

may serve as the governing board of the new center) in a different geographical location. Eligibility under this competition is limited to those entities proposing to serve areas that are unserved or underserved in the following States and territories listed under *Available Funds*.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* March 29, 1996.

*Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:* May 29, 1996.

*Applications Available:* February 13, 1996.

*Available Funds:* \$517,175 distributed in the following manner:

Delaware—\$60,619

Florida—\$76,420

Georgia—\$44,020

Illinois—\$42,258

Kentucky—\$7,497

Pennsylvania—\$34,921

Texas—\$97,394

American Samoa—\$154,046

The above-listed amounts are based on funding of this program at the Administration's fiscal year 1996 requested level (\$41,749,000). However, the annual level established by the current short-term continuing resolution is \$40,533,000, the same amount appropriated for fiscal year 1995. If this level remains in effect for the remainder of fiscal year 1996, only the following funds will be available:

Delaware—\$48,919

American Samoa—\$154,046

*Estimated Range of Awards:* \$7,497 to \$154,046

*Estimated Number of Awards:* 1 per eligible State or territory.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

*Project Period:* Up to 60 months.

*Applicable Regulations:* (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR Parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, and 86; and (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR Parts 364 and 366.

*For Applications Contact:* Donald Thayer, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence, S.W., Room 3323, Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202-2741. Telephone (202) 205-9343. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339. Electronic copies of this application notice can be downloaded from the Rehabilitation Services Administration's electronic bulletin board (202) 205-5574 (2400 bps) and (202) 205-9694 (9600 bps).

*For Further Information Contact:* Donald Thayer, telephone: (202) 205-

9315, or John Nelson, telephone: (202) 205-9362 (Voice and TDD), U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3323, Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202-2741.

Information about the Department's funding opportunities, including copies of application notices for discretionary grant competitions, can be viewed on the Department's electronic bulletin board (ED Board), telephone (202) 260-9950; or on the Internet Gopher Server at GOPHER.ED.GOV (under Announcements, Bulletins, and Press Releases). However, the official application notice for this competition is the notice published in the Federal Register.

Program Authority: 29 U.S.C. 721 (c) and (e) and 796(f)

Dated: February 7, 1996.

Judith E. Heumann,

*Assistant Secretary for the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.*

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### Federal Interagency Coordinating Council Meeting (FICC)

**AGENCY:** Federal Interagency Coordinating Council, Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice describes the schedule and agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Federal Interagency Coordinating Council. Notice of this meeting is required under section 685(c) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, as amended, and is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend the meeting. The meeting will be accessible to individuals with disabilities.

**DATE AND TIME:** February 22, 1996, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Room 503A/529A, 200 Independence Avenue, SW. Washington, DC 20202.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Connie Garner, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 3127, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2644. Telephone: (202) 205-8124. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call (202) 205-8170.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Interagency Coordinating Council (FICC) is established under section 685 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1484a). The Council is

established to: (1) minimize duplication across Federal, State and local agencies of programs and activities relating to early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families and preschool services for children with disabilities; (2) ensure effective coordination of Federal early intervention and preschool programs, including Federal technical assistance and support activities; and (3) identify gaps in Federal agency programs and services and barriers to Federal interagency cooperation. To meet these purposes, the FICC seeks to: (1) identify areas of conflict, overlap, and omissions in interagency policies related to the provision of services to infants, toddlers, and preschoolers with disabilities; (2) develop and implement joint policy interpretations on issues related to infants, toddlers, and preschoolers that cut across Federal agencies, including modifications of regulations to eliminate barriers to interagency programs and activities; and (3) coordinate the provision of technical assistance and dissemination of best practice information. The FICC is chaired by the Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

At this meeting the FICC plans to: (1) update the membership on the strategic planning process; and (2) discuss issues related to Champus and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

The meeting of the FICC is open to the public. Written public comment will be accepted at the conclusion of the meeting. These comments will be included in the summary minutes of the meeting. The meeting will be physically accessible with meeting materials provided in both braille and large print. Interpreters for persons who are hearing impaired will be available. Individuals with disabilities who plan to attend and need other reasonable accommodations should contact the contact person named above in advance of the meeting.

Summary minutes of the FICC meetings will be maintained and available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 3127, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2644, from the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., weekdays, except Federal Holidays.

Judith E. Heumann,

*Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.*

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**National Assessment Governing Board; Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Assessment Governing Board; Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of partially closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the National Assessment Governing Board. This notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend.

