

combinations of institutions and agencies, and in exceptional cases, secondary schools to establish and operate projects designed to generate skills and motivation necessary for success in education beyond secondary school. The Math and Science Centers provide an intensive six-week summer math-science curriculum program.

Office of Vocational and Adult Education

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: Application for Vocational Education Direct Grants.

Frequency: Annually.

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

Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden: Responses: 200.

Burden Hours: 18,000.

Abstract: This form will be used by applicants to apply for funding under the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act administered by the Office of Vocational and Adult Education. The information will be used to make grants and cooperative agreements.

This information collection is being submitted under the Streamlined Clearance Process for Discretionary Grant Information Collections (OMB Control No. 1890-0001). Therefore, this 30-day public comment period notice will be the only public comment notice published for this information collection.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

[CFDA No.: 84.234N]

Projects With Industry

Notice reopening the closing date for transmittal of applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 1998.

Deadline for Transmittal of

Applications: The deadline date for transmittal of applications is reopened from January 13, 1998, to April 21, 1998.

On October 30, 1997, the Secretary published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 58725) a notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year 1998 under the Projects With Industry program.

The purpose of this notice is to reopen the deadline date for transmittal of applications. This action is taken because a Department World Wide Web

site inadvertently contained the fiscal year 1997, and not the fiscal year 1998, application kit and fiscal year 1998 notice inviting applications for new awards under the Projects With Industry program. The Department discontinued public access to the fiscal year 1997 application kit and notice on January 8, 1998, but applicants who visited the World Wide Web site prior to that date may have downloaded and mistakenly used the fiscal year 1997 application kit to prepare for the fiscal year 1998 competition. Applicants must use the fiscal year 1998 application kit for the fiscal year 1998 competition.

Deadline for Intergovernmental

Review: June 20, 1998.

For Applications Contact: The Grants and Contracts Service Team (GCST), U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3317, Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202-2649. Telephone: (202) 205-8351. The preferred method for requesting applications is to FAX your request to (202) 205-8717. 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.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain a copy of the application package in an alternate format by contacting the GCST. However, the Department is not able to reproduce in an alternate format the standard forms included in the application package.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Martha Muskie, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3320, Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202-2740. Telephone: (202) 205-3293.

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Program Authority: 29 U.S.C. 795g.

Dated: January 22, 1998.

Judith E. Heumann,

Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Office of Inspector General, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of an altered system of records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (Act), the Department of Education (Department) publishes this notice of proposed alterations to its system of records for the Investigatory Material Compiled for Personnel Security and Suitability Purposes for the Office of Inspector General (OIG)—18-10-0002. These alterations serve to update the system of records to reflect current administrative and related procedures, implementation of computer database technology, organizational restructuring, clarification and expanded language to provide greater detail and description applicable to the system of records, and proposed new and revised routine uses of the information contained in this system of records. Because the routine uses have been revised or expanded, the Department requests comment regarding the proposed routine uses contained in this notice.

DATES: Comments on the proposed routine uses of this system of records must be received by the Department on or before February 27, 1998. The Department filed a report on the altered system of records with the Chair of the Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate, the Chair of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight of the House, and the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on January 23, 1998. This altered system of records will become effective after the 30-day period for

OMB review of the system expires on February 22, 1998, unless OMB gives specific notice within the 30 days that the system is not approved for implementation or requests an additional 10 days for its review. The new and revised routine uses become effective 30 days after publication unless they need to be changed as a result of public comment. The Department will publish any changes to the routine uses that are required as a result of the comments.

ADDRESSES: All comments on the proposed routine uses should be addressed to the Deputy Inspector General, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., 4022 MES, Washington, DC 20202-1510. Comments may also be sent through the Internet to: Comments@ed.gov

You must include the term "Security Notice" in the subject line of the electronic comment.

All comments submitted in response to this notice will be available for public inspection, during and after the comment period, in Room 4022 Switzer Building, 330 C Street, SW., Washington, DC, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday of each week except Federal holidays.

