

frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

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: January 27, 1997.

Gloria Parker,  
Director, Information Resources Management Group.

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title:* Quarterly Cumulative Caseload Report.

*Frequency:* Quarterly.

*Affected Public:* State, local or Tribal Government, SEAs or LEAs.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 328.

Burden Hours: 328.

*Abstract:* State VR agencies who administer vocational rehabilitation programs provide key caseload indicator data on this form, including numbers of persons who are applicants, determined eligible/ineligible, waiting for services, and also their program outcomes. This data is used for program planning, management, budgeting and general statistical purposes.

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### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Submission for OMB review; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Director, Information Resources Management Group, 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 March 3, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of

Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Wendy Taylor, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patrick J. Sherrill (202)708-8196.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

**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 Director of the Information Resources Management Group publishes this 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 at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

Dated: January 27, 1997.

Gloria Parker,  
Director, Information Resources Management Group.

Office of Educational Research and Improvement

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title:* A Study of Charter Schools.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs for LEAs.

*Reporting Burden and Recordkeeping Responses:* 1,712.

*Burden Hours:* 1,266.

*Abstract:* This four-year study of charter schools will examine the impact of charter schools on student achievement, on education reform, and on an array of other issues. The study includes an annual survey of the universe of charter schools and intensive site visits at a sample of charter schools.

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### Special Projects and Demonstrations for Providing Supported Employment Services to Individuals With the Most Severe Disabilities and Technical Assistance Projects—National Scope Project; Notice Inviting Applications for a Cooperative Agreement or Grant for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1997

**PURPOSE OF PROGRAM:** This program is designed to provide grants for special projects and demonstrations to expand or otherwise improve the provision of supported employment services to individuals with the most severe disabilities, including projects that demonstrate the effectiveness of natural supports or other alternative approaches for supporting and maintaining individuals in supported employment, and grants for technical assistance projects.

**ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:** Public and nonprofit community rehabilitation programs, designated State units, and other public and private agencies and organizations.

**DEADLINE FOR TRANSMITTAL OF APPLICATIONS:** March 14, 1997.

**DEADLINE FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW:** May 13, 1997.

**APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE:** February 3, 1997.

**AVAILABLE FUNDS:** \$950,000.

**ESTIMATED RANGE OF AWARDS:** \$850,000—\$950,000.

**ESTIMATED AVERAGE SIZE OF AWARDS:** \$900,000.

**ESTIMATED NUMBER OF AWARDS:** 1.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

**PROJECT PERIOD:** Up to 60 months. The Secretary believes that at least 36 months is necessary to accomplish the project objectives. The Secretary will

assess, during the third year of the project period, whether there is a continuing need for the project and whether to provide funding beyond 36 months.

**APPLICABLE REGULATIONS:** (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, and 86; and (b) The following sections of the program regulations in 34 CFR part 380: § 380.9 and § 380.15.

**PRIORITIES:** *Absolute Priority:* Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) and section 311(c)(1)(B) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (the Act), the Secretary gives an absolute preference to applications that meet the following priority. Section 311(c)(1)(B) of the Act requires that at least one grant under this program be nationwide in scope and meet the following requirements. The Secretary funds under this competition only an application that meets this absolute priority.

A project that proposes to—

(1) Identify community-based models that can be replicated;

(2) Identify impediments to the development of supported employment programs (including funding and cost considerations); and

(3) Develop a mechanism to explore the use of existing community rehabilitation programs as well as other community-based programs.

In fiscal years 1987 through 1989, the Department funded two nationwide grants to identify community-based models appropriate for replication, review impediments to the implementation of supported employment, and provide technical assistance to developing programs. Since 1989, the Department has awarded almost 70 community-based supported employment projects designed to stimulate the development of innovative approaches for improving and expanding the provision of supported employment services to individuals with the most severe disabilities. Similarly, since 1985, the Department has awarded 55 statewide systems change projects to 48 States, the District of Columbia, and Trust Territories designed to stimulate the development and provision of statewide innovative supported employment programs. The focus of statewide projects is to assist States and other provider agencies in addressing the most difficult developmental issues related to supported employment, such as establishing or improving each State's supported employment infrastructure, addressing the personnel and training needs of supported employment programs, expanding services to

underserved or unserved populations and securing long-term funding for extended services.

In recent years, there have been significant changes in the area of supported employment, including the expansion of services to new populations and the development of new models of supported employment (e.g., increasing use of natural supports). The Secretary is interested in funding another nationwide grant to determine what has been learned from community-based and statewide systems change projects supported by the Rehabilitation Services Administration and other agencies and organizations in recent years, to identify and assess new exemplary supported employment models and practices that have emerged from these projects, and to provide technical assistance based on these new findings to States and other provider agencies.

*Invitational Priority:* Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1) the Secretary is particularly interested in applications for either a grant or cooperative agreement that meet the following invitational priority. However, an application that meets this invitational priority does not receive competitive or absolute preference over other applications:

A project that proposes to—

(a) Profile programs throughout the Nation that have demonstrated success in securing and maintaining extended services funding for supported employment, identify successful methods of leveraging extended services funds in supported employment through State and local resources, and provide technical assistance to States and other provider agencies regarding these methods;

(b) Identify exemplary statewide systems change programs, study their implications for program impact and improvements for providing supported employment services to individuals with the most severe disabilities, and provide technical assistance to the States and other provider agencies regarding these exemplary systems change projects;

(c) Study exemplary models and strategies for establishing interagency coordination and cooperative agreements for delivery of supported employment services from State providers, such as vocational rehabilitation, developmental disabilities, mental health, education, and Social Security agencies, and provide technical assistance to appropriate State systems to further systems coordination;

(d) Identify programs that have been successful in serving unserved or

underserved populations in urban and rural environments and provide technical assistance to States and other provider agencies;

(e) Provide cost-benefit analyses for supported employment programs that serve various disability populations and identify key performance indicators for those programs; and

(f) Coordinate efforts and findings with the Department's currently funded longitudinal study on vocational rehabilitation that includes a sub-study on supported employment extended services. Under this invitational priority, the recipient of this award is encouraged to establish relationships with the contractor of the longitudinal study and be prepared to provide technical assistance to States and other entities based upon the results and findings of the study.

