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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Secretary of Education's Commission on Opportunity in Athletics; Meeting

**AGENCY:** Secretary of Education's Commission on Opportunity in Athletics; Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming public meeting of the Secretary of Education's Commission on Opportunity in Athletics (the Commission). The Commission invites comments from the public regarding the application of current Federal standards for ensuring equal opportunity for men and women and boys and girls to participate in athletics under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 ("Title IX"). The meeting will take place in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meetings should notify the Commission office no later than November 27, 2002. We will attempt to meet requests after this date, but cannot guarantee availability of the requested accommodation. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

**DATES:** December 4, 2002.

*Location:* Philadelphia Marriott. 1201 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA.

*Times:* December 4: 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 2 p.m.-5 p.m.

*Meeting Format:* This meeting will be held according to the following schedule:

1. Date: December 4, 2002, Time: 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m.-5 p.m.

*Attendees:* If you would like to attend any or all of the above listed meetings, we ask that you register with the Commission office by email or fax to the address listed under **ADDRESSES**. Please provide us with your name and contact information.

*Participants:* The meeting scheduled for December 4, 2002 will consist of review and discussion by the Commissioners of the information from the previous public meetings in preparation for the Commission's forthcoming report to the Secretary of Education. The public is invited to observe this meeting; however there will not be opportunity for public comment.

Written comments will be accepted at each meeting site or may be mailed to the Commission at the address listed under **ADDRESSES**.

In addition to making reservations, individuals attending the public meetings, for security purposes, must be prepared to show photo identification in order to enter the meeting location.

*Request for Written Comments:* We invite the public to submit written comments relevant to the Commission.

**DATES:** We would like to receive your written comments on the Act by November 29, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit all comments to the Commission using one of the following methods:

1. *Internet.* We encourage you to send your comments through the Internet to the following address:

[OpportunityinAthletics@ed.gov](mailto:OpportunityinAthletics@ed.gov).

2. *Mail.* You may submit your comments to The Secretary of Education's Commission on Opportunity in Athletics, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., ROB-3 Room 3060, Washington, DC 20202. Due to delays in mail delivery caused by heightened security, please allow adequate time for the mail to be received.

3. *Facsimile.* You may submit comments by facsimile at (202) 260-4560.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** See the Commission address under the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. View the Commission's web site at: <http://www.ed.gov/inits/commissionsboards/athletics>.

[www.ed.gov/inits/commissionsboards/athletics](http://www.ed.gov/inits/commissionsboards/athletics). The Commission office number is 202-708-7417.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The nation is commemorating the 30th anniversary of the passage of Title IX, the landmark legislation prohibiting recipients of Federal funds from discriminating on the basis of sex. Since this legislation was enacted, there has been a dramatic increase in the number of women participating in athletics at the high school and college levels. The Secretary of Education has determined that this anniversary provides an appropriate time to review the application of Title IX to educational institutions' efforts to provide equal opportunity in athletics to women and men. In order to do so, the Secretary established the Commission on Opportunity in Athletics. The Commission will produce a report no later than January 31, 2002, outlining its findings relative to the opportunities for men and women in athletics in order to improve the effectiveness of Title IX.

Comments are encouraged on the following priority areas:

1. Are Title IX standards for assessing equal opportunity in athletics working to promote opportunities for male and female athletes?

2. Is there adequate Title IX guidance that enables colleges and school districts to know what is expected of them and to plan for an athletic program that effectively meets the needs and interests of their students?

3. Is further guidance or are other steps needed at the junior and senior high school levels where the availability or absence of opportunities will critically affect the prospective interests and abilities of student athletes when they reach college age?

4. How should activities such as cheerleading or bowling factor into the analysis of equitable opportunities?

5. How do revenue producing and large-roster teams affect the provision of equal athletic opportunities? The Department has heard from some parties that whereas some men athletes will "walk-on" to intercollegiate teams—without athletic financial aid and without having been recruited—women rarely do this. Is this accurate and, if so, what are its implications for Title IX analysis?

6. In what ways do opportunities in other sports venues, such as the Olympics, professional leagues, and community recreation programs, interact with the obligations of colleges and school districts to provide equal athletic opportunity? What are the implications for Title IX?

7. Apart from Title IX enforcement, are there other efforts to promote athletic opportunities for male and female students that the Department might support, such as public-private partnerships to support the efforts of schools and colleges in this area?

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Dated: November 18, 2002.

