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Abstract: The Evaluation of Secondary Math Teachers from Two Highly Selective Routes to Alternative Certification will examine the relative effectiveness of secondary math achievement who obtain certification through the two largest highly selective routes to alternative. The submission is for the recruitment of schools and districts, a teacher background form, the pilot of a teach math content knowledge. This submission includes the justification and plan for the data collection of information and statistical methods for the evaluation. The package also provides an overview of the study, including its design and data collection procedures.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Education, President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

ACTION: Notice of an open meeting.

SUMMARY: The notice sets forth the schedule and agenda of the meeting of the President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. The notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of the meeting is required by Section 10 (a) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and intended to notify the public of its opportunity to attend. Due to scheduling difficulties, this notice is appearing in the **Federal Register** less than 15 days prior to the meeting date.

DATES: Tuesday, January 13, 2009.

Time: 9:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Board will meet on the campus of Fisk University, Jubilee Hall, Appleton Room, 1000 17th Avenue, North, Nashville, TN 37208, Phone: 615-329-8500; Fax: 615-329-8576.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Leonard L. Haynes III, Ph.D., Executive Director, White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, 1990 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006; telephone: (202) 502-7549; fax: 202-502-7852.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities is established under Executive Order 13256, dated February 12, 2002 and Executive Order 13316 dated September 17, 2003. The Board is established (a) to report to the President annually on the results of the participation of historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) in federal programs, including recommendations on how to increase the private sector role in strengthening these institutions, with particular emphasis given to enhancing institutional planning and development; strengthening fiscal stability and financial management; and improving institutional infrastructure, including the use of technology, to ensure the long-term viability and enhancement of these institutions; (b) to advise the President and the Secretary of Education (Secretary) on the needs of HBCUs in the areas of infrastructure, academic programs, and faculty and institutional development; (c) to advise the Secretary in the preparation of an

annual Federal plan for assistance to HBCUs in increasing their capacity to participate in Federal programs; (d) to provide the President with an annual progress report on enhancing the capacity of HBCUs to serve their students; and (e) to develop, in consultation with the Department of Education and other Federal agencies, a private sector strategy to assist HBCUs.

Agenda:

The meeting will provide the Board a forum to receive presentations regarding the status of the 2006 and 2007 annual reports and to discuss other related pertinent issues involving implementation of Presidential Executive Order 13256. The meeting will be open to the public.

Additional Information:

Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (e.g., interpreting services, assistive listening devices, or material in alternative format) should notify ReShone Moore at (202) 502-7893, no later than Wednesday, January 7, 2009. 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.

An opportunity for public comment is available on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 between 3:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Individuals who wish to provide comments will be allowed three to five minutes to speak. Those members of the public interested in submitting written comments may do so by submitting it to the attention of Leonard L. Haynes, 1990 K Street NW., Washington, DC, by Wednesday, January 7, 2009.

Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the office of the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW. Washington, DC 20006, Monday–Friday during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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UNITED STATES ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Notice of Request for Public Comment on Proposed Strategic Plan

AGENCY: United States Election Assistance Commission.

ACTION: Notice: Request for Public Comment.

SUMMARY: The EAC seeks public comment on a “U.S. Election Assistance Commission Draft Strategic Plan Fiscal Years: 2009 Through 2014.” The EAC developed a strategic plan that lays out an approach to create a receptive and productive agency fully capable of the unique leadership role it has been given as a national clearinghouse, a manager of Federal financial assistance, a certifier of voting systems, and a resource for election officials throughout the country regarding the administration of Federal elections. EAC issues this notice according to a policy adopted on September 18, 2008 that requires EAC to provide notice and an opportunity for public comment on, among other things, advisories being considered for adoption by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

DATES: Comments must be received by 5 p.m. EST on January 20, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted: Via e-mail at havainfo@eac.gov, via mail addressed to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 1225 New York Ave, NW., Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20005, or by fax at 202/566-3127. Commenters are encouraged to submit comments electronically and include “Strategic Plan” in the subject line, to ensure timely receipt and consideration.

Person To Contact for Information: Bryan Whitener, Telephone: (202) 566-3100.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following is the complete text of the proposed Strategic Plan the EAC is seeking public comment on. The proposed strategic plan may also be viewed on the EAC Web site at <http://www.eac.gov>.

U.S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN
[Fiscal Years: 2009 Through 2014]

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Background

In October 2002, Congress, with the leadership and overwhelming bipartisan support of the members of the U.S. House Committee on House Administration, passed the Help America Vote Act (HAVA). HAVA represents an unprecedented effort by Congress to enhance the administration of Federal elections through funding, guidance and policies.

HAVA was not contemplated as a short-term or partial solution to the issues and problems with the administration of Federal elections that came to the forefront during the 2000 elections. The law recognized the need to invest in our election infrastructure and set out a comprehensive program of

funding, guidance, and ongoing research that spans the course of many years.

Funding State Improvements to Elections

The Congress initially appropriated approximately \$3 billion for payments to states during fiscal years 2003 and 2004. These funds were authorized under three separate sections of HAVA. Section 101 funds may be used to improve the administration of elections for Federal office. Section 102 funds may be used to replace punch-card and lever-action voting systems. Section 251 funds may be used to (1) improve voting systems, (2) establish and implement statewide voter registration databases, (3) implement provisional voting, (4) provide information to the voting public

in the polling place, and (5) otherwise improve the administration of elections for Federal office. Congress appropriated an additional \$115 million of Section 251 funds in fiscal year 2008. Generally, the funds are available to states until expended.

Standards for Voting Systems

A major provision of HAVA established minimum requirements for voting systems used in Federal elections. Each voting system must:

- Permit the voter to verify the selections made prior to casting the ballot;
- Permit the voter to change a selection prior to casting the ballot;
- Notify the voter when an overvote (making more than the permissible