On request the Department supplies an appropriate aid, such as a reader or print magnifier, to an individual with a disability who needs assistance to review the comments or other documents in the public rulemaking docket for this notice. An individual with a disability who wants to schedule an appointment for this type of aid may call (202) 205-8113 or (202) 260-9895. An individual who uses a TDD may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandra H. Warren, Security Officer, Office of Inspector General, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., 4022 MES, Washington, DC 20202-1510. Telephone: (202) 205-5400. 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.

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General

The Act (5 U.S.C. 552a)(e)(4) requires the Department to publish in the **Federal Register** this notice of an altered system of records. The Department's regulations implementing the Act are contained in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) in 34 CFR part 5b. A system of records is considered altered whenever an agency changes the way it retrieves records, expands the types or categories of information, or revises its routine uses for information contained in the system. This system notice has not been updated since its publication in the **Federal Register** on April 20, 1982. As a result, revisions are needed to accurately describe the current system of records that maintains investigatory material on current and former Department employees, individuals who have applied for employment with the Department, and other individuals doing business with the Department.

The records in this system are maintained to provide the Inspector General and other responsible Department of Education (Department) officials with information to assist them in making individual personnel determinations concerning suitability for Federal employment, security clearances, access to classified information or restricted areas, and evaluations as to suitability for performance under Federal contracts or

other agreements with the Federal Government. For those investigations conducted by the Office of Inspector General, these records may also be disclosed to other Federal and non-Federal investigatory agencies to protect the public or Federal interest, or both.

The revisions in this system notice change the name of the system manager and add additional system locations; update the authority for the maintenance of the system; provide a detailed description of the nature of the security investigation case files; revise and clarify the purpose of the system; expand the categories of individuals covered by the system to include people seeking association with the Department under Federal contracts or other agreements as well as individuals seeking employment or retention with the Department; revise and expand the routine use disclosures to provide for the disclosure of information to contractors, grantees, experts, consultants, or volunteers performing or working on a contract, grant, or service for the Department and with respect to litigation-related disclosures and for purposes relating to the Freedom of Information Act; and disclosures to specified intelligence agencies of the Federal Government for use in intelligence or investigation activities. This notice also revises the manner in which the records are stored, retrieved, and safeguarded with regard to the use of computer database technology; clarifies the retention and disposal period for records maintained in the system; and expands the notification procedures to assist the system manager in the identification of requested information contained in the system of records.

Direct access is restricted to authorized agency staff in the performance of their official duties. Due to the extensive revisions in this notice, it is being published in its entirety.

Dated: January 23, 1998.

Thomas R. Bloom,
Inspector General.

The Office of Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Education publishes notice of an altered system of records as follows:

18-10-0002

SYSTEM NAME:

Investigatory Material Compiled for Personnel Security and Suitability Purposes—ED/OIG.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

None.

SYSTEM LOCATIONS:

Security Program Staff, Office of Inspector General, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202-1510.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Investigations Group, P.O. Box 886, Washington, DC 20044-0886.

Washington National Records Center, Suitland, MD 20746-2042.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Applicants seeking employment with the Department of Education (Department), former and current employees of, and other persons and entities doing business with, the Department.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

These records contain investigative information pertaining to current and former Department employees, current and former contractor personnel, and current employees of entities making offers to the Department for purposes of doing business. This information regards individuals' character, conduct, and loyalty to the United States as relevant to their association with the Department. These records may, as appropriate to the individual being investigated, include the following types of information: (1) Documentation as to his or her arrests and convictions for violations of the law. (2) Reporting as to interviews held with the individual, his or her present and former supervisors, co-workers, associates, neighbors, educators, etc. (3) Correspondence relating to adjudication matters involving the individual. (4) Reports of inquiries made of law enforcement agencies for information about the individual contained in the agencies' records. (5) Information provided by organizations having association with the individual, such as employers, educational institutions attended, professional or fraternal or social organizations to which the individual is or was a member, etc. (6) Reports of action following an Office of Personnel Management (OPM) investigation or a Federal Bureau of Investigation Section 8(d) full field investigation. (7) Other information developed from the previous sources.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

Executive Orders 10450, 10577, and 12968; as amended.

