

Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Dan Chenok, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 7th & D Streets SW., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

DATES: A regular clearance process is also beginning. Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 9, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue SW., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651, or should be electronic mailed to the internet address #FIRB@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196.

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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 (c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3506 (c)(2)(A)) requires that the Director of OMB provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (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 at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. 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. ED 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, (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: February 5, 1996.

Gloria Parker,

Director, Information Resources Group.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Revision

Title: Application for Approval to Participate in Federal Financial Aid Programs

Frequency: On Occasion

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 2,219

Burden Hours: 36,073

Abstract: The Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, requires postsecondary institutions to complete and submit this application as a condition of eligibility for any of the Title IV student financial assistance programs and for the other postsecondary programs authorized by the HEA. An institution must submit the form (1) initially when it first seeks to become eligible for the Title IV programs, (2) every four years after the initial certification ("recertification"), (3) when it changes ownership, merges, or changes from a "profit" to a "non-profit" institution, and (4) to be reinstated to participate in the Title IV programs

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Historically Black Colleges and Universities Capital Financing Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: Historically Black Colleges and Universities Capital Financing Advisory Committee; Education.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Black Colleges and Universities Capital Financing Advisory Committee. This notice also describes the functions of the Committee. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

DATES AND TIMES: February 26, 1996, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 a.m.

ADDRESSES: GSA Training Center, Suite 3208—Rooms A and B, Promenade, 490 L'Enfant Plaza East, Washington, DC 20407.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lawrence P. Grayson, Executive Director, Historically Black Colleges and Universities Capital Financing Advisory Committee, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC 20202-5139, telephone (202) 260-3259.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Historically Black Colleges and Universities Capital Financing Advisory Committee is established under section 727 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended in 1992 (20 U.S.C. 1132c-6). The Council is established to provide advice and counsel to the Secretary of Education and the designated bonding authority for the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Capital Financing Program as to the most effective and efficient means of implementing construction financing on historically Black college and university campuses and to advise Congress regarding the progress made in implementing the program.

The meeting of the Committee is open to the public. The agenda includes a briefing by members of the designated bonding authority on progress to date in establishing the program and a review of Board positions in light of recent operating experience.

Records are kept of all Committee proceedings, and are available for public inspection at the office of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Capital Financing Advisory Committee, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC 20202-5139, from the hours of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Dated: February 6, 1996.
 David A. Longanecker,
*Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary
 Education.*
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National Library of Education Advisory Task Force; Meeting

AGENCY: National Library of Education Advisory Task Force.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda for the inaugural meeting of the National Library of Education Advisory Task Force (Task Force). This notice also describes the functions of the Task Force. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and is intended to notify the public of their opportunity to attend.

DATES AND TIME: March 5, 1996, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; March 6, 1996, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; March 7, 1996, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: March 5, 1996, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, The Secretary's Conference Room, U.S. Department of Education, Federal Office Building 10, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202; March 5, 1996, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Room 326, Capitol Place, 555 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20208; March 6, 1996, Room 326, Capitol Place, 555 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20208; March 7, 1996, ACCESS ERIC, Aspen Systems Corporation, 1600 Research Boulevard, Rockville, Maryland 20850.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: E. Stephen Hunt, National Library of Education, 555 New Jersey Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20208-5523. Telephone: (202) 219-1882; FAX: (202) 219-1970.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Library of Education Advisory Task Force is authorized by Part E, Section 951 (h) of the Educational Research, Development, Dissemination, and Improvement Act of 1994. The Task Force prepares a set of recommendations on the establishment and development of the National Library of Education for presentation to the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Educational Research and Improvement.

The meeting of the Task Force is open to the public. The agenda for March 5 includes the swearing in of the Task Force. There will be briefings on the Federal Advisory Committee Act,

standards of ethical conduct, greetings from the Department, the Office of Educational Research and Improvement, and the National Library of Education; and a period for the Task Force members to introduce themselves, ask questions, and contribute their perspectives concerning their collective task and the role of a national education library from the customer standpoint. The agenda for March 6 continues intensive discussions of the Task Force members' perspectives on the development of a National Library of Education. On March 7 the agenda will include a site visit to the ACCESS ERIC offices in Rockville, Maryland and a discussion led by Task Force members focused on the electronic aspects of the library, including but not limited to such items as the Educational Resources Information Center, the Internet, and the one-stop toll free reference and information service.

A final agenda will be available from the offices of the National Library of Education on February 19, 1996.

Records are kept of all Task Force proceedings, and are available for public inspection at the central office of the National Library of Education, 555 New Jersey Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20208-5523 between the hours of 8:30-4:30 p.m.

Dated: February 5, 1996.
 Sharon P. Robinson,
*Assistant Secretary, Office of Educational
 Research and Improvement.*
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Research Financial Assistance Program Notice 96-05; Research for Improving Vehicular Transportation and Reducing Energy Consumption and Pollution From Manufacturing Processes

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice inviting grant applications.

SUMMARY: The U. S. Department of Energy (DOE), hereby announces interest in receiving grant applications for performance of basic and applied research to support two important, long-term national objectives: (1) Improving vehicular transportation, and (2) reducing energy consumption and pollution from energy and pollution intensive manufacturing processes. Within the DOE, the Office of Energy Research interests are in support of basic research and the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

interests are in support of applied research. Each component within the Department of Energy will use its own funding authorities and appropriations to administer funding in support of this project.

DATES: Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to submit a brief preapplication. All preapplications, referencing Program Notice 96-05, should be received by DOE by 4:30 p.m. e.s.t., March 1, 1996. A response discussing the potential program relevance of a formal application generally will be communicated to the applicant within 30 days of receipt. The deadline for receipt of formal applications is 4:30 p.m., e.d.t., May 1, 1996, to be accepted for merit review and to permit timely consideration for award in fiscal year 1996.

ADDRESSES: All preapplications, referencing Program Notice 96-05, should be sent to Dr. Walter M. Polansky, Office of Computational and Technology Research, ER-33 (GTN), Office of Energy Research, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290.

After receiving notification concerning successful preapplications, applicants may prepare formal applications and send them to: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Research, Grants and Contracts Division, ER-64, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, Maryland 20874-1290, Attn: Program Notice 96-05. The above address for formal applications must be used when submitting formal applications by U.S. Postal Service Express Mail, any commercial mail delivery service, or when hand carried by the applicant.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Walter M. Polansky, Office of Computational and Technology Research, ER-33 (GTN), Office of Energy Research, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290, (301) 903-5995.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOE encourages submission of applications to conduct high-quality research on the fundamental issues that will underpin future vehicular technologies and conversion of energy and pollution intensive industrial processes to more environmentally sound and energy efficient processes. Applications received by DOE under their normal competitive application mechanisms may also be deemed appropriate for consideration under this announcement and may be funded under this program. It is anticipated that the results of the