

consultant to the Board where he would be reviewing his own work on the process of weapons dismantlement which occurred within the last few years prior to his retirement.

The Board reviewed this situation and concluded that, even if the circumstances could give rise to a potential conflict of interest situation, it is nonetheless in the best interests of the Government to have Mr. McGrew provide this support for the reasons described below. Mr. McGrew's comprehensive knowledge of weapons assembly and disassembly procedures of nuclear weapons gained through 37 years of direct experience, is invaluable to the Board in its health and safety reviews of weapons disassembly and related activities and thus is vital to the Board's oversight program. Although past reviews have been conducted by various Board staff, Mr. McGrew's technical expertise will enhance the Board's ability to perform these reviews more effectively. Furthermore, the Board recognized that it is unlikely that the work to be performed by Mr. McGrew could be satisfactorily performed by anyone whose experience and affiliations would not give rise to a conflict of interest question. That is because the individuals who have the requisite expertise in this area could only have obtained such expertise through previous or current employment or consulting relationship with one or more of the weapons design laboratories. The pertinent experience of other qualified individuals would therefore likely raise similar conflicts questions.

Finally, as the Board is required under its OCI Regulations, where reasonably possible, to initiate measures which attempt to mitigate an OCI, Mr. McGrew and the Board have agreed to the following restrictions during contract performance. The Board will not have Mr. McGrew review the adequacy or effectiveness of the dismantlement procedures he developed or critique any other activity he was directly involved with. Rather, the Board will use his expertise to understand the unique aspects of the LLNL weapons' development process and how well Pantex is following these procedures during dismantlement. Also, technical staff will oversee the work of Mr. McGrew to ensure that all of his resultant work products are impartial and contain full support for any findings and conclusions issued thereunder. Further, in accordance with the Board's OCI Regulations, Mr. McGrew is required to promptly inform the Board of any new consulting or other contractual arrangements which

could give rise to an OCI. This includes new work, or his acceptance of a paid position with LLNL.

Accordingly, on the basis of the determination described above and pursuant to the applicable provisions of 10 CFR part 1706, the Chairman of the Board granted a Waiver of any conflicts of interests (and the pertinent provisions of the OCI Regulations) with the effort to be performed by Mr. McGrew under contract to the Board that might arise out of his current and past association with LLNL.

Dated: January 23, 1997.

Kenneth M. Pusateri,
General Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Director, Information Resources Management Group, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 28, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Wendy Taylor, Desk Officer, Department of Education, 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 requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

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 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 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 Management 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.

Dated: January 22, 1997.

Gloria Parker,
Director, Information Resources Management Group.

Office of Educational Research and Improvement

Type of Review: New.
Title: Eisenhower National Clearinghouse for Mathematics and Science Education.

Frequency: One Time.
Affected Public: Individuals or households; Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting Burden and Recordkeeping:
Responses: 1,600
Burden Hours: 520

Abstract: This submission contains four versions of an instrument to be used in data collection for the summative evaluation of the Eisenhower National Clearinghouse (ENC) dissemination model. Subjects for two of the surveys will be selected through stratified random sampling of U.S. schools to obtain representative samples of principals and teachers, the largest target audience for ENC information and resources. The other two surveys will target known users of ENC services, these individuals being sub-classified as single- and multiple-instance users. The instruments will be distributed by mail in a single data collection effort. All responses are voluntary. Information yielded will form one part of the National Evaluation, and will be included in the Evaluation Report to the U.S. Department of Education.

Office of the Under Secretary

Type of Review: New.*Title:* Title III Performance

Measurement Study Survey and Case Studies.

Frequency: One time only.*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions.*Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:*

Responses: 375

Burden Hours: 1,884

Abstract: The Department of Education needs to collect information on the activities funded under Parts A and B of the Title III program, the outcomes of these activities, and the availability of performance measurement data for funded activities. The data resulting from the survey and case studies will be used to develop an annual performance reporting system for all Part A and B grantees, in keeping with the requirements of the Government Performance and Results Act.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Presolicitation Conference for Waste Acceptance and Transportation Services

AGENCY: Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Presolicitation Conference for Waste Acceptance and Transportation Services.