**DATES:** February 29–March 2, 1996.

**TIME:** February 29—Subject Area Committee #1, 4:00–6:00 p.m. (open); Achievement Levels Committee, 4:00–6:00 p.m. (open); Executive Committee, 7:00–9:00 p.m. (open). March 1—Full Board, 8:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m. (open); Design and Methodology Committee, Reporting and Dissemination Committee, 10:00–11:15 a.m. (open); Joint Meeting Design and Methodology and Reporting and Dissemination Committees, 11:15–12:00 Noon (open); Subject Area Committee #2, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 Noon (open); Full Board 12:00 Noon–4:30 p.m. (open). March 2—Nominations Committee, 8:00–9:00 a.m. (closed). Full Board, 9:00 a.m. until adjournment, approximately, 12:00 Noon (open).

**LOCATION:** The Ritz-Carlton Hotel—Pentagon City, 1250 South Hayes Street, Arlington, Virginia.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary Ann Wilmer, Operations Officer, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC, 20002-4233, Telephone: (202) 357-6938.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Assessment Governing Board is established under section 412 of the National Education Statistics Act of 1994 (Title IV of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994) (Pub. L. 103-382).

The Board is established to formulate policy guidelines for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). The Board is responsible for selecting subject areas to be assessed, developing assessment objectives, identifying appropriate achievement goals for each grade and subject tested, and establishing standards and procedures for interstate and national comparisons.

On February 29, two committees will meet in open session from 4:00–6:00

p.m. Subject Area Committee #1 will meet to review and discuss issues regarding the NAEP civics planning project. The Achievement Levels Committee will meet to discuss plans for conducting the upcoming meetings for the setting of achievement levels in science. Also, on February 29, the Executive Committee will meet in open session from 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. The agenda for the Executive Committee includes a briefing on the NAEP budget, and discussions regarding the use of NAEP in projects sponsored by the National Science Foundation, and Westat.

On March 1, the full Board will convene in open session at 8:30 a.m. The agenda for this session of the full Board meeting includes approval of the agenda, the Executive Director's Report, a Report on TIMSS (The Third International Math and Science Study), and an update on the NAEP project. Between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, there will be open meetings of the following subcommittees: Design and Methodology, Reporting and Dissemination, and Subject Area Committee #2. Design and Methodology will discuss design issues related to future assessments, specifically, domain scoring and computer adaptive testing. Agenda items for the Reporting and Dissemination Committee include schedules for the release of NAEP data, reporting of information on special student populations, and dissemination of assessment frameworks. Beginning at 11:15 a.m. until 12:00 noon, there will be a joint meeting of the Design and Methodology and Reporting and Dissemination Committees to discuss the issues related to the implementation of a Marketbasket approach to NAEP reporting. Subject Area Committee #2 will meet to review and discuss issues regarding the NAEP writing planning project.

The full Board will reconvene in open session, beginning at 12:00 noon, to hear a presentation on NAEP on the information superhighway, a briefing from its workgroup on planning, and a presentation on the Civics frameworks.

On March 2, the Nominations Committee will meet in closed session from 8:00–9:00 a.m. This meeting must be closed because the committee will be considering qualifications of nominees for appointment to Board membership. The review and subsequent discussion of this information will touch upon matters that relate solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency and would disclose information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy if

conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemptions (2) and (6) of Section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

Beginning at 9:00 a.m. the full Board will reconvene in open session. The agenda for this session includes a briefing on plans for the NAEP Evaluation by the National Academy of Sciences, and reports from the Board's standing subcommittees—Subject Area Committees #1 and #2, Achievement Levels, Reporting and Dissemination, Design and Methodology, and Executive. The meeting of the National Assessment Governing Board will be adjourned at approximately 12:00 Noon.

A summary of the activities of the closed session and related matters, which are informative to the public and consistent with the policy of section 5 U.S.C. 552b, will be available to the public within 14 days after the meeting. Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Dated: February 7, 1996.

Roy Truby,

*Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board.*

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**Direct Grant Programs**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of application deadline dates for certain direct grant programs.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary extends the deadline dates for the submission of applications under certain direct grant programs. These are some of the programs under which the Secretary or other principal officers of the Department have announced competitions for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 1996. The Secretary also revises the deadlines for intergovernmental review for any of these programs subject to the requirements of Executive Order 12372 (Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs). The Secretary takes this action to allow more time for the preparation and submission of applications by potential applicants adversely affected by the closure of the Department for a number of weeks. The extensions are intended to help these potential applicants compete fairly under these programs.