

- Invites the participation of Federal, State, and local agencies, any affected Indian tribe and other interested persons.
- Determines the actions, alternatives, and impacts described in 40 CFR 1508.25.
- Identifies and eliminates from detailed study those issues that are not significant or that have been covered elsewhere.
- Indicates any related environmental assessments or environmental impact statements that are not part of the EIS.
- Other relevant environmental review and consultation requirements.
- Indicates the relationship between timing of the environmental review and other aspects of the proposed program.
- At its discretion, exercises the options provided in 40 CFR 1501.7(b).

Once the scoping process is complete, the DoD will prepare a Draft EIS, and will publish a **Federal Register** notice announcing its public availability. If you want that notice to be sent to you, please contact the DoD Project Office point of contact identified in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. You will have an opportunity to review and comment on the Draft EIS. Additionally, the DoD anticipates holding a public meeting after publication of the DEIS in the vicinity of Fort Meade, Maryland to present the Draft EIS and receive public comments regarding the document. The DoD will consider all comments received and then prepare the Final EIS. As with the Draft EIS, the DoD will announce the availability of the Final EIS and once again give you an opportunity for review and comment.

December 21, 2007.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, DoD.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Business Board

AGENCY: DoD.

ACTION: Meeting notice.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.150, the Department of Defense announces that the following Federal advisory committee meeting will take place:

1. *Name of Committee:* Defense Business Board (DBB).
2. *Date:* Wednesday, January 16, 2008.
3. *Time:* 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
4. *Location:* Pentagon, Room 3E863.
5. *Purpose of the Meeting:* The mission of the DBB is to advise the Secretary of Defense on effective strategies for implementation of best business practices of interest to the Department of Defense. At this meeting, the Board will deliberate on findings from three task groups: (1) Task Group on Tooth-to-Tail Review, (2) Task Group on Capability Requirements High-level Review, and (3) Task Group on Engaging U.S. Business in Support of National Security. Copies of DRAFT Task Group presentations will be available on Friday, January 11th by contacting the DBB Office.
6. *Agenda:* 2 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Public Meeting.
 - Task Group Reports:
 - Tooth-to-Tail.
 - Capability Requirements High-level Review.
 - Engaging U.S. Business in Support of National Security.

7. *Public's Accessibility to the Meeting:* Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102-3.140 through 102-3.165, and the availability of space, this meeting is open to the public. Seating is on a first-come basis. Members of the public who wish to attend the meeting must contact the Defense Business Board no later than Noon on Monday, January 14th to arrange a Pentagon escort. Public attendees are required to arrive at the Pentagon Metro Entrance by 1:30 p.m. and complete security screening by 1:45 p.m. Security screening requires two forms of identification: (1) A government-issued photo I.D., and (2) any type of secondary I.D. which verifies the individual's name (i.e. debit card, credit card, work badge, social security card).

8. *Committee's Designated Federal Officer:* Kelly Van Niman, Defense Business Board, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Room 3C288, Washington, DC 20301-1155, kelly.vanniman@osd.mil, (703) 697-2346.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140, and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the public or interested organizations may submit written statements to the Defense Business Board about its mission and functions. Written statements may be submitted at any time or in response to the stated agenda of a planned meeting of the Defense Business Board.

All written statements shall be submitted to the Designated Federal

Officer for the Defense Business Board, and this individual will ensure that the written statements are provided to the membership for their consideration. Contact information for the Designated Federal Officer can be obtained from the GSA's FACA Database—<https://www.fido.gov/facadatabase/public.asp>.

Statements being submitted in response to the agenda mentioned in this notice must be received by the Designated Federal Officer at the address listed above at least five calendar days prior to the meeting which is the subject of this notice. Written statements received after this date may not be provided to or considered by the Defense Business Board until its next meeting.

The Designated Federal Officer will review all timely submissions with the Defense Business Board Chairperson and ensure they are provided to all members of the Defense Business Board before the meeting that is the subject of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ryan Bates, Defense Business Board, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Room 3C288, Washington, DC 20301-1155, ryan.bates@osd.mil, (703) 697-2346.

