

collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (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 at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. 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. ED 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: March 19, 1997.

**Gloria Parker,**

*Director, Information Resources Management Group.*

#### **Office of Postsecondary Education**

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS).

*Abstract:* The Department of Education will collect data from postsecondary schools and guaranty agencies about Federal Perkins Loans, Federal Family Education Loans and William D. Ford Direct Student Loans to be used to determine eligibility for student assistance and for research.

*Additional Information:* The emergency action is needed to assure continuity in reporting. There have been no substantive changes in the reporting requirements.

*Frequency:* Monthly.

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

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 3,046.

Burden Hours: 292,416.

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#### **Office of Postsecondary Education, Federal Work-Study Programs**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of closing date for filing the "Institutional Application and Agreement for Participation in the Work-Colleges Program"

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary gives notice to institutions of higher education of the deadline for an eligible institution to apply for participation in the Work-Colleges Program and to apply for funding under that program for the 1997-98 award year (July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998) by submitting to the Secretary an "Institutional Application and Agreement for Participation in the Work-Colleges Program."

The Work-Colleges Program, along with the Federal Work-Study Program and the Job Location and Development Program, are known collectively as the Federal Work-Study programs. The Work-Colleges Program is authorized by part C of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA).

**CLOSING DATE:** To participate in the Work-Colleges Program and to apply for funds for that program for the 1997-98 award year, an eligible institution must mail or hand-deliver its "Institutional Application and Agreement for Participation in the Work-Colleges Program" on or before April 25, 1997. The Department will not accept the form by facsimile transmission. The form must be submitted to the Institutional Financial Management Division at one of the addresses indicated below.

**ADDRESSES:** *Applications and Agreements Delivered by Mail.* An institutional application and agreement delivered by mail must be addressed to Ms. Thomasine Riley, Work-Colleges Program, Institutional Financial Management Division, U.S. Department of Education, P.O. Box 23781, Washington, D.C. 20026-0781. An applicant must show proof of mailing consisting of one of the following: (1) A legible dated U.S. Postal Service

postmark; (2) a legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service; (3) a dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier; or (4) any other proof of mailing acceptable to the Secretary of Education.

If an institutional application and agreement is sent through the U.S. Postal Service, the Secretary does not accept either of the following as proof of mailing: (1) A private metered postmark, or (2) a mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Service.

An institution should note that the U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark. Before relying on this method, an institution should check with its local post office.

An institution is encouraged to use certified or at least first class mail. Institutions that submit an institutional application and agreement after the closing date of April 25, 1997 will not be considered for participation or funding under the Work-Colleges Program for award year 1997-98.

*Applications and Agreements Delivered by Hand.* An institutional application and agreement delivered by hand must be taken to Ms. Thomasine Riley, Work-Colleges Program, Campus-Based Financial Operations Branch, Institutional Financial Management Division, Accounting and Financial Management Service, Student Financial Assistance Programs, U.S. Department of Education, Room 4714, Regional Office Building 3, 7th and D Streets, S.W., Washington, D.C. Hand-delivered institutional applications and agreements will be accepted between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (Eastern time) daily, except Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays. An institutional application and agreement for the 1997-98 award year that is delivered by hand will not be accepted after 4:30 p.m. on April 25, 1997.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Work-Colleges Program, the Secretary allocates funds when available for that program to eligible institutions. The Secretary will not allocate funds under the Work-Colleges Program for award year 1997-1998 to any eligible institution unless the institution files its "Institutional Application and Agreement for Participation in the Work-Colleges Program" by the closing date.

To apply for participation and funding under the Work-Colleges Program, an institution must satisfy the definition of "work-college" in section 448(e) of the HEA. The term "work college" under the HEA means an eligible institution that (1) is a public or

private nonprofit institution with a commitment to community service; (2) has operated a comprehensive work-learning program for at least two years; (3) requires all resident students who reside on campus to participate in a comprehensive work-learning program and the provision of services as an integral part of the institution's educational program and as part of the institution's educational philosophy; and (4) provides students participating in the comprehensive work-learning program with the opportunity to contribute to their education and to the welfare of the community as a whole.

