

would not receive their awards in time which could result in public harm.

*Frequency:* Annually.

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

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 1

Burden Hours: 1

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Submission for OMB review; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 12, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Dan Chenok, 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 Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, 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: February 4, 1998.

**Linda C. Tague**

*Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer,  
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

### Office of Educational Research and Improvement

*Type of Review:* New

*Title:* Research on Charter Schools and Students with Disabilities

*Frequency:* One-time

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs

*Reporting Burden and Recordkeeping:*

Responses: 832.

Burden Hours: 1,568.

*Abstract:* The success to date of the charter schools movement has resulted from the opportunities the schools provide for site-based management free of many regulations, and for instructional and other innovations, parent choice, specialized services to specific populations, and public accountability. This data collection will allow the Department of Education to assemble information on the reasons parents are enrolling students with disabilities in charter schools, the services provided by the schools, the schools' outcome goals, the student outcome measures the schools employ, and the students' success in the schools. Subjects will include educators, parents, and students.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation

*Date and Time:* Thursday, March 12, 1998, 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

*Place:* The Embassy Suites Hotel, 1250 22nd Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037, (202) 857-3388. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. An individual with a disability who will need an accommodation to participate in the meeting (e.g., interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate format) should notify the contact person listed in this notice at least two weeks before the scheduled meeting date. Although the Department will attempt to meet a request received after that date, the requested accommodations may not be available because of insufficient time to arrange them.

*Status:* Parts of this meeting will be open to the public. Parts of this meeting will be closed to the public.

*Matters to be considered:* The standards of accreditation applied to medical schools by a number of foreign countries and the comparability of those standards to the standards of accreditation applied to United States medical schools. Discussions of the standards of accreditation will be held in sessions open to the public. Discussions that focus on specific determinations of comparability are closed to the public in order that each country may be properly notified of the decision.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 481 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended in 1992 (20 U.S.C. § 1088), the Secretary established within the Department of Education the National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation. The Committee's responsibilities are to (1) evaluate the standards of accreditation applied to applicant foreign medical schools; and (2) determine the comparability of those standards to standards for accreditation applied to United States medical schools.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Bonnie LeBold, Acting Executive Director, National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation, 7th and D Streets, S.W., Room 3082, ROB #3, Washington, D.C. 20202-7563. Telephone: (202) 260-3636. Beginning March 2, 1998, you may call to obtain the identity of the countries whose standards are to be evaluated during this meeting.

Dated: February 3, 1998.

**David A. Longanecker,**

*Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Recognition of Accrediting Agencies, State Agencies for Approval of Public Postsecondary Vocational Education, and State Agencies for Approval of Nurse Education

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Request for comments on agencies applying to the Secretary for Renewal of Recognition.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karen W. Kershenstein, Director, Accreditation and Eligibility Determination Division, U.S. Department of Education, 7th and D Streets, S.W., Room 3915 ROB-3, Washington, DC 20202-5244, telephone: (202) 708-7417. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

#### Submission of Third-Party Comments.

The Secretary of Education recognizes, as reliable authorities as to the quality of education offered by institutions or programs within their scope, accrediting agencies and State approval agencies for public postsecondary vocational education and nurse education that meet certain criteria for recognition. A notice published in the **Federal Register** on December 29, 1997 (Volume 62, page 67632) invited interested third parties to present written comments on agencies scheduled for review at the June 1998 meeting of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI). The purpose of this notice is to correct information that was provided in the December 29 notice regarding the names of two agencies that appeared in that notice, to add two other agencies to the list of agencies whose interim reports are to be reviewed at the June meeting, and to delete one agency, the Oklahoma State Board of Vocational and Technical Education, from that list. The correct information is included at the end of this notice. This notice also extends the deadline from February 12, 1998 to March 12, 1998 for interested third parties to present written comments on the two agencies named in this notice

that will be filing interim reports. All other provisions of the December 29, 1997 **Federal Register** notice remain in effect.

#### *Petitions for Renewal of Recognition*

1. Commission on Opticianry Accreditation (requested scope of recognition: the accreditation of two-year programs for the ophthalmic dispenser and one-year programs for the ophthalmic laboratory technician)

2. Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, Board of Directors (requested scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidate status") of educational programs for the allied health occupations of cytotechnologist and electroneurodiagnostic technologist)

#### *Interim Reports*

1. Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges

2. Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (Note: this agency was incorrectly listed as the Oklahoma State Board of Vocational and Technical Education in the December 29, 1997 notice.)

Dated: February 5, 1998.

**David A. Longanecker,**

*Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Proposed Subsequent Arrangement Concerning Reciprocal Arrangements for Exchanges of Information and Visits Under the Agreement for Cooperation for the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy Between the Government of the United States and the Government of the People's Republic of China

**AGENCY:** Office of Arms Control and Nonproliferation, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the intent of the Government of the United States and the Government of the Peoples Republic of China to establish mutually acceptable reciprocal arrangements for exchanges of information and visits to material, facilities, and components subject to the Agreement for Cooperation Between the Government of the United States and the Government of the People's Republic of China concerning the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy, signed July 23, 1985 ("the Agreement").

The framework for executing the proposed exchanges is established in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated June 23, 1987, which has been initialed by the two Governments and is reproduced at the end of this Notice. The Department of Energy will issue a second Notice of Proposed Subsequent Arrangement, which may contain additional pertinent information, after the Memorandum of Understanding is signed by the two Governments.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **Procedural Background**

In order to carry out the 1985 U.S.-China Agreement for Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy, the President is required under P.L. 99-183 to make a certification to Congress on three matters and to submit to Congress a detailed report on China's nonproliferation policies and practices. The President must certify that (A) the reciprocal arrangements made pursuant to Article 8 of the Agreement have been designed to be effective in ensuring that any nuclear materials, facilities or components provided under the Agreement shall be utilized solely for intended peaceful purposes as set forth in the Agreement; (B) the Government of the People's Republic of China has provided additional information concerning its nuclear nonproliferation policies and that, based on this and all other information available to the United States Government, the People's Republic of China is not in violation of paragraph (2) of section 129 of the Atomic Energy Act; and (C) the obligation to consider favorably a request to carry out activities described in Article 5 (2) of the Agreement shall not prejudice the decision of the United States to approve or disapprove such a request.

The President made these certifications on January 12, 1998, and forwarded them to the Congress on January 13, 1998.

House Report 99-382 (November 20, 1985), concerning Public Law 99-183, specified that it was the expectation of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs that at the time the President made these certifications, details concerning the reciprocal arrangements under Article 8 of the Agreement would "be submitted to the Congress for review as a 'subsequent arrangement' under section 131a of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954." That section of the Atomic Energy Act mandates, *inter alia*, that subsequent arrangements are to be issued by the Secretary of Energy or his designee, after obtaining the concurrence of the Department of State and after consultation with the Arms