Dated: December 21, 2007.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meetings.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board will meet in closed session on February 6-7, 2008; at the Pentagon, Arlington, VA.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At this meeting, the Board will discuss interim finding and recommendations resulting from ongoing Task Force activities. The Board will also discuss plans for future consideration of scientific and technical aspects of specific strategies, tactics, and policies as they may affect the U.S. national defense posture and homeland security.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. 2) and 41 CFR 102-3.155, the Department of Defense has determined that these Defense Science Board Quarterly meeting will be closed to the public. Specifically, the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), with the coordination of the DoD Office of General Counsel, has determined in writing that all sessions of these meetings will be closed to the public because they will be concerned throughout with matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1).

Interested persons may submit a written statement for consideration by the Defense Science Board. Individuals submitting a written statement must submit their statement to the Designated Federal Official at the address detailed below, at any point, however, if a written statement is not received at least 10 calendar days prior to the meeting, which is the subject of this notice, then it may not be provided to or considered by the Defense Science Board. The Designated Federal Official will review all timely submissions with the Defense Science Board Chairperson, and ensure they are provided to members of the Defense Science Board before the meeting that is the subject of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Debra Rose, Executive Officer, Defense Science Board, 3140 Defense Pentagon, Room 3C553, Washington, DC 20301-3140, via e-mail at debra.rose@osd.mil, or via phone at (703) 571-0084.

Dated: December 21, 2007.

L.M. Bynum,

*OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer,
Department of Defense.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meetings.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board Task Force on Nuclear Deterrence Skills will meet in closed session on January 17, 2008; at the 509th Bomber Wing, Whitman AFB, MO; and on January 18, 2008; at the National Nuclear Security Administration, Nevada Site Office, Las Vegas, NV.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of

Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At these meetings, the Defense Science Board Task Force will: Assess all aspects of nuclear deterrent skills as well as the progress Department of Energy (DoE) has made since the publication of the Chiles Commission report.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II), it has been determined that these Defense Science Board Task Force meetings concern matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and that, accordingly, the meetings will be closed to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTRACT:

CDR Clifton Phillips, USN, Defense Science Board, 3140 Defense Pentagon, Room 3B888A, Washington, DC 20301-3140, via e-mail at clifton.phillips@osd.mil, or via phone at (703) 571-0083.

Dated: December 21, 2007.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records—Electronic Cohort Default Rate Appeals (eCDR Appeals)

AGENCY: Federal Student Aid, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of a new system of records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (Privacy Act), the Department of Education (Department) publishes this notice of a new system of records entitled "Electronic Cohort Default Rate Appeals (eCDR Appeals)". 18-11-18

The eCDR Appeals system will be used to process institution of higher education cohort default rate challenges and adjustment requests. The eCDR Appeals system will also contain records regarding borrowers who have applied for and received loans under the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Program and the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program. The Department seeks comment on the new system of records described in this notice, in accordance with the requirements of the Privacy Act.

DATES: We must receive your comments about this new system of records on or before February 1, 2008.

The Department filed a report describing the new system of records covered by this notice with the Chair of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, the Chair of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on December 27, 2007. This system of records will become effective at the later date of—(1) The expiration of the 40-day period for OMB review on February 5, 2008; or (2) February 1, 2008, unless the system of records needs to be changed as a result of public comment or OMB review.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments about this new system of records to Donna Bellflower, Default Prevention and Management, Portfolio Performance Management Staff, Federal Student Aid, U.S. Department of Education, Union Center Plaza, 830 First Street, NE., room 84B2, Washington, DC 20202-5353. If you prefer to send comments through the Internet, use the following address: <http://comments@ed.gov>.

You must include the term "eCDR Appeals" in the subject line of your electronic message.

During and after the comment period, you may inspect all comments about this notice at the U.S. Department of Education in room 84B2, Union Center Plaza, 8th Floor, 830 First Street, NE., Washington, DC, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday of each week except Federal holidays.

Assistance to Individuals With Disabilities in Reviewing the Rulemaking Record

On request, we will supply an appropriate aid, such as a reader or print magnifier, to an individual with a disability who needs assistance to review the comments or other documents in the public rulemaking record for this notice. If you want to schedule an appointment for this type of aid, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donna Bellflower. Telephone number: (202) 377-3196. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

Individuals with disabilities can obtain this document in an alternative format (e.g., Braille, large print,