SUMMARY: The Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM) announced the availability of a Draft Request for Proposals (RFP) for Waste Acceptance and Transportation Services in the December 23, 1996 Commerce Business Daily (Section V, page 10) and in the December 27, 1996 Federal Register (page 68250). The draft is also available via the Internet on the OCRWM Home Page and the Headquarters Procurement Operations Current Business Opportunities Home Page. The addresses are <http://www.rw.doe.gov/> and <http://www.pr.doe.gov/solicit.html>, respectively.

OCRWM now plans to hold a presolicitation conference as a follow-on to the release of the Draft RFP to receive comment from potential offerors and other interested parties. The presolicitation conference is a preliminary step in the acquisition process that may result in an actual RFP at a later date.

DATE AND LOCATION: The presolicitation conference will be held on Tuesday, February 25, 1997, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230 (14th Street entrance). Individuals are requested to preregister by contacting Corinne Macaluso, Waste Acceptance and Transportation Division, at (202) 586-2837 or by fax at (202) 586-1207. Individuals can also preregister by contacting Michelle Miskinis (DOE/HR-561.21), 202-634-4413 or Beth Tomasoni (DOE/HR-561.21), 202-634-4408, (telefax) 202-634-4419.

This notice should not be construed (1) as a commitment by the Department to enter into any agreement with any entity submitting comments in response to this Notice or participating in the presolicitation conference, (2) as a commitment to issue any RFP concerning the subject of this Notice, or (3) as a request for proposals.

A copy of the draft RFP may be obtained by submitting a written request to the following address: Michelle Miskinis, Contracting Officer, U.S. Dept. of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave. SW, Attention: HR-561.21, Draft RFP Number DE-RP01-97RW-00320, Washington, D.C. 20585.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on January 17, 1997.

Scott E. Sheffield,

Acting Associate Deputy Assistant, Secretary for Headquarters Procurement Operations.

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[Docket Nos. EA-138 and EA-139]**Applications to Export Electric Energy; Global Energy Services, LLC**

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

SUMMARY: Global Energy Services, LLC (GES), a limited liability company, has submitted applications to export electric energy to Mexico and 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 28, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex (FE-52), Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585 (FAX 202-287-5736).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Xavier Puslowski (Program Office) 202-

586-4708 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 14, 1997, GES filed two applications with the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) for authorization to export electric energy to Mexico (Docket EA-138) and Canada (Docket EA-139), as a power marketer, pursuant to section 202(e) of the FPA. Specifically, GES has proposed to transmit to Mexico and Canada electric energy purchased from electric utilities and federal power marketing agencies.

GES would arrange for the exported energy to be transmitted to Mexico over one or more of the international transmission or subtransmission lines owned by San Diego Gas & Electric Company, El Paso Electric Company, Central Power and Light Company, and Comision Federal de Electricidad. For electricity exports to Canada, GES would arrange for the exported energy to be transmitted over facilities owned by Basin Electric, Bonneville Power Administration, Citizens Utilities, Detroit Edison Company, Eastern Main Electric Cooperative, Joint Owners of the Highgate Project, Maine Electric Power Company, Maine Public Service Company, Minnesota Power and Light Company, Minnkota Power, New York Power Authority, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, Northern States Power and Vermont Electric Transmission Company. Each of the transmission facilities, as more fully described in the application, has previously been issued a Presidential permit pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended.

As noted above, GES proposes to export electricity to Mexico over lines owned and operated by the El Paso Electric Company (EPE) and permitted under Presidential Permits Nos. PP-48, as amended, and PP-92. On October 29, 1996, the Secretary of Energy signed Delegation Order No. 0204-163 which delegated and assigned to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) authority to carry out such functions vested in the Secretary to regulate access to, and the rates, terms and conditions for, transmission services over the facilities of EPE. This authority was delegated to FERC for the sole purpose of authorizing FERC to take any actions necessary to effectuate open