

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: November 3, 2005.

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### Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Title:* Local-Flex Application (KA).

*Frequency:* Other: One time.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs (primary).

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:* Responses: 80.

Burden Hours: 6400.

*Abstract:* Application for LEAs seeking to enter into local flexibility demonstration agreements ("Local-Flex" agreements). By statute, the Department can select 80 LEAs through a competitive process with which to enter into Local-Flex agreements. These agreements give LEAs the flexibility to consolidate certain Federal education funds and to use those funds for any educational purpose permitted under the ESEA in order to meet the State's definition of adequate yearly progress (AYP).

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 02914. 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 Kathy Axt at [Kathy.Axt@ed.gov](mailto:Kathy.Axt@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

**AGENCY:** A National Dialogue: The Secretary of Education's Commission on the Future of Higher Education, U.S. 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 and is intended to notify the public of their opportunity to attend.

**DATES:** Thursday, December 8, 2005, and Friday, December 9, 2005.

*Time:* December 8, 2005: 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.; December 9, 2005: 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The Commission will meet in Nashville, TN, at the Hilton Nashville Downtown, 121 Fourth Avenue South, Nashville, TN.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cheryl Oldham, Executive Director, A National Dialogue: The Secretary of Education's Commission on the Future of Higher Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202-3510; telephone: (202) 205-8741.

**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 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. The Commission shall consider federal, state, and 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 second meeting will include panel presentations on the four areas of focus for the commission: access, accountability, affordability, and quality. A written report to the Secretary is due by August 1, 2006.

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 November 28, 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 are available through the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ed.gov/about/bdscomm/list/hiedfuture/index.html>. Records are kept of all Commission proceedings and are available for public inspection at the staff office for the Commission's from the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dated: November 3, 2005.

**Margaret Spellings,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Federal Family Education Loan Program

**AGENCY:** Federal Student Aid, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of interest rates for the Federal Family Education Loan Program for the period July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006.

**SUMMARY:** The Chief Operating Officer for Federal Student Aid announces the interest rates for loans made under the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL)