

*Title:* Federal Pell Grant Program Recipient Financial Management System (RFMS).

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions; Businesses or other for-profit; Individuals or household.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 5,660.

Burden Hours: 396,200.

*Abstract:* The Federal Pell Grant Program provides grants to eligible students based on financial need to meet the costs of postsecondary education. The new RFMS modernizes the Federal Pell Grant Program and institutions report data and request funds through RFMS.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO\_IMG\_Issues@ed.gov or faxed to 202-708-9346. 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 Joseph Schubart at (202) 708-9266 or via his internet address Joe\_Schubart@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

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Information Management Group, 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 May 4, 2000.

**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 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address DWERFEL@OMB.EOP.GOV.

**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 Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, 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.

Dated: March 29, 2000.

**William Burrow,**

*Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

### Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*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: 1,200.

Burden Hours: 30,000.

*Abstract:* Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act discretionary grants are authorized to support research and technology, personnel preparation, parent training, and information and technical assistance activities. This grant application provides the forms and information necessary for applicants to submit an application for funding, and information for use by technical reviewers to determine the quality of application.

This information collection is being submitted under the Streamlined Clearance Process for Discretionary Grant Information Collections (1890-0001). Therefore, the 30-day public comment period notice will be the only public comment notice published for this information collection.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO\_IMG\_Issues@ed.gov or faxed to 202-708-9346. 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 Sheila Carey at (202) 708-6287 or via her internet address Sheila\_Carey@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

### National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (National Advisory Committee); Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, Department of Education

### What Is the Purpose of This Notice?

The purpose of this notice is to announce the public meeting of the National Advisory Committee and invite third-party oral presentations before the Committee. This notice also presents the proposed agenda and informs the public of its opportunity to attend this meeting. The notice of this meeting is required under section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

### When and Where Will the Meeting Take Place?

We will hold the public meeting on May 24 and 25, 2000 from 10:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. at the Ritz Carlton Hotel at Pentagon City, 1250 South Hayes Street, Arlington, Virginia 22202. You may call the Hotel on (703) 415-5000 to inquire about rooms.

### What Access Does the Hotel Provide for Individuals With Disabilities?

The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. If you will need an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the meeting (e.g., interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate format), notify the contact person listed in this notice at least two weeks before the scheduled meeting date. Although we will attempt to meet a request received after that date, we may not be able to make available the requested auxiliary aid or service because of insufficient time to arrange it.

### Who Is the Contact Person for the Meeting?

Please contact Ms. Bonnie LeBold, who is the Executive Director of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, if you have questions about the meeting. You may contact her at the U.S. Department of Education, Room 7007—MS 7592, 1990 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20006, telephone: (202) 219-7009, fax: (202) 219-7008. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

### What Is the Authority for the National Advisory Committee?

The National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity is established under Section 114 of the Higher Education Act (HEA) as amended, 20 U.S.C. 1011.

### What are the Functions of the National Advisory Committee?

The Committee advises the Secretary of Education about:

- The establishment and enforcement of the criteria for recognition of accrediting agencies or associations under subpart 2 of part H of Title IV, HEA.
- The recognition of specific accrediting agencies or associations.
- The preparation and publication of the list of nationally recognized accrediting agencies and associations.
- The eligibility and certification process for institutions of higher education under Title IV, HEA.
- The development of standards and criteria for specific categories of vocational training institutions and institutions of higher education for which there are no recognized accrediting agencies, associations, or State agencies in order to establish the interim eligibility of those institutions to participate in Federally funded programs.
- The relationship between: (1) Accreditation of institutions of higher education and the certification and eligibility of such institutions, and (2) State licensing

responsibilities with respect to such institutions.

- Any other advisory functions relating to accreditation and institutional eligibility that the Secretary may prescribe.

### What Items Will be on the Agenda for Discussion at the Meeting?

Agenda topics will include an update on the Title IV Distance Education Demonstration Program, a panel discussion by Federal and higher education agency representatives on transfer of credit issues, a briefing on ethics requirements, and the review of agencies that have submitted petitions for renewal of recognition or interim reports.

### What Agencies Will the Advisory Committee Review at the Meeting?

The Advisory Committee will review the following agencies during its May 24–25, 2000 meeting.

### Nationally Recognized Accrediting Agencies

*Interim Reports* (An interim report is a follow-up report on an accrediting agency's compliance with specific criteria for recognition that was requested by the Secretary when the Secretary granted renewed recognition to the agency.)

1. American Academy for Liberal Education.
2. Association of Advanced Rabbinical and Talmudic Schools, Accreditation Commission.
3. Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools.
4. American Veterinary Medical Association, Council on Education.
5. The Council on Chiropractic Education, Commission on Accreditation.
6. Council on Education for Public Health.
7. National Environmental Health Sciences and Protection Accreditation Council.
8. National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission.

### State Agency Recognized for the Approval of Public Postsecondary Vocational Education

#### *Petition for Renewal of Recognition*

1. Puerto Rico Human Resources and Occupational Development Council.

#### *Interim Report*

1. Oklahoma State Board of Vocational and Technical Education.
2. Utah State Board for Applied Technology Education.

### State Agencies Recognized for the Approval of Nurse Education

#### *Petition for Renewal of Recognition*

1. Montana State Board of Nursing

#### *Interim Report*

1. Maryland Board of Nursing

### Who Can Make Third-Party Oral Presentations at this Meeting?

We invite you to make a third-party oral presentation before the National Advisory Committee concerning the recognition of any agency listed above.