#### *Applicable Regulations*

The following regulations apply to the Work-Colleges Program:

- (1) Student Assistance General Provisions, 34 CFR Part 668.
- (2) Federal Work-Study Programs, 34 CFR Part 675.
- (3) Institutional Eligibility under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 34 CFR Part 600.
- (4) New Restrictions on Lobbying, 34 CFR Part 82.
- (5) Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants), 34 CFR Part 85.
- (6) Drug-Free Schools and Campuses, 34 CFR Part 86.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Thomasine Riley, Work-Colleges Program, Institutional Financial Management Division, U.S. Department of Education, P.O. Box 23781, Washington, D.C. 20026-0781. Telephone (202) 708-9750. 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.

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 2756b.

Dated: March 19, 1997.

**David A. Longanecker,**

*Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.*

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#### **Notice of Closed Teleconference**

**AGENCY:** National Assessment Governing Board, Education.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming closed teleconference of the Nominations Committee of the National Assessment Governing Board. This notice also describes the functions of

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

**DATES:** March 28, 1997.

**TIME:** 1:00-3:00 p.m. (ET)

**LOCATION:** National Assessment Governing Board Staff Office, 800 North Capitol Street, NW, Suite #825, Washington, D.C.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Mary Ann Wilmer, Operations Officer, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20002-4233; Telephone: (202) 357-6938.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Assessment Governing Board is established under Section 412 of the National Education Statistics Act of 1994 (Title IV of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994), (Pub. L. 103-382).

The Board is established to formulate policy guidelines for the National Assessment of Educational Progress. The Board is responsible for selecting subject areas to be assessed, developing assessment objectives, identifying appropriate achievement goals for each grade and subject tested, and establishing standards and procedures for interstate and national comparisons.

The Nominations Committee of the National Assessment Governing Board will meet in closed teleconference on March 28, 1997, from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m., to review the resumes of nominees to fill upcoming Board membership vacancies in the following categories: State board of education; business or industry; general public; local board of education; testing and measurement experts; State legislators, republican; non public school administrator or policy maker.

The review and subsequent discussion of this information will touch upon matters that relate solely to the internal rules and practices of an agency and would disclose information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemptions (2) and (6) of Section 552b of of Title 5 U.S.C.

A summary of the activities of the meeting and related matters, which are informative to the public, consistent with policy of 5 U.S.C. 552b, will be available to the public within fourteen days after the meeting.

The public is being given less than fifteen days notice of this meeting to ensure a quorum of the members to accomplish the work necessary for

reporting the outcome of this responsibility of the Committee.

Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

**Roy Truby,**

*Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board.*

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

##### **Office of Environment, Safety and Health**

##### **Notice of Availability of Funds and Request for Applications To Support Medical Surveillance for Former Department of Energy Workers**

**AGENCY:** Office of Environment, Safety and Health, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of funds and request for applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Environment, Safety and Health (EH) announces the availability of additional funds to evaluate former workers whose employment at departmental facilities may have placed their long-term health at significant risk. This Notice of Availability of Funds and Request for Applications to Support Medical Surveillance for Former DOE Workers does not affect cooperative agreements awarded pursuant to a similar **Federal Register** announcement published on March 1, 1996. This new Notice is issued subsequent to the more general Continuation of Solicitation for Epidemiology and Other Health Studies Financial Assistance Program published in the **Federal Register** (61 FR 53903) on October 16, 1996.

**DATES:** Applications submitted in response to this announcement must be received by June 3, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, Maryland 20874-1290.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for further information and application forms may be directed to Dr. John Peeters, Office of Occupational Medicine and Medical Surveillance (EH-61), Telephone: (301) 903-5902; facsimile: (301) 903-5072. Applications may be submitted to Dr. Peeters at the address listed above.