PURPOSE(S):

Records in this system are maintained to provide the Inspector General and other responsible Department officials with information to assist them in

making individual personnel determinations concerning suitability for Federal employment, security clearances, access to classified information or restricted areas, and evaluations as to suitability for performance under Federal contracts or other agreements with the Federal Government. Incidental to this purpose, for those investigations conducted by the OIG, these records may also be disclosed to other Federal and non-Federal investigatory agencies to protect the public or Federal interest, or both.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

Information contained in this system of records may be disclosed as a routine use in the following instances:

1. To public or private sources to the extent necessary to obtain information to be included in this system of records.

2. To officials and employees of a Federal, State, or local governmental entity in response to its request in connection with the issuance of security clearances or the conduct of security or suitability investigations of individuals seeking employment, licensure, other benefits, or to perform contractual services, or to otherwise associate with the governmental entity.

3. To a Federal, State, local, or foreign entity or other public authority responsible for the investigation, prosecution, enforcement, or implementation of a statute, rule, regulation, or order, when a record on its face or in combination with any other information indicates a violation or potential violation of law (whether civil, criminal, or regulatory in nature) if that information is relevant to any enforcement, regulatory, investigative, or prosecutive responsibility of the receiving entity. It is OIG policy not to disclose records under this routine use that pertain to those questions for which the OIG has promised confidentiality under Standard Form 85P, "Questionnaire for Public Trust Positions."

4. To contractors, grantees, experts, consultants, or volunteers performing or working on a contract, grant, service, or job for the Department or under a Department program.

5. To parties pertaining to litigation disclosure as follows:

a. In the event that one of the following parties is involved in litigation, or has an interest in litigation, the Department may disclose certain records to the parties described in the following paragraphs b, c, and d of this routine use under the conditions specified in those paragraphs:

(i) The Department or any of its components.

(ii) Any Department employee in his or her official capacity.

(iii) Any employee of the Department in his or her official capacity where the Department of Justice (Justice) has agreed to provide or arrange for representation of the employee.

(iv) Any employee of the Department in his or her individual capacity where the Department has agreed to represent the employee.

(v) The United States where the Department determines that the litigation is likely to affect the Department or any of its components.

b. If the Department determines that disclosure of certain records to the Department of Justice (DOJ) or attorneys engaged by DOJ is relevant and necessary to litigation and is compatible with the purpose for which the records were collected, the Department may disclose those records as a routine use to DOJ.

c. If the Department determines that disclosure of certain records to an adjudicative body before which the Department is authorized to appear, individual, or entity designated by the Department or otherwise empowered to resolve disputes is relevant and necessary to the administrative litigation and is compatible with the purpose for which the records were collected, the Department may disclose those records as a routine use to the adjudicative body, individual, or entity.

d. If the Department determines that disclosure of certain records to an opposing counsel, representative, or witness in an administrative proceeding is relevant and necessary to the litigation and is compatible with the purpose for which the records were collected, the Department may disclose those records as a routine use to the counsel, representative, or witness.

6. To the Department of Justice for the purpose of obtaining advice regarding the releasability of records maintained in this system of records under the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974.

7. To a Member of Congress in response to an inquiry from that member made at the written request of the individual about whom the information pertains; however, the congressional member's right to the information is no greater than the right of the individual who requested it.

