

program successes and lessons learned, and cooperative efforts with state and local governments.

Statements

Interested persons may submit, in writing, data, information or views on the issues pending before the National Advisory Board prior to or at the meeting. Seating is available on a first come first served basis for this open meeting.

Dated: January 18, 1995.

Jill Nevius,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Advisory Council on Education Statistics Nominations

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Acceptance of Nominations for Membership on the Advisory Council on Education Statistics (ACES).

1. Introduction—New reauthorizing legislation for the National Center for Education Statistics, (NCES) in the Office of Educational Research and Improvement, directs the Secretary of Education to expand the membership of the Advisory Council on Education Statistics. In accordance with this directive, notice is hereby given that the Secretary of Education is accepting nominations of individuals who are qualified to advise NCES, as described elsewhere in this Notice. NCES collects, analyzes and reports on the condition of education in the United States. (Section 405 of P.L. 103-382, Improving America's School Act, October 20, 1994; 108 stat. 3513, 4055.)

2. Description of the Council—The Council shall consist of 18 public members. (Previously, there were 7 public members.) There will be three members from each of the following categories: practicing educators, education policymakers, professional statisticians, education researchers, experts in educational measurement, and the general public.

Members of the Council shall be appointed by the Secretary for three year terms, except that some initial terms may be shorter to avoid the expiration of more than six members in the same calendar year. The Council is required to meet at least two times a year.

3. Functions of the Council—The Council has responsibility to:

(a) Review policies for the operation of NCES and advise the Commissioner

of NCES on standards to ensure that statistics and other information disseminated by the Center are of high quality and not subject to partisan political influence; and

(b) Advise the Commissioner and the National Assessment Governing Board on technical and statistical matters related to the National Assessment of Educational Progress.

4. Nomination Categories—Nominations are being requested for the 6 categories cited above.

5. Nomination Procedures—Nominations should include the nominee's name, address, telephone number and brief biography and be mailed, no later than February 10, 1995, to Diane Rossi, U.S. Department of Education, Office of the Secretary of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 6100, Washington, DC 20202-0106. Individuals may nominate themselves for consideration.

Dated: January 17, 1995.

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Assistant Secretary for Educational Research and Improvement.

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Arbitration Panel Decision Under the Randolph-Sheppard Act

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of Arbitration Panel Decision Under the Randolph-Sheppard Act.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that on January 13, 1992, an arbitration panel rendered a decision in the matter of *State of Michigan, Michigan Commission for the Blind, Petitioner v. U.S. Postal Service, Respondent*. This panel was convened by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 107d-2. The Randolph-Sheppard Act (the Act) creates a priority for blind individuals to operate vending facilities on Federal property. Under the Act, State licensing agencies dissatisfied with Federal operation of the vending facility program authorized under the Act may file an arbitration complaint with the Secretary of Education.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George F. Arsnow, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3230, Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202-2738. Telephone: (202) 205-9317. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the TDD number at (202) 205-8298. A copy of the full text of the arbitration panel

decision may be obtained from this contact.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 107d-2(c) of the Randolph-Sheppard Act, the Secretary publishes a synopsis of each arbitration panel decision affecting the administration of vending facilities on Federal property.

Synopsis of Arbitration Panel Decision

Factual Background and Procedural History

Since January 3, 1987, Garnett Laurell, a blind vendor licensed by the Michigan Commission for the Blind (the Commission), has operated the Central Lunchroom that includes 10 vending machines at the Detroit Bulk Mail Center (Mail Center) pursuant to an agreement between the Commission and the U.S. Postal Service (the Postal Service).

The Canteen Corporation (the Canteen), also in an agreement with the Postal Service, operated approximately 21 vending machines located around the workroom floor and vending machines in non-workroom areas (administrative offices and in the truckers' lounge). The Commission asserted that it should have been allowed to operate the vending facilities operated by the Canteen (in addition to the Central Lunchroom) on a permit basis and that, as a result, the Postal Service failed to comply with provisions of the Randolph-Sheppard Act (Act), as amended, 20 U.S.C. 107 *et seq.* On May 3, 1989, the U.S. Department of Education ordered the convening of an arbitration panel pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 107d-1(b), which governs disputes between State licensing agencies.

Previously, on December 27, 1983, the Postal Service had notified the Commission that it could bid on a vending contract at the Mail Center. On February 12, 1984, the Postal Service issued a solicitation for the Central Lunchroom and snack vending at the Mail Center with offers due by March 13, 1985. The Commission did not submit a bid on the basis that it believed that it was entitled to a permit for the facility. The Central Lunchroom and snack vending contract was awarded to the Canteen on March 27, 1985, for a period of three years, with two possible one-year renewals at the Postal Service's option. The Commission's application for a permit to operate the Central Lunchroom at the Mail Center was submitted on November 15, 1985, and was approved by the Mail Center manager on January 6, 1986. In October 1987, the Commission submitted an application for the satellite vending operated by the Canteen. That