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## VII. Agency Contact

*For Further Information Contact:*  
Eileen S. Bland, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., suite 7000, Washington, DC 20006-8510. Telephone: (202) 502-7600 or by e-mail: [TRIO@ed.gov](mailto:TRIO@ed.gov).

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Dated: November 28, 2006.

**James F. Manning,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Advisory Committee Student Financial Assistance: Hearing

**AGENCY:** Advisory Commission on Student Financial Assistance, Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of upcoming hearing.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming hearing of the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance (The Advisory Committee). Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order

to attend the hearing (i.e., interpreting services, assistive listening devices, and/or materials in alternative format) should notify the Advisory Committee no later than Monday, December 11, 2006, by contacting Ms. Hope Gray at (202) 219-2099 or via e-mail at [Hope.Gray@ed.gov](mailto:Hope.Gray@ed.gov). We will attempt to meet requests after this date, but cannot guarantee availability of the requested accommodation. The hearing site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. This notice also describes the functions of the Advisory Committee. Notice of this hearing is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public.

**DATES:** Monday, December 18, 2006, beginning at 9:30 a.m. and ending at approximately 3:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The University of Illinois at Chicago, Student Service Building, Conference Room B/C, 1200 W. Harrison Street, Chicago, IL 60611.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Erin B. Renner, Director of Government Relations or Ms. Julie J. Johnson, Assistant Director, Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, Capitol Place, 80 F Street, NW., Suite 413, Washington, DC 20202-7582, (202) 219-2099.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance is established under Section 491 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 as amended by Public Law 100-50 (20 U.S.C. 1098). The Advisory Committee serves as an independent source of advice and counsel to the Congress and the Secretary of Education on student financial aid policy. Since its inception, the congressional mandate requires the Advisory Committee to conduct objectives, nonpartisan, and independent analyses on important aspects of the student assistance programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act, and to make recommendations that will result in the maintenance of access to postsecondary education for low- and middle-income students. In addition, Congress expanded the Advisory Committee's mission in the Higher Education Amendments of 1998 to include several important areas: access, Title IV modernization, distance education, and early information and needs assessment. Specifically, the Advisory Committee is to review, monitor and evaluate the Department of Education's progress in these areas and report recommended improvements to Congress and the Secretary.

The Advisory Committee has scheduled the hearing on Monday, December 18 in Chicago, IL, to conduct activities related to its congressionally requested study to make textbooks more affordable (Textbook Study). This one-year study, which was requested by members of the Education and the Workforce Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives, will investigate further the problem of rising textbook prices; determine the impact of rising textbook prices on students' ability to afford a postsecondary education; and make recommendations to Congress, the Secretary, and other stakeholders on what can be done to make textbooks more affordable for students. Over the course of the study, the Committee will conduct three field hearings that will include testimony from stakeholders around the country who are currently working to make textbooks more affordable for students.

The proposed agenda includes expert testimony and discussions by prominent higher education community leaders, state representatives, and institutions who will share what they are doing to make textbooks more affordable for students. The Advisory Committee will also conduct a roundtable discussion among Advisory Committee members and panelists on its recently released report on the impact of financial barriers on bachelor's degree attainment, titled *Mortgaging Our Future: How Financial Barriers to College Undercut America's Global Competitiveness*. This report can be accessed at the following Web address: <http://www.ed.gov/about/bdscomm/list/acsfa/mof.pdf>.

The Advisory Committee invites the public to submit written comments on the Textbook Study to the following e-mail address: [ACSFA@ed.gov](mailto:ACSFA@ed.gov). Information regarding the Textbook Study will also be available on the Advisory Committee's Web site, <http://www.ed.gov/ACSFA>. To be included in the hearing materials, we must receive your comments on or before Monday, December 11, 2006; additional comments should be provided to the Committee no later than January 29, 2007.

Space for the hearing is limited and you are encouraged to register early if you plan to attend. You may register by sending an e-mail to the following address: [ACSFA@ed.gov](mailto:ACSFA@ed.gov) or [Tracy.Deanna.Jones@ed.gov](mailto:Tracy.Deanna.Jones@ed.gov). Please include your name, title, affiliation, complete address (including internet and e-mail address, if available), and telephone and fax numbers. If you are unable to register electronically, you may fax your registration information to the Advisory Committee staff office at

(202) 219-3032. You may also contact the Advisory Committee staff directly at (202) 219-2099. The registration deadline is Monday, December 11, 2006.

Records are kept for Advisory Committee proceedings, and are available for inspection at the Office of the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, Capitol Place, 80 F Street, NW.—Suite 413, Washington, DC from the hours of 9 am to 5:30 pm Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Information regarding the Advisory Committee is available on the Committee's Web site, <http://www.ed.gov/ACSFA>.

**Dr. William J. Goggin,**

*Executive Director, Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Paducah, KY

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of Open Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Paducah. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Thursday, January 18, 2007 5:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** 111 Memorial Drive, Barkley Centre, Paducah, Kentucky 42001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Reinhard Knerr, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, Department of Energy Paducah Site Office, Post Office Box 1410, MS-103, Paducah, Kentucky 42001, (270) 441-6825.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

#### Tentative Agenda

5:30 p.m.

Informal Discussion

6 p.m.

Call to Order

Introductions

Review of Agenda

Approval of November Minutes

6:15 p.m.

Deputy Designated Federal Officer's Comments

6:30 p.m.

Federal Coordinator's Comments

6:35 p.m.

Liaisons' Comments

6:45 p.m.

Review of Action Items

6:50 p.m.

Public Comments and Questions

7 p.m.

Presentations

- Site Management Plan

- Community Relations Plan

7:30 p.m.

Subcommittee Reports

- Water Disposition/Water Quality Subcommittee

- Community Outreach Subcommittee

- Long Range Strategy/Stewardship Subcommittee

- Executive Committee

7:45 p.m.

Public Comments and Questions

7:55 p.m.

Administrative Issues

- Budget Review

- Review of Work Plan

- Review of Next Agenda

8:05 p.m.

Final Comments

8:15 p.m.

- Adjourn

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Reinhard Knerr at the address or telephone number listed above.

Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Individuals wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

*Minutes:* The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the U.S. Department of Energy's Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available at the Department of Energy's Environmental Information Center and Reading Room at 115 Memorial Drive, Barkley Centre, Paducah, Kentucky between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday or by writing to Reinhard Knerr, Department of Energy, Paducah Site Office, Post Office Box 1410, MS-103, Paducah, Kentucky

42001 or by calling him at (270) 441-6825.

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**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

#### State Energy Advisory Board

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of Open Teleconference.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a teleconference of the State Energy Advisory Board (STEAB). The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these teleconferences be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** December 21, 2006, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EST.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gary Burch, STEAB Designated Federal Officer, Assistant Manager, Intergovernmental Projects & Outreach, Golden Field Office, U.S. Department of Energy, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Golden, CO 80401, Telephone 303/275-4801.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Purpose of the Board:* To make recommendations to the Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy regarding goals and objectives, programmatic and administrative policies, and to otherwise carry out the Board's responsibilities as designated in the State Energy Efficiency Programs Improvement Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-440).

*Tentative Agenda:* Update members on routine business matters.

*Public Participation:* The teleconference is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Gary Burch at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests to make oral comments must be received five days prior to the conference call; reasonable provision will be made to include requested topic(s) on the agenda. The Chair of the Board is empowered to conduct the call in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.