

attending the Naval Academy to include but not limited to individual honor/conduct violations within the Brigade, and personnel issues. The discussion of such information cannot be adequately segregated from other topics, which precludes opening the executive session of this meeting to the public.

Accordingly, the Secretary of the Navy has determined in writing that the meeting shall be partially closed to the public because the discussions during the executive session from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. will be concerned with matters coming under sections 552b(c)(5), (6), and (7) of title 5, United States Code.

Dated: February 3, 2012.

J.M. Beal,

Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Comment Request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Education (the Department), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the reporting burden on the public and helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13).

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 9, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or mailed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Please note that written comments received in response to this

notice will be considered public records.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that Federal agencies provide interested parties an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. 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: February 3, 2012.

Darrin A. King, Director,

Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management.

Office for Civil Rights

Type of Review: Extension.

Title of Collection: Assurance of

Compliance—Civil Rights Certificate.

OMB Control Number: 1870-0503.

Agency Form Number(s):

Frequency of Responses: Other: One Time.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs (primary); Businesses or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 50.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 17.

Abstract: The Office for Civil Rights (OCR) has enforcement responsibilities under several civil rights laws, including Title VI, Title IX, Section 504, the Age Discrimination Act, and the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act. To meet these responsibilities, OCR collects assurances of compliance from applicants for Federal financial assistance from, and applicants for funds made available through, the Department of Education, as required by regulations. These entities include, for example, State educational agencies, local education agencies, and postsecondary educations. If a recipient

violates one or more of these civil rights laws, OCR and the Department of Justice can use the signed assurances of compliance in an enforcement proceeding.

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 04801. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to (202) 401-0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection and OMB Control Number when making your request.

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

National Board for Education Sciences; Meeting

AGENCY: Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of an open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of an upcoming meeting of the National Board for Education Sciences. The notice also describes the functions of the Committee. Notice of this meeting is required by Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and is intended to notify the public of their opportunity to attend the meeting.

DATES: February 24, 2012.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: 80 F Street NW., Room 100, Washington, DC 20001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Monica Herk, Executive Director, National Board for Education Sciences, 555 New Jersey Ave. NW., Room 602 K, Washington, DC 20208; phone: (202) 208-3491; fax: (202) 219-1466; email: Monica.Herk@ed.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Board for Education Sciences is authorized by Section 116 of the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002 (ESRA), 20 U.S.C. 9516. The Board advises the Director of the Institute of

Education Sciences (IES) on, among other things, the establishment of activities to be supported by the Institute, on the funding for applications for grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements for research after the completion of peer review, and reviews and evaluates the work of the Institute.

On February 24, 2012, starting at 8:30 a.m., the Board will approve the agenda and hear remarks from the chair. John Easton, IES Director, and the Commissioners of the national centers will give an overview of recent developments at IES. From 9:30 to 10:45 a.m., Board members will discuss and give suggestions regarding a draft of the Board's 2012 Annual Report. A break will take place from 10:45 to 11 a.m.

From 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the Board will consider the topic, "The Importance of Disseminating Research Results: How can we better reach practitioners and policy-makers?" Following opening remarks by Ruth Neild, Associate Commissioner of the National Center for Education Evaluation, and by Diane Massell with the University of Michigan's School of Education, Board members will engage in roundtable discussion of the issues raised.

The meeting will break for lunch from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Following lunch the Board will resume from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. to discuss the topic, "Scaling up Promising Models: What can the field of education learn from other Federal agencies?" Naomi Goldstein, Director of the Office of Policy Research and Evaluation in the Administration for Children and Families in the Department of Health and Human Services, and Paul Carttar, Director of the Social Innovation Fund within the Corporation for National and Community Service, will present their experience with scaling up evidence-based programs within the Federal Government. Their presentations will be followed by Board discussion.

From 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., Elizabeth Albrow, Acting Commissioner of the National Center for Education Research, and Deborah Speece, Commissioner of the National Center for Special Education Research, will brief the Board on research grants in their centers. The Board will then discuss any implications of these presentations.

An afternoon break from 3:30 to 3:45 p.m. will precede a legislative update from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. by a representative of the Office of Legislation and Congressional Affairs in the U.S. Department of Education who will brief the Board on legislative developments affecting IES.

At 4:45 p.m., there will be closing remarks and a consideration of next steps from the IES Director and NBES Chair, with adjournment scheduled for 5 p.m.

There will not be an opportunity for public comment. However, members of the public are encouraged to submit written comments related to NBES to Monica Herk (see contact information above). A final agenda will be available from Monica Herk (see contact information above) on February 10 and will be posted on the Board Web site <http://ies.ed.gov/director/board/agendas/index.asp>. Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (e.g., interpreting services, assistance listening devices, or materials in alternative format) should notify Monica Herk no later than February 10. We will attempt to meet requests for accommodations after this date but cannot guarantee their availability. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at 555 New Jersey Ave. NW., Room 602 K, Washington, DC 20208, from the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Eastern Standard Time Monday through Friday.

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John Q. Easton,

Director, Institute of Education Sciences.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Portsmouth

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), Portsmouth. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, March 1, 2012; 6 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Ohio State University, Endeavor Center, 1862 Shyville Road, Piketon, Ohio 45661.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joel Bradburne, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, Department of Energy Portsmouth/Paducah Project Office, Post Office Box 700, Piketon, Ohio 45661, (740) 897-3822, Joel.Bradburne@lex.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

Tentative Agenda

- Call to Order, Introductions, Review of Agenda.
- Approval of February Minutes.
- Deputy Designated Federal Officer's Comments.
- Federal Coordinator's Comments.
- Liaisons' Comments.
- Presentations:
 - The Ohio Valley Regional Development Center (OVRDC) Overview, John Hemmings, Executive Director of OVRDC.
 - Waste Acceptance Criteria, Dennis Carr, Fluor-B&W
 - Information Portfolio, Karen Price, Fluor-B&W.
 - Fluor-B&W Community Commitment Plan Update, Jerry Schneider, Fluor-B&W.
- Administrative Issues.
- Subcommittee Updates.
- Public Comments.
- Final Comments from the Board.
- Adjourn.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. The EM SSAB, Portsmouth, welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Joel Bradburne at least seven days in advance of the meeting at the phone number listed above. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals