

Average Burden Per Response: 8.75 hours.

Annual Burden Hours: 1,619.

Needs and Uses: The information collection is necessary to obtain and record the qualification and budget information of universities submitting proposal for National Security Education Program funding. Respondents are representatives of U.S. colleges and universities who choose to submit a proposal in competition for a National Security Education Program (NSEP) Institutional Grant. The NSEP was established by the National Security Education Act of 1991. DD Form 2729, "National Security Education Program Proposal Budget Estimate Worksheet," is a single-page document in which the applicant indicates the cost associated with the proposal by four major categories. Without this form there would be no precise, standard manner for applicant to portray their budget requests. Further, there would be no consistent measure by which the merit-review panelists could judge these proposals. DD Form 2730, "National Security Education Program Proposal Cover Sheet," is a concise vehicle for transmitting proposals. This form eliminates the need for lengthy, nonstandard letters of transmittal.

Affected Public: Business or Other For-Profit.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Edward C. Springer.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Springer at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: December 24, 1997.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board Task Force on Nuclear Deterrence

ACTION: Notice of Advisory committee meetings.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board Task Force on Nuclear Deterrence will meet in closed session on January 26, 1998 at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Livermore, California; and on February 17, 1998 at the Institute for Defense Analyses, Alexandria, Virginia.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense through the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At these meetings the Task Force will address the U.S. ability to deter and prevent the effective use of weapons of mass destruction against U.S. territory, forces, and allies.

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, (1994)), it has been determined that these DSB Task Force meetings concern matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) (1994), and that accordingly these meetings will be closed to the public.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board Task Force on Control of Military Excess/Surplus Materiel

AGENCY: Notice of advisory committee meetings.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board Task Force on Control of Military Excess/Surplus will meet in closed session on January 7-9, 1998 at Kelly Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense through the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At this meeting the Task Force will examine existing

regulatory and statutory guidance in support of controls, DoD Demilitarization policy, and private sector possession of DoD surplus materiel. Investigate the framework which defines MLI/SLI and SME and evaluate the capabilities and shortfalls for identifying and controlling them. Investigate concepts for analysis and execution of the control of DoD surplus materiel in a post cold-war environment focusing on trade-off analysis of different levels of control.

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, (1994)), it has been determined that this DSB Task Force meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (1) (1994), and that accordingly this meeting will be closed to the public.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board Task Force on Coalition Warfare

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meetings.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board Task Force on Coalition Warfare will meet in closed session on January 26-27 and February 12-13, 1998 at Strategic Analysis, Inc., Arlington, Virginia.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense through the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At these meetings the Task Force will address how best to make future U.S. military capabilities, embodied by JV2010, coalition compatible.

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 (1994)), it has been determined that these DSB Task Force meetings concern matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (1) (1991), and that accordingly these meetings will be closed to the public.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Assessment Governing Board; Meeting

AGENCY: National Assessment Governing Board; Education.

ACTION: Notice of partially closed meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the National Assessment Governing Board. This notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

DATES: January 21 and 22, 1998.

Time: January 21, Executive committee, 5:00-6:00 p.m., (open), 6:00-7:00 p.m., (closed); Full Board, 7:00-8:30 p.m., (open). January 22, Full Board, 8:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m., (open); 10:15 a.m.-11:15 a.m., (closed); 11:15 a.m.-4:30 p.m., (open).

Location: Capital Hilton Hotel, 1001 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC.

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. Under P.L. 105-78, the National Assessment Governing Board is also granted exclusive authority over developing Voluntary National Tests pursuant to contract number RJ97153001 and is required to review within 90 days (i.e., by February 11, 1998) and modify the contract to the extent the Board determines necessary,

if the contract cannot be modified to the extent the Board determines necessary, the contract shall be terminated, and a new contract negotiated.

On January 21, in open session, 5:00-6:00 p.m., the Executive Committee will hear a proposal to use the NAEP 12th grade sample in future longitudinal studies related to student educational patterns beyond high school. Then, the Executive Committee will meet in closed session from 6:00-7:00 p.m., to discuss cost estimates for the FY 1998 NAEP contract and cost estimates for the Request for Proposals for the 2000-2002 NAEP contract. Public disclosure of this information would likely have an adverse financial affect on the NAEP program. The discussion of this information would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemption (9)(B) of Section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

Also, on January 21, from 7:00-8:30 p.m., the full Board will hear a presentation on the TIMSS project and view a video on the same subject.

On January 22, the full Board will convene. In open session, 8:00 to 10:15 a.m., the Board will approve the agenda, hear the Executive Director's report, and receive a report from the Special Committee to Review the Voluntary National Tests Contract. From 10:15 to 11:15 a.m., the Board will meet in closed session to discuss the Special Committee's recommendations concerning cost estimates for development of the Voluntary National Tests, and proposed staffing patterns for implementation of the requirements of the Voluntary National Tests contract. This information relates to the source selection criteria by which government contracts may be modified or awarded. Not only would the disclosure of such data implicate proscriptions set forth in the Federal Acquisition Regulations, but also such disclosure would significantly frustrate a proposed agency action. Specifically, disclosure of the Board's discussion prematurely, including contract specifications and government cost estimates, could affect private decisions made by the contractor which might damage the financial interests of the government as a whole, by, for example, increasing the costs to the government, and might make it impossible for the two sides to reach agreement. Such matters are protected by exemption 9B of Section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

Beginning at 11:15 a.m., until adjournment, approximately 4:30 p.m., the Board will convene in open session. Agenda items for this open portion

include Board discussion and action on other Special Committee recommendations. Also, the Board will hear an update on the reviews of the reading and math Voluntary National Tests specifications that were conducted by Subject Area Committees #1 and #2.

Summaries of the activities of the closed sessions and related matters, which are informative to the public and consistent with the policy of Section 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), will be available to the public within 14 days of the meeting.

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, DC, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Dated: December 30, 1997.

Roy Truby,

Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Environment, Safety and Health; Continuation of Solicitation for Epidemiology and Other Health Studies Financial Assistance Program (Notice 98-01)

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Annual notice of continuation of potential availability of grants and cooperative agreements.

SUMMARY: The Office of Health Studies within the Office of Environment, Safety and Health of the Department of Energy (DOE) announces its continuing interest in receiving applications or pre-applications for grants and cooperative agreements for occupational and environmental health studies of DOE employees and DOE contractors, as well as related DOE international health programs, concerning nuclear weapons research, development, production, use, storage, and dismantling.

DATES: Deadlines for applications or pre-applications will be contained in separate notices of Availability to be published at a later time in the **Federal Register** that will address specific program areas to be funded by the Office of Health Studies in fiscal year 1998. All applications accepted under these subsequent notices must be received by the Office of Health Studies on or before September 30, 1998.

ADDRESSES: After the issuance of a Notice of Availability, applicants may obtain additional information from Dr.