**Selection Criteria:** Since the program regulations in 34 CFR part 380 do not contain selection criteria for evaluating applications for a project that is national in scope, the Secretary uses the selection criteria in 34 CFR 75.210 in evaluating applications for grants or cooperative agreements under this competition.

For Applications Contact: Joyce R. Jones, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, Room 3038, Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202-2740; or call the following telephone number: (202) 205-8351.

For Further Information Contact: Mary Jane Kane, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 3329, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2740. Telephone: (202) 205-8206. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Information about the Department's funding opportunities, including copies of application notices for discretionary grant competitions, can be viewed on the Department's electronic bulletin board (ED Board), telephone (202) 260-9950; on the Internet Gopher Server (at [gopher://gcs.ed.gov](http://gopher://gcs.ed.gov)); or on the World Wide Web (at <http://gcs.ed.gov>). However, the official application notice for a discretionary grant competition is the notice published in the Federal Register.

Program Authority: 29 U.S.C. 777a(c).

Dated: January 27, 1997.  
 Judith E. Heumann,  
*Assistant Secretary for Special Education and  
 Rehabilitative Services.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Rocky Flats

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.  
**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Rocky Flats.

**DATES:** Thursday, February 6, 1997, 6:00 pm-9:30 pm.

**ADDRESSES:** Westminster City Hall (Lower-level Multi-purpose Room) 4800 West 92nd Avenue Westminster, CO.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ken Korkia, Board/Staff Coordinator, EM SSAB-Rocky Flats, 9035 North Wadsworth Parkway, Suite 2250, Westminster, CO 80021, phone: (303) 420-7855, fax: (303) 420-7579.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Purpose of the Board:

The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

##### Tentative Agenda

(1) The Board will hear a presentation on the decontamination and decommissioning (D&D) plans and activities for Rocky Flats buildings. Site representatives will be on hand to educate the Board and members of the public on definition of terms, D&D planning, schedules, challenges, experience and technology issues. Ongoing D&D projects at the site will also be discussed.

(2) The Board's Health Committee will bring a recommendation for approval which follows up on the results of a Community Needs Assessment performed in 1996.

(3) Updates from the Board's committees.

**Public Participation:** The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should

contact Ken Korkia at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Official is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments. This notice is being published less than 15 days in advance of the meeting due to programmatic issues that needed to be resolved.

**Minutes:** The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585 between 9:00 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available at the Public Reading Room located at the Board's office at 9035 North Wadsworth Parkway, Suite 2250, Westminster, CO 80021; telephone (303) 420-7855. Hours of operation for the Public Reading Room are 9:00 am and 4:00 pm on Monday through Friday. Minutes will also be made available by writing or calling Deb Thompson at the Board's office address or telephone number listed above.

Issued at Washington, DC on January 24, 1997.

Rachel M. Samuel,  
*Acting Deputy Advisory Committee  
 Management Officer.*

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### Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

[Case No. DH-010]

#### Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Granting of the Application for Interim Waiver and Publishing of the Petition for Waiver of Wolf Steel Ltd. From the DOE Vented Home Heating Equipment Test Procedure

**AGENCY:** Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Today's notice grants an Interim Waiver to Wolf Steel Ltd. (Wolf Steel) from the Department of Energy (DOE or Department) test procedure for vented home heating equipment. The Interim waiver concerns pilot light energy consumption for Wolf Steel's

models GD22, GD27, GD3200, GD3200B, GD40, GI3014B, GI3014, GI3600, GS3500, GDS3700, GDS50, GS50, GDI50, and GD45 vented heaters.

Today's notice also publishes a "Petition for Waiver" from Wolf Steel. Wolf Steel's Petition for Waiver requests DOE to grant relief from the DOE vented home heating equipment test procedure relating to the use of pilot light energy consumption in calculating the Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency (AFUE). Specifically, Wolf Steel seeks to delete the required pilot light measurement ( $Q_p$ ) in the calculation of AFUE when the pilot is off. The Department solicits comments, data, and information respecting the Petition for Waiver.

**DATE:** DOE will accept comments, data, and information not later than March 3, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and statements shall be sent to: Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Case No. DH-010, Mail Stop EE-43, Room 1J-018, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121, (202) 586-7140.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

William W. Hui, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Mail Stop EE-43, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121, (202) 586-9145; or

Eugene Margolis, Esq., U.S. Department of Energy, Office of General Counsel, Mail Stop GC-72, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0103, (202) 586-9507.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products (other than automobiles) was established pursuant to the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended (EPCA), which requires DOE to prescribe standardized test procedures to measure the energy consumption of certain consumer products, including vented home heating equipment. The intent of the test procedures is to provide a comparable measure of energy consumption that will assist consumers in making informed purchasing decisions, and will determine whether a product complies with the applicable energy conservation standard. These test procedures appear at Title 10 CFR Part 430, Subpart B.

The Department amended the test procedure rules to provide for a waiver process by adding § 430.27 to Title 10 CFR Part 430. 45 FR 64108, September