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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

**Program for Qualifying Department of
Defense (DOD) Brokers**

AGENCY: Military Traffic Management
Command, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In previous **Federal Register** notice (Vol. 62, No. 27, pages 5962-5963) Monday, February 10, 1997, the Headquarters, Military Traffic Management Command (HQMTMC) announced a request for comments on the Program for Qualifying Department of Defense (DoD) Brokers. Due to comments received concerning the earlier notice, HQMTMC has decided to test the Broker Program for a period of one year, beginning June 1, 1998 and ending June 1, 1999. Brokers will be allowed to participate in the movement of all DoD freight except for shipments requiring Transportation Protection Services (TPS). Brokers will be evaluated using the same rules as those applied to carriers who are currently approved to do business with the DoD. **ADDRESSES:** Headquarters, Military Traffic Management Command, ATTN: MTOP-QQ, Room 630, 5611 Columbia Pike, Falls Church, Virginia 22041-5050.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Wirtz, MTOP-QQ, telephone 703-681-6393.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: MTMC is the agency established within the DoD for the procurement of land transportation services from commercial carriers on behalf of DOD shippers. Historically brokers could not participate in DOD traffic because the broker was an intermediary between the shipper and the carrier, essentially duplicating the mission performed by MTMC of matching the DOD shipper's requirements with a carrier which can accommodate the move. Brokers were not carriers, did not perform transportation, did not assume responsibility for the transportation, and did not publish tariffs or offer Government rate tenders, or enter into Government bills of lading (GBLs) or other transportation contracts. Today, in the deregulated transportation

environment, brokers can and do conduct carrier operations, perform transportation, and assume responsibility for the transportation, and no reason appears why they may not voluntarily enter into the DOD standard tender/GBL and other transportation contracts arranged by MTMC. Consequently, MTMC is not proposing to change its policy in order to offer brokers the opportunity to qualify for participation in DOD transportation procurements, except shipments requiring a Transportation Protective Services (TPS). Under MTMC's new policy, brokers interested in completing for DOD traffic, except TPS shipments, could apply for qualification by executing the basic Agreement, and by complying with requirements for submission of evidence of insurance (public liability and cargo), a list of underlying carriers which the broker intends to use in the movement of DOD shipments, a performance bond, and other standard requirements.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

AGENCY: Department of Education

ACTION: Submission for OMB review;
comment request.

SUMMARY: The Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 24, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196. Individuals who use a

telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

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 Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this 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 at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

Dated: March 19, 1998.

Gloria Parker,

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Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

**Office of Elementary and Secondary
Education**

Type of Review: Extension.

*Title: Comprehensive School Reform
Demonstration Program.*

Frequency: Annually.

*Affected Public: Businesses or other
for-profits; not-for-profit institutions;
State, local or Tribal Gov't; SEAs or
LEAs.*

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping
Hour Burden:*

Responses: 56.

Burden Hours: 2,240.

Abstract: This application will be used by the State Education Agencies (SEAs) to obtain funds to provide competitive grants to local education agencies to assist local Title I and some non-Title I schools to adopt research-based comprehensive school reform models. The information will be used to

review and to approve SEA applications to participate in the program.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Renewal of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board

Pursuant to section 14 (a) (2) (A) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and in accordance with title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations, section 101-6.1015, and following consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat of the General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (the Board) has been renewed for an additional two-year period, beginning in March 1998.

The Board will continue to provide independent, balanced, and authoritative advice to the Secretary of Energy on matters concerning the Department's management, basic science, research, development and technology activities; energy and national security responsibilities; environmental cleanup activities; energy-related economic activities; and the operations of the Department.

The Board members are selected to assure well-balanced geographical representation and on the basis of their broad competence in areas relating to quality management, basic science, renewable energy, energy policy, environmental science, economics, and broad public policy interests. Membership of the Board will continue to be determined in accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and implementing regulations.

