropriate and achievable. The Commission will also focus on the increasing tuition costs and the perception of many families, particularly low-income families, that higher education is inaccessible.

The agenda for this first meeting will include a welcome by Department officials followed by a roundtable discussion focusing on the strategies for accomplishing their mission as stated in their charter. A written report to the Secretary is due by August 1, 2006. The commissioners will also participate in an orientation and administrative briefings on FACA, Ethics issues, and Federal travel regulations.

Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (e.g., interpreting services, assistive listening devices, or materials in alternative format) should notify Tracy Harris at (202) 260-3644 no later than October 7, 2005. We will attempt to meet requests for accommodations after this date but cannot guarantee their availability. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

Individuals interested in attending the meeting must register in advance because of limited space issues. Please contact Tracy Harris at (202) 260-3644 or by e-mail at [Tracy.Harris@ed.gov](mailto:Tracy.Harris@ed.gov).

Opportunities for public comment will soon be available at the Commission's Web site which is being developed. Records are kept of all Commission proceedings and are available for public inspection at the staff office for the Commission from the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dated: September 23, 2005.

**Margaret Spellings,**

*Secretary, U.S. Department of Education.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7976-7]

### Ward Transformer Superfund Site; Notice of Proposed Settlement

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of cost recovery settlement.

**SUMMARY:** Under section 122(h) (1) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), the Environmental Protection Agency has offered a cost recovery settlement at the Ward Transformer Superfund Site (Site) located in Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina. EPA will consider public comments until October 31, 2005. EPA may withdraw from or modify the proposed settlement should such comments disclose facts or considerations which indicated the proposed settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. Copies of the proposed settlement are available from: Ms. Paula V. Batchelor, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Superfund Enforcement & Information Management Branch, Waste Management Division, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303, (404) 562-8887, Email: [Batchelor.Paula@EPA.gov](mailto:Batchelor.Paula@EPA.gov).

Written or email comments may be submitted to Paula V. Batchelor at the above address within 30 days of the date of publication.

Dated: September 15, 2005.

**Rosalind H. Brown,**

*Chief, Superfund Enforcement & Information Management Branch, Waste Management Division.*

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## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED DATE AND TIME:** Thursday, September 29, 2005, 10 a.m. meeting open to the public. This meeting was cancelled.

**DATE AND TIME:** Tuesday, October 6, 2005 at 10 a.m.

**PLACE:** 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC.

**STATUS:** This meeting will be closed to the public.

**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:**

Compliance matters pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437g.