### How Do I Request to Make an Oral Presentation?

You must submit a *written request* to make an oral presentation concerning an agency listed above to the contact person listed in this notice. The request must be received *no later than close of business on May 3, 2000*. Your request should include:

- The names of all persons seeking an appearance,
- The organization they represent, and
- A brief summary of the principal points to be made during the oral presentation.

This notice is *not* a call for third-party written comments. However, if you wish to provide the Advisory Committee with a brief document (no more than 6 pages maximum, including any attachments) illustrating the main points of your oral testimony, please enclose one original and 25 copies of the document with your written request to make an oral presentation. Please do not distribute written materials at the meeting or send materials directly to Committee members.

Materials received by the deadline (May 3, 2000) and in accordance with these instructions become part of the official record and are considered by the Committee in its deliberations. Department staff will not distribute documents received after the May 3, 2000 deadline to the Advisory Committee.

### If I Cannot Attend the Meeting, Can I Submit Written Comments Regarding an Accrediting Agency in Lieu of Making an Oral Presentation?

This notice requests third-party oral testimony, not written comment. A request for written comments on agencies that are being reviewed during this meeting was published in the **Federal Register** on January 18, 2000. The Advisory Committee will receive and consider only written comments submitted by the deadlines specified in that **Federal Register** notice.

### How Do I Request to Present Comments Regarding General Issues Rather Than Specific Accrediting Agencies?

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Committee, at its discretion, may invite attendees to address the Committee briefly on issues pertaining to the functions of the Committee, which are listed earlier in this notice. If you are interested in making such comments, you should inform Ms. LeBold before the meeting.

### How May I Obtain Access to the Records of the Meeting?

We will record the meeting and make a transcript available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K St. NW, Washington, DC, telephone (202) 219-7009, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. It is preferred that an appointment be made in advance of such inspection.

### What Agencies Will Be Postponed for Review until the December 2000 Meeting?

The agencies listed below, which were originally scheduled for review during the Committee's May 2000 meeting, will be postponed for review until the Committee's December 2000 meeting. Any third-party written comments regarding these agencies that were received by March 3, 2000, in accordance with the **Federal Register** notice published on January 18, 2000, will become part of the official record and will be considered by the Committee in its deliberations at the December 2000 meeting. There will be another opportunity to provide written comments on these agencies this summer; a **Federal Register** notice requesting comments on all agencies scheduled for review at the December 2000 meeting will be published in June or July 2000.

### Nationally Recognized Accrediting Agencies

#### *Petition for Initial Recognition*

1. Midwifery Education Accreditation Commission.

#### *Petitions for Renewal of Recognition*

1. American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education.

2. American Bar Association, Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar.

3. Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine.

4. Accrediting Commission on Education for Health Services Administration.

5. American Osteopathic Association, Bureau of Professional Education.

6. American Podiatric Medical Association, Council on Podiatric Medical Education.

7. National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

8. New York State Board of Regents.

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2.

Dated: March 29, 2000.

**A. Lee Fritschler,**

*Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Rocky Flats Field Office; Notice of Intent To Solicit Competitive Applications/Proposals for Financial Assistance

**AGENCY:** Rocky Flats Field Office, Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to solicit competitive applications/proposals for financial assistance.

**SUMMARY:** The Rocky Flats Field Office (RFFO) of the Department of Energy is entrusted to contribute to the welfare of the nation by providing the scientific foundation, technology, policy and institutional leadership necessary to achieve efficiency in energy use, diversity in energy sources, a more productive and competitive economy, improved environmental quality, and a secure national defense. RFFO intends to fund a series of grants in special emphasis programs to encourage programs to train Native Americans, African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian-Pacific Americans, Women and Disabled Students to pursue training in the fields of sciences and engineering; and to fund local community projects contributing to diversity-related programs.

**DATES:** Applications may be submitted at any time on or before May 4, 2000. Applications received within 30 days from the date of this announcement, will be considered; applications received after that date may or may not be considered depending on the status of proposal review and selection.

**ADDRESSES:** Department of Energy, Rocky Flats Field Office, Contracts Management Division, 10808 Highway 93, Unit A, Golden, Colorado 80403-8200.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elaine Nix, Department of Energy Rocky Flats Field Office, 10808 Highway 93, Unit A, Golden, Colorado 80403-8200, (303) 966-2054, for application forms and additional information. Completed applications or proposals must be sent to the addresses heading.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DOE RFFO is under no obligation to pay for any costs associated with the preparation or submission of applications/proposals if an award is not made. If an award is made, such costs may be allowable as provided in the applicable cost principles.

### Availability Of Fiscal Year 1999 Funds

With this publication; DOE RFFO is announcing the availability of up to \$300,000 in grant funds for fiscal year 2000. RFFO anticipates that four or less grants will be made for a total not to exceed \$300,000. The awards will be made through a competitive process. Projects may cover a period of up to 5 years funding for out-years is dependent on appropriation from Congress. Length of awards may vary by applicant.

### Restricted Eligibility

Eligible applicants for the purposes of funding under this notice include organizations and institutions residing in Colorado proposing to implement minority science and engineering projects in Colorado as described in the summary section of this announcement. Applicants are encouraged to propose project cost-sharing or sharing of in-kind services or resources. The awards will be made through a competitive process to organizations and institutions located in the State of Colorado. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number assigned to this program is 81.116.

### Evaluation Criteria

All responsive Applications will be reviewed by a panel composed of Department of Energy RFFO representatives. Successful proposal(s) will be selected on the opinion of panel members of proposals most able to meet the objectives best able to meet the needs of this office.

Proposals must demonstrate and will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Implementation plan demonstrates experience, qualifications, capabilities, and resources necessary to successfully accomplish the proposed activities. (25%)

2. Exhibits sound administrative and financial management practices. (25%)