8. To the intelligence agencies of the Department of Defense, the National Security Agency, the Central Intelligence Agency, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for use in intelligence or investigation activities.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES OF STORING, RETRIEVING, SAFEGUARDING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Records are maintained in folders secured in fire resistant safes with manipulation proof combination locks, or in metal lock-bar file cabinets with three position combination locks, and in a computer database.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Records are alphabetically indexed by name of the individual subject of the file. Retrieval is made by the name, date of birth, and social security number of the individual on whom they are maintained.

SAFEGUARDS:

Folders are maintained and secured in fire resistant safes with manipulation proof combination locks, or in metal file cabinets secured by three position combination locks. All records, including those records that are maintained on the computer database, are in limited access rooms with keyless cipher locks. All employees are required to have an appropriate security clearance before they are allowed access, on a need-to-know basis, to the records. Computer databases are kept on a local area network that is not connected to any outside network including the Internet. Database accessibility is restricted to hard wire network connection from within the office or via modem. Authorized log-on codes and passwords prevent unauthorized users from gaining access to data and system resources. All users have unique log-on codes and passwords. The password scheme requires that users must change passwords every 90 days and may not repeat the old password. Any individual attempting to log on who fails is locked out of the system after three attempts. Access after that time requires intervention by the system manager.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Most background investigative records are maintained for five years after the individual separates from his or her departmental association if subject to Executive Orders 12968 and 10450, as amended. Reports of background investigations conducted by the Office of Inspector General are retained for 15 years, plus the current year of the most recent investigative activity, in accordance with OPM guidance. The records are disposed of by electronic erasure, shredding, or burning.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Security Officer, Office of Inspector General, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202-1510.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

If an individual wishes to determine whether a record exists regarding him or her in this system of records, the individual must provide the system manager with his or her name, date of birth, social security number, signature, and the address to which the record information should be sent. Requests for notification about an individual must meet the requirements of the Department's Privacy Act regulations in 34 CFR 5b.5.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURE:

If an individual wishes to gain access to a record in this system, he or she must contact the system manager and provide information as described in the notification procedure.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURE:

If an individual wishes to change the content of a record in the system of records, he or she must contact the system manager with the information described in the notification procedure, identify the specific item or items to be changed, and provide a written justification for the change, including any supporting documentation. Requests to amend a record must meet the requirements of the Department's Privacy Act regulations in 34 CFR 5b.7.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Information contained in this system of records is obtained from—

- a. Investigative and other record material furnished by other Federal entities, other departmental components, State, local, and foreign governments;
- b. Applications and other personnel and security forms;
- c. Personal investigation, written inquiry, interview, or the electronic accessing of computer databases of sources, such as the OPM system of records known as "Personnel Investigations Records" (OPM/Central-9), employers, educational institutions, references, neighbors, associates, police departments, courts, credit bureaus, medical records, probation officials, prison officials, newspapers, magazines, periodicals, and other publications; and
- d. Confidential sources.

SYSTEMS EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:

As indicated in 34 CFR 5b.11, individuals will be provided information from this record system

unless, in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(5)—(1) Disclosure of that information would reveal the identity of a source who furnished information to the Government under an express promise that the identity of the source would be held in confidence; or (2) The information was obtained prior to September 27, 1975 and disclosure of that information would reveal the identity of a source who provided information under an implied promise that the identity of the source would be held in confidence.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. EA-172]

Application To Export Electric Energy; the Power Company of America, L.P.

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: The Power Company of America, L.P. (PCA), a power marketer, has submitted an application to export electric energy to Canada pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act.

DATES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before February 27, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex (FE-27), Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0350 (FAX 202-287-5736).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Russell (Program Office) 202-586-9624 or Michael Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-6667.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated and require authorization under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. § 824a(e)).

On January 15, 1998, PCA applied to the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) for authorization to export electric energy to Canada, as a power marketer, pursuant to section 202(e) of the FPA. Specifically, PCA has proposed to transmit to Canada electric energy purchased from electric utilities and other suppliers within the U.S.

PCA would arrange for the exported energy to be transmitted to Canada over the international transmission facilities