The renewal of the Board has been determined to be in the public interest, important and vital to the conduct of the Department's business in connection with the performance of duties established by statute for the Department of Energy. The Board will operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the General Services Administration Final Rule on Federal Advisory Committee Management, and other directives and instructions issued in implementation of those acts.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Rachel M. Samuel, U.S. Department of Energy, HR-7, FORS, Washington, D.C. 20585, Telephone: (202) 586-3279.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on March 20, 1998.

James N. Solit,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Research

Energy Research Financial Assistance Program Notice 98-15; Integrated Assessment of Global Climate Change Research Program

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice inviting research grant applications.

SUMMARY: The Office of Biological and Environmental Research (OBER) of the Office of Energy Research (ER), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), hereby announces its interest in receiving applications for the Integrated Assessment of Global Climate Change Program. This notice is a follow on to four previous notices published in the **Federal Register** (Notice 93-4 published December 9, 1992, entitled Economics of Global Change Research Program; Notice 95-12 published December 29, 1994, entitled Global Change Assessment Research Program; Notice 96-06 published January 30, 1996, entitled Global Change Integrated Assessment Research, and Notice 97-06 published February 11, 1997, entitled Integrated Assessment of Global Climate Change Research Program). The research program supports the Department's Global Change Research Program, the U.S. Global Change Research Program and the Administration's goals to understand and mitigate the rise in greenhouse gases.

DATES: Applicants are encouraged (but not required) to submit a brief preapplication for programmatic review. All preapplications, referencing Program Notice 98-15, should be received by DOE by 4:30 P.M., E.D.T. April 20, 1998, but early submission of preapplications is encouraged to allow time for meaningful dialogue.

The deadline for receipt of formal applications is 4:30 p.m., E.D.T., May 21, 1998, to be accepted for merit review and to permit timely consideration for award in fiscal year 1998 and early fiscal year 1999.

ADDRESSES: Preapplications, referencing Program Notice 98-15, should be sent E-mail to john.houghton@oer.doe.gov.

Formal applications, referencing Program Notice 98-15, should be sent to: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of

Energy Research, Grants and Contracts Division, ER-64, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290, ATTN: Program Notice 98-15. This address must also be used when submitting applications by U.S. Postal Service Express Mail or any other commercial overnight delivery service, or when hand-carried by the applicant.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. John Houghton, Environmental Sciences Division, ER-74, Office of Biological and Environmental Research, Office of Energy Research, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290, telephone: (301) 903-8288, E-mail: john.houghton@oer.doe.gov, fax: (301) 903-8519. The full text of Program Notice 98-15 is available via the Internet using the following web site address: [http://www.er.doe.gov/production/grants/fr98__\(1times\)15.html](http://www.er.doe.gov/production/grants/fr98__(1times)15.html).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The determination of energy policy, such as the administration's analysis of international protocols for global climate change, is tied to understanding the benefits and costs of potential actions with respect to the control of greenhouse gases and possible climate change. The research described in this notice supports the analysis of those benefits and costs.

A theme common to the research topics supported by this program is the support of integrated assessment of global climate change. Integrated assessment of climate change is defined here as the analysis of climate change from the cause, such as greenhouse gas emissions, through impacts, such as changed energy requirements for space conditioning due to temperature changes. Integrated assessment is sometimes, but not always, implemented as a computer model. It evaluates the benefits and costs, not necessarily measured monetarily, for various actions to mitigate global climate change. A description of integrated assessment may be found in Chapter 10: "Integrated Assessment of Climate Change: An Overview and Comparison of Approaches and Results," in *Climate Change 1995: Economic and Social Dimensions of Climate Change*, edited by Bruce, James P.; Lee, Hoesung; and Haites, Erik F., Cambridge University Press, 1996.

This research will be judged in part on its potential to improve and/or support the analytical basis for policy development. The program is narrowly focused and will primarily concentrate support on the topics described below. Applications that involve development