

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 Director of the Information Resources Group publishes this 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 at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

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, and (6) Abstract. Because an emergency review is requested, the additional information to be requested in this collection is included in the section on "Additional Information" in this notice.

Dated: April 1, 1996.

Gloria Parker,

Director, Information Resources Group.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: New.

Title: Descriptive, Comparative Analysis and Evaluation of the Business and Education Standards Projects.

Frequency: One Time.

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

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 16.

Burden Hours: 40.

Abstract: The purpose of this evaluation is to describe, analyze, compare and evaluate the 16 skill Standards projects funded by the Business and Education Standards projects. The study is intended to inform the National Skill Standards Board, authorized by the Goals 2000: Educate America Act, regarding endorsement criteria for establishment of occupational clusters, establishment of partnerships to create skill standards and identification of areas regarding more research in the skill standard arena. The study will also inform policymakers within the Department of Education about what has been learned from the projects that could assist in the broader education reform agenda being pursued by the Department.

Office of the Under Secretary

Type of Review: New.

Title: Evaluating States' Planning and Implementation of Goals 2000 and the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Frequency: One Time.

Affected Public: State, local or Tribal Government, SEAs or LEAs.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 1.

Burden Hours: 500.

Abstract: The Department of Education is charged with evaluating Title I of ESEA and other elementary and secondary education legislation enacted by the 103rd Congress. These surveys will collect information on the operations and effects at the state level of legislative provisions and federal assistance, in the context of state education reform efforts. Findings will be used in reporting to Congress and improving information dissemination. Respondents are managers in 9 programs in all 50 state education agencies.

Office of the Under Secretary

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act: Outcomes of State and Local Programs.

Frequency: One time.

Affected Public: State, local or Tribal Government, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 114.

Burden Hours: 3,990.

Abstract: Section 5127 of the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act (DFSCA) requires states to submit to the Secretary on a biennial basis information on the activities carried out by state, local, and Governors' DFSCA

programs. This one-time collection will be used to meet DFSCA reporting requirements for 1993-95 and will serve as the basis for the Department's required report to Congress on the program's activities for that period.

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National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board; Meeting

AGENCY: National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board; Education.

ACTION: Notice of closed committee meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Search Committee of the National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of the meeting.

DATES: April 9, 1996.

TIME: 4 p.m. to approximately 5:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Park Suite Room Six, Sheraton New York Hotel and Towers, 811 7th Avenue, New York, NY 10019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles Hansen, Designated Federal Official, Office of Educational Research and Improvement, 555 New Jersey Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20208-7579, Telephone: (202) 219-2050.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board is authorized by Section 921 of the Educational Research, Development, Dissemination, and Improvement Act of 1994. The Board works collaboratively with the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Educational Research and Improvement to forge a national consensus with respect to a long-term agenda for educational research, development, and dissemination, and to provide advice and assistance to the Assistant Secretary in administering the duties of the Office.

The meeting of the Search Committee is closed to the public under the authority of Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2) and under exemptions (2) and (6) of Section 552b(c) of the Government in the Sunshine Act (Pub. L. 94-409; 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (2) and (6)). In discussing candidates for the position of Executive Director, the Committee will consider matters that relate solely to the internal rules and practices of the Board and the credentials, personal qualifications and

experience of potential candidates for the position of executive director, matters that would disclose information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy if conducted in open session.

A summary of the activities at the closed session and related matters which are informative to the public consistent with the policy of Title 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) will be available to the public within 14 days of the meeting.

The public is being given less than the required 15 days' notice because of the difficulty in accommodating the schedules of all members of the Search Committee, which must complete its selection and interview process prior to the next full Board meeting on June 6.

Records are kept of all Board proceedings, and are available for public inspection at the office of the National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, 555 New Jersey Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20208-7564.

Dated: April 1, 1996.

Sharon P. Robinson,

Assistant Secretary.

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National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board; Meeting

AGENCY: National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board; Education.

ACTION: Notice of closed committee meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Search Committee of the National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of the meeting.

DATES: May 6 and 7, 1996.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

LOCATION: First Floor Conference Room, 80 F Street NW., Washington, DC 20208.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles E. Hansen, Designated Federal Official, Office of Educational Research and Improvement, 555 New Jersey Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20208-7579. Telephone: (202) 219-2050.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board is authorized by Section 921 of the Educational Research, Development, Dissemination,

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The meeting of the Search Committee is closed to the public under the authority of Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2) and under exemption (6) of Section 552b(c) of the Government in the Sunshine Act (Pub. L. 94-409; 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6)). In interviewing candidates for the position of Executive Director, the Committee will consider the credentials, personal qualifications and experience of candidates for the position of executive director, matters that would disclose information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy if conducted in open session.

A summary of the activities at the closed session and related matters which are informative to the public consistent with the policy of Title 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) will be available to the public within 14 days of the meeting.

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Dated: April 1, 1996.

Sharon P. Robinson,

Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Impact Statement for the Continued Operation of the Pantex Plant and Associated Storage of Nuclear Weapon Components

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) announces the availability for public review and comment of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Continued Operation of the Pantex Plant and Associated Storage of Nuclear Weapon Components (DOE/EIS-0225). The Department's preferred alternative is to continue nuclear weapons operations at the Pantex Plant, located near Amarillo, Texas; to

implement projects and facility upgrades consistent with fulfilling these operations; and to increase interim storage levels for plutonium components (pits) from 12,000 to 20,000 pits. The Draft EIS also evaluates a No Action Alternative and a Relocation of Interim Pit Storage Alternative.

DATES: DOE invites the general public, other government agencies, and all other interested parties to comment on this Draft EIS. The information obtained during this period will assist DOE in finalizing this EIS. Comments received by DOE must be postmarked no later than July 5, 1996 to ensure consideration in the Final EIS. Comments postmarked after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

The Department will hold public meetings at the potentially affected sites to receive comments on the Draft Pantex EIS at the times and locations listed below. Meetings on the dates identified with an asterisk (*) are joint public meetings to be held in coordination with the Pantex Draft EIS, the Stockpile Stewardship and Management Draft Programmatic EIS, and the Storage and Disposition of Weapons-Usable Fissile Materials Draft Programmatic EIS:

April 22-23, 1996*

Radisson Inn Airport, 7909 I-40 East at Lakeside, Amarillo, Texas 79104, Time: April 22; 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm; April 23; 8:30am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm

April 25, 1996

Community College of Southern Nevada—Cheyenne Campus, 3200 East Cheyenne Avenue, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030, Time: 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

April 30, 1996*

North Augusta Community Center, 495 Brookside Avenue, North Augusta, South Carolina 29841, Time: 8:00 am to 1:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm

May 2, 1996

Red Lion Inn, 802 George Washington Way, Richland, Washington 99352, Time: 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

May 7, 1996

Albuquerque Convention Center, 401 Second Street, NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102, Time: 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Public meeting times and locations will be published in local newspapers prior to the meeting dates.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests should be directed to: Ms. Nanette Founds, U.S. Department of Energy, Albuquerque Operations Office, P.O. Box 5400, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87185-5400. Written comments, suggestions, and requests