

collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (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 Group publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. 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. ED invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department, (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner, (3) is the estimate of burden accurate, (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated:  
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Office of Educational Research and Improvement

*Type of Review:* New.  
*Title:* Technology Literacy Challenge Fund (TLCF).

*Abstract:* The Technology Literacy Challenge Fund is a new program to help schools prepare student for the 21st Century. State education agencies (SEAs) will receive formula grants designed to assist local education agencies (LEAs) in achieving four goals for technology in education: train teachers to help students learn using technology; provide access to computers in the classroom; connect every classroom to the information superhighway; and integrate effective software and on-line resources into school's curriculum.

*Additional Information:* Unlike many other state formula grant programs administered by the Department of Education, funds for the TLCF became available in October, 1996. This is a new program for which each State must submit a statewide educational technology plan. All states must either modify existing technology plans or provide one before funds can be obligated. States must award grants to LEAs competitively and must be afforded time to do so in an orderly way. Because of the urgency of the need to receive State plans, we request that an emergency clearance procedure for the application form be approved.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* State, local or Tribal Gov't SEAs and LEAs.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

*Responses:* 58.

*Burden Hours:* 1,160.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Notice of Meeting on TRU Waste Mobile Systems Capability Plan

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) is announcing that it will hold a meeting to present and discuss the TRU Waste Mobile Systems Capability Plan prepared by the Carlsbad Area Office. This meeting is being held to inform interested vendors of mobile systems applicable to the certification/characterization of TRU waste of the contents of the plan and to solicit vendor feedback on possible methods of requesting proposals for future privatization of the use of mobile systems.

**DATES AND ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held on October 31, 1996, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Room 8-E089 (Program Review Room) of the Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy Headquarters, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John F. Suermann, Office of National TRU Waste Operations, U.S. Department of Energy, Carlsbad Area Office, PO Box 3090, Carlsbad, NM 88221 or call (505) 234-7475.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting is being jointly sponsored by Mr. Alvin Alm, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, and the Carlsbad Area Office to present to

commercial sector vendors the concept envisioned by the plan for using mobile systems throughout the DOE complex in