**Rod Paige,**

*Secretary of Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Science Financial Assistance Program Notice 03-14; Radiopharmaceutical and Molecular Nuclear Medicine Science Research— Medical Applications Program

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice inviting grant applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Biological and Environmental Research (OBER) of the Office of Science (SC), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), hereby announces its interest in receiving grant applications for research to support DOE/OBER Medical Applications Program areas in radiopharmaceuticals and molecular nuclear medicine. These program areas involve multifunctional, highly designed tracer molecules for precise in vivo tagging and noninvasive imaging assay of cellular and subcellular elements at the dynamic organ function, onset and progression of disease, and response to successful or failing therapy.

Research areas of particular programmatic interest include:

1. New tracer technologies for real-time, in vivo imaging of gene expression in health and disease.

2. New radiotracer labeling of progenitor cells for noninvasively imaging and tracking their behavior and fate in vivo and their overall role in organ and tissue regeneration in disease states.

3. New radiotracers for in vivo targeting of mutated proteins critical to carcinogenesis and tumor cell growth.

4. New generation of radiotracers enabling in vivo imaging assay of neurotransmitter chemistry and brain function.

**DATES:** Preapplications (letters of intent), including information on collaborators, and a one-page summary of the proposed research, should be submitted by January 2, 2003.

Formal applications submitted in response to this notice must be received by 4:30 p.m., E.S.T., Monday, February 24, 2003, in order to be accepted for merit review and to permit timely consideration for award in Fiscal Year 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Preapplications referencing Program Notice 03-14, should be sent to Ms. Sharon Betson by E-mail:

[sharon.betson@science.doe.gov](mailto:sharon.betson@science.doe.gov), with a copy to Dr. Prem C. Srivastava at: [prem.srivastava@science.doe.gov](mailto:prem.srivastava@science.doe.gov).

Formal applications in response to this solicitation are to be electronically submitted by an authorized institutional business official through DOE's Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) at: <http://e-center.doe.gov/>. IIPS provides for the posting of solicitations and receipt of applications in a paperless environment via the Internet. In order to submit applications through IIPS your business official will need to register at the IIPS website. The Office of Science will include attachments as part of this notice that provide the appropriate forms in PDF fillable format that are to be submitted through IIPS.

Color images should be submitted in IIPS as a separate file in PDF format and identified as such. These images should be kept to a minimum due to the limitations of reproducing them. They should be numbered and referred to in the body of the technical scientific application as Color image 1, Color image 2, etc. Questions regarding the operation of IIPS may be E-mailed to the IIPS Help Desk at: [HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov](mailto:HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov) or you may call the help desk at: (800) 683-0751. Further information on the use of IIPS by the Office of Science is available at: <http://www.sc.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html>.

If you are unable to submit an application through IIPS please contact the Grants and Contracts Division, Office of Science at: (301) 903-5212 in order to gain assistance for submission through IIPS or to receive special approval and instructions on how to submit printed applications.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Prem C. Srivastava, Office of Biological and Environmental Research, Medical Sciences Division, U.S. Department of Energy, SC-73/Germantown Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-1290, Telephone: (301) 903-4071, FAX: (301) 903-0567, E-mail:

[prem.srivastava@science.doe.gov](mailto:prem.srivastava@science.doe.gov). The full text of Program Notice 03-14 is available via the Internet using the following web site address: <http://www.sc.doe.gov/production/grants/Fr03-14.html>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For over 50 years, the Department's Office of Science and its predecessors have supported basic physical science research for meeting the Nation's defense and security needs. The SC's Office of Biological and Environmental Research program has served as the Department's primary research arm for addressing the health and environmental consequences and potential public pay-offs of atomic energy explorations and use by translating the fundamental energy science to basic technology innovations and development for medical applications. Along the way, the OBER's Medical Applications program has leveraged the Department's unique capabilities in radiation chemistry, physics, engineering, computation, and biology, together with capabilities in and responsibilities for radiation detection and nuclear materials to support basic, high-risk research that today provides the upstream basis to use radiation and other energy technologies in medicine.

The mission of the OBER Medical Applications subprogram is to deliver relevant scientific knowledge that will lead to innovative diagnostic and treatment technologies for human health. The basic research technologies growing out of this program offer applications for noninvasive detection, diagnosis and early intervention of natural causes of disease, as well as of human-health-risks associated with the exposure of chemical, biological and nuclear material.

The modern era of nuclear medicine is an outgrowth of the original charge of the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC), "to exploit nuclear energy to promote