

and determines the comparability of these standards to standards for accreditation applied to medical schools in the United States. Medical schools located in foreign countries that lack an NCFMEA finding of comparability of their accrediting standards are not eligible to have their U.S. students receive Federal student aid funds under Title IV of the HEA.

Nomination Process: Any interested person or organization may nominate one or more qualified individuals. If you would like to nominate an individual or yourself for appointment to the NCFMEA, please submit the following information to the U.S. Department of Education's White House Liaison Office.

- A cover letter addressed to the Secretary of Education as follows: Honorable Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20202. In the letter, please state your reason(s) for nominating the individual or yourself;
- A copy of the nominee's or your current resume or curriculum vitae.

- Contact information for the nominee (name, title, business address, business phone, fax number, and business email address).

In addition, the cover letter must include a statement affirming that the nominee (if you are nominating someone other than yourself) has agreed to be nominated and is willing to serve on the Committee if selected. Nominees should be broadly knowledgeable about foreign medical education and accreditation, respected in the educational community, and representative of the relevant constituencies.

DATES: Nominations for the NCFMEA must be received no later than 12:00 noon Eastern Standard Time, Tuesday, September 2, 2014.

ADDRESSES: You may submit nominations, including attachments via email to: whitehouseliaison@ed.gov (specify in the email subject line "NCFMEA Nomination").

For questions, please contact the U. S. Department of Education White House Liaison Office at (202) 453-5737.

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Sam Myers, Jr.,

White House Liaison, U.S. Department of Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Proposed Agency Information Collection

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice and Request for Comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance, a proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Science (SC) has chosen to leverage the use of Government, Off-the-Shelf (GOTS) software capabilities to implement a new consolidated system called Portfolio Analysis and Management System (PAMS). Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. This notice is being republished due to the time lapsed from original publication.

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before October 20, 2014. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed in **ADDRESSES** as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be sent to Portfolio Analysis and Management System (PAMS) Information Collection Request (ICR) by email at pams-irc-comments@science.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Marina Amoroso by email at marina.amoroso@science.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains:

(1) *OMB No.:* New.

(2) *Information Collection Request Title:* Information Collection Request Title: Portfolio Analysis and Management System (PAMS) Submissions for Letter of Intent (LOI), Pre-proposals, Interagency Proposals, and DOE National Laboratory Proposals; System Registration by External Users.

(3) *Type of Request:* New.

(4) *Purpose:* This new system is based on the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Electronic Handbooks software. Discretionary financial assistance proposals continue to be collected using Grants.gov but are imported into PAMS for use by the program offices. Under the proposed information collection, an external interface will be implemented in PAMS to allow two other types of proposal submission: DOE National Laboratories will be able to submit proposals for technical work authorizations directly into PAMS, while other Federal Agencies will be able to submit Proposals for interagency awards directly into PAMS. External users from all institution types will be able to submit Solicitation Letters of Intent and Pre-proposals directly into PAMS. All applicants, whether they submitted through Grants.gov or PAMS, will be able to register with PAMS to view the proposals that were submitted. They will also be able to maintain a minimal amount of information in their personal profile. The proposed collection will automate and streamline the submission, tracking, and correspondence portions of financial award pre-review processes. The information collected will be used by DOE to select applicants and projects for financial awards.

(5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents:* The following numbers are calculated using the average of the number of financial assistance proposals received in fiscal year 2006 through fiscal year 2010. 9,920 PAMS registrants, who are to include 8,000 submitters of lab proposals, interagency proposals, pre-proposals, and Letters Of

Intent (LOI) (assuming one person per estimated submission) and 1,920 reviewers of proposals submitted through Grants.gov.

(6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses*: Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses: The Office of Science receives about 1,000 DOE national laboratory and interagency proposals per year, based on an average of estimated submission numbers (fiscal year 2006 through fiscal year 2014) and about 7,000 pre-proposals and letters of intent per year, based on an estimate of about 200 per solicitation and the number of solicitations per year (about 35, based on an average between fiscal year 2006 and fiscal year 2014).

(7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours*: The time it takes to complete a form depends upon the type of form being completed. External users will need to register with PAMS in order to access the system. It takes approximately 30 minutes for external users to complete the forms required to become a registered PAMS user. Both LOI and pre-proposal forms take 15 minutes each, whereas completing a lab/interagency proposal will take about 2 hours. The reviewers require about 1 hour of analysis, per submission. Based on the annual estimated number of responses, broken down by DOE national laboratory, letter of intent and pre-proposal, the annual estimated time required for reviewers to complete analysis or responses and the time required for external users to register with PAMS, the estimated annual number of burden hours is 10,630.

Total number of unduplicated respondents: 9,920.

Reports filed per person: 1.

Total annual responses: 9,920.

Total annual burden hours: 10,630.

(8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden*: \$0.

Statutory Authority: Section 641 of the Department of Energy Organization Act, codified at 42 U.S.C. 7251.

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Marina Amoroso,

Deputy Project Manager for Information Technology and Services Office of Science.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

National Electric Transmission Congestion Study

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Public Comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (Department) invites public comment on the draft National Electric Transmission Congestion Study.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 20, 2014.

ADDRESSES: The draft study is available for review at <http://www.energy.gov/node/942311>. Written comments may be submitted electronically to Congestionstudy.comments@hq.doe.gov. Written comments may also be delivered by conventional mail to David Meyer, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20585. Commenters are cautioned, however, that all conventional mail to the Department is subject to an automatic security screening process that may take up to three weeks and sometimes renders mailed material illegible.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Meyer, at David.Meyer@hq.doe.gov, or telephone 202-586-1411.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 1221(a) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, codified at 16 U.S.C. 824p(a), directs the Secretary of Energy to conduct an electric transmission congestion study every three years, and to prepare it in consultation with affected states and regional reliability organizations. In the study, the Department seeks to provide information about transmission congestion by focusing on specific indications of transmission constraints and congestion and their consequences. The study focuses on a specific time frame—i.e., historical trends over the past few years, and looking forward three to five years. The study is based entirely on publicly available data and transmission-related documents.

The draft study is available for review at <http://www.energy.gov/node/942311>. All comments received will be made publicly available on <http://www.energy.gov/node/942311>. After reviewing and considering the public comments, the Department will prepare and release a final version of the study.

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Patricia A. Hoffman,

Assistant Secretary, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notification of a New System of Records Notice for the EPA Personnel Access and Security System (EPASS)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Administration and Resource Management, Office of Administration, Security Management Division is giving notice that it proposes to create a new system of records pursuant to the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a). The EPA Personnel Access and Security System (EPASS) is being created to comply with the Homeland Security Presidential Directive-12 (HSPD-12), which was issued on August 12, 2004 and signed on August 27, 2004. HSPD-12 mandates a government-wide federal standard for ensuring that identification cards issued to government employees and contractors are reliable and secure. EPASS complies with the federal requirements and will enhance security, increase efficiency, reduce identity fraud, and protect personal privacy.

DATES: Persons wishing to comment on this new system of records notice must do so by September 29, 2014.

ADDRESS: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-2012-0836, by mail:

- www.regulations.gov: Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- Email: oei.docket@epa.gov.

- Fax: 202-566-1752.

- Mail: OEI Docket, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail code: 2822T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460.

- Hand Delivery: OEI Docket, EPA/DC, EPA West Building, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC. Such deliveries are only accepted during the docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

Instructions: Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OEI-2012-0836. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information