

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Board meeting is open to the public.

Dated: October 19, 2002.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Defense Science Board

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of Advisory Committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Science Board Task Force on Unexploded Ordinance (UXO) will meet in closed session on October 30-31, 2002; November 21-22, 2002; and December 3-5, 2002, at SAIC, Inc., 4001 N. Fairfax Street, Arlington, VA. This Task Force will review modern technology that can be exploited or developed to reduce the extremely high cost of UXO clean up.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At this meeting, the Defense Science Board Task Force will review and evaluate the Department's ability to exploit modern technology to reduce the extremely high cost of UXO clean up and improve its effectiveness for both contaminated land and water ranges and help accomplish the job in a reasonable time; and science and technologies that can be developed to support and sustain continued live fire training and testing of munitions at ranges across the United States with an acceptable environmental impact.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. No. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II), it has been determined that this Defense Science Board Task Force meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1), and that, accordingly, the meeting will be closed to the public.

Dated: October 9, 2002.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Defense Science Board

#### Office of the Secretary

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of Advisory Committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Science Board Task Force on Seabasing will meet in closed session on November 5-6, 2002, and November 18-19, 2002, at Strategic Analysis, Inc., 3601 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA. The Task Force will assess how seabasing of expeditionary forces can best serve the nation's defense needs through at least the first half of the 21st century.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At these meetings, the Defense Science Board Task Force will examine the broadest range of alternatives for seabasing of expeditionary forces and be guided by: the expected naval environment for the next 20-50 years; the role of naval forces in enabling access for joint forces through the world's littorals; assets and technologies needed to establish a robust and capable Enhanced Networked Seabase; the timing of the acquisition of the technologies, platforms and systems which replace the legacy systems; and the function of new hardware and opportunities to reallocate functionality to improve effectiveness, or efficiency, or economy.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Regulatory Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, 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 December 16, 2002.

**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, Regulatory 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.

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: October 11, 2002.

**John D. Tressler,**

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

### Federal Student Aid

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* FSA Students Portal (JS).

*Frequency:* On Occasion, Monthly, Annually.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or household; Federal Government; State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:* Responses: 5,000,000. Burden Hours: 200,000.

*Abstract:* Federal Student Aid (FSA) of the U.S. Department of Education seeks to establish a registration system within the 'Students Portal', an Internet Portal Website (hereafter 'the Website'). The Website will make the college application process more efficient, faster, and accurate by making it an automated, electronic process that targets financial aid and college applications. The Website uses some personal contact information criteria to automatically fill out the forms and surveys initiated by the user. The Website will also provide a database of demographic information that will help FSA target the distribution of financial aid materials to specific groups of students and/or parents. For example, studies have shown that providing student financial assistance information to middle school (or elementary school) students and/or their parents dramatically increases the likelihood that those students will attend college. The demographic information from the Website will help us to identify potential customers in the middle school age range and is information that was previously unavailable to us.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2172. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651 or to the e-mail address [vivian\\_reese@ed.gov](mailto:vivian_reese@ed.gov). Requests may also be electronically mailed to the e-mail address [OCIO\\_RIMG@ed.gov](mailto:OCIO_RIMG@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 his e-mail address [Joe.Schubart@ed.gov](mailto: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

### Intent To Compromise Claim Against the State of Louisiana State Department of Education

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to compromise claim with request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Department of Education (Department) intends to compromise a claim against the Louisiana State Department of Education (LSDE) now pending before the Office of Administrative Law Judges (OALJ), Docket No. 01-24-R. Before compromising a claim, the Department must publish its intent to do so in the **Federal Register** and provide the public an opportunity to comment on that action (20 U.S.C. 1234a(j)).

**DATES:** We must receive your comments on the proposed action on or before December 2, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Address all comments concerning the proposed action to Jeffrey C. Morhardt, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 6E312, Washington, DC 20202-2110.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeffrey C. Morhardt, Esq. Telephone: (202) 401-6700. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain this document in an alternative format (e.g., Braille, large print, audio tape, or computer diskette) on request to the contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Invitation to Comment

We invite you to submit comments regarding this proposed action. During and after the comment period, you may inspect all public comments in room 6E312, FB-6, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday of each week except Federal holidays.

#### Assistance to Individuals With Disabilities in Reviewing Comments

On request, we will supply an appropriate aid, such as a reader or print magnifier, to an individual with a disability who needs assistance to review the comments. If you want to schedule an appointment for this type of aid, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

## Background

The claim in question arose when the Chief of the Department's Indirect Cost Group, Office of the Chief Financial Officer (Chief) issued a program determination letter (PDL) on June 28, 2001. The PDL demanded a refund of \$3,171,296 of funds provided to the LSDE for fiscal years 1992-98 under various Department programs. Specifically, the Chief found that the LSDE had failed to carry out its administrative responsibilities to ensure that the New Orleans Parish School Board (NOPS) complied with applicable Federal statutes and regulations regarding proper accounting for Federal education funds. More specifically, the Chief found that NOPS charged Federal funds for unemployment compensation insurance premiums disproportionately and therefore overcharged Federal funds in relation to the benefits received. Accordingly, the Chief disallowed the percent of the total premium costs for 1992-98 in excess of the amount that should have been paid using Federal funds based upon the percentage of Federal funds and State and local funds.

During settlement discussions, the LSDE submitted substantial documentation to demonstrate that the actual amount of excess unemployment compensation premiums that NOPS charged to Federal programs during fiscal years 1997 and 1998 was \$664,990.67, rather than \$906,084, as stated in the PDL. The LSDE also submitted documentation to demonstrate that \$2,650,010.13 in disallowed costs for fiscal years 1992-96 and part of fiscal year 1997 were barred from recovery by the statute of limitations of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA). 20 U.S.C. 1234a(k). After conducting a thorough review of this documentation, the Chief has decided to accept the LSDE's documentation, thereby reducing the claim to \$280,192.54 for the remainder of fiscal years 1997 and 1998.

The Department proposes to compromise this remaining claim to \$250,192.54. Based on litigation risks and the costs of proceeding through the administrative and, possibly, court process for this appeal, the Department has determined that it would not be practical or in the public interest to continue this proceeding. In addition, in light of NOPS' corrective action performed in 1998, there is little or no likelihood of a recurrence of this problem. As a result, under the authority in 20 U.S.C. 1234a(j), the Department has determined that compromise of this claim for \$250,192.54 is appropriate. The public