

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests**

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, 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 January 5, 2009.

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 IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, 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: October 29, 2008.

Angela C. Arrington,

IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Client Assistance Program.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 56

Burden Hours: 896.

Abstract: Form RSA-227 is used to meet specific data collection requirements contained in section 112 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and its implementing Federal Regulations at 34 CFR part 370. Data from the form have been used to evaluate within individual programs. These data also have been used to indicate trends in the provision of services from year to year. In addition, Form RSA-227 will be used to analyze and evaluate the effectiveness of eligible Client Assistance Program (CAP) administered by designated CAP agencies. These agencies provide services to individuals seeking or receiving services from programs and projects authorized by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. Form RSA-227 has enabled RSA to furnish the President and Congress with data on the provision of advocacy services and has helped to establish a sound basis for future funding requests.

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 3900. 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., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202-401-0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@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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Federal Student Aid

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Student Assistance General Provisions—Subpart K—Cash Management.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 1,075,198

Burden Hours: 976,924

Abstract: These regulations comprise the existing provisions of the Student Assistance General Provisions guidance regarding cash management. Information collection under these regulations relates to cash management requirements and practices for institutions participating in the Title IV, Higher Education Act (HEA) programs. This request is for approval of reporting and recordkeeping requirements contained in the final regulations related to the administrative requirements of the Regulations Governing the Student Assistance General Provisions as revised by the TEACH Grant final regulations. The information collection requirements in these regulations are necessary to determine eligibility to receive program benefits and to prevent fraud and abuse of program funds.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Technical Advisory Council

AGENCY: Department of Education, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education.

ACTION: Notice of an open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an open meeting of the National Technical Advisory Council. Notice of the 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 participate.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, November 20, 2008, 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Holiday Inn Capitol, 550 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick Rooney, Designated Federal Officer, National Technical Advisory Council, 400 Maryland Ave., SW., Room 3W246, Washington, DC 20202; telephone: (202) 401-0113; fax: (202) 260-7764; e-mail: Patrick.Rooney@ed.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Technical Advisory Council is authorized by Secretary Margaret Spellings. Established within the Department of Education (Department) to advise the Secretary of Education and the Assistant Secretary of Elementary and Secondary Education (Assistant Secretary) on the design and implementation of standards, assessments, and accountability systems consistent with Federal statutes and regulations.

At the November 20, 2008, meeting, the Committee will discuss high school end-of-course assessments, components of State accountability plans included in the 2008 Title I regulations, including minimum group sizes for proficiency calculations, and alternate assessments for students with disabilities.

Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting should notify Courtney Merritt at (202) 401-0113 no later than 5 days before the scheduled date of the meeting. We will attempt to meet requests for accommodations after this date but cannot guarantee their availability. There will not be an opportunity for public comment during this meeting; however, members of the public may submit written comments to Patrick Rooney at Patrick.Rooney@ed.gov.

Records are kept of all Committee proceedings and are available for public inspection at 400 Maryland Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20202, from the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Eastern Standard Time Monday through Friday.

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Assistant Secretary, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee (BESAC). Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, November 20, 2008, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday, November 21, 2008, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Hilton Washington DC North/Gaithersburg; 620 Perry Parkway, Gaithersburg, MD 20877; 301-977-8900.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Talamini; Office of Basic Energy Sciences; U. S. Department of Energy; Germantown Building, Independence Avenue, Washington, DC 20585; Telephone: (301) 903-4563.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Meeting: The purpose of this meeting is to provide advice and guidance with respect to the basic energy sciences research program.

Tentative Agenda: Agenda will include discussions of the following:

- News from Office of Science/DOE.
- News from the Office of Basic Energy Sciences.
- Report from the New Era Subcommittee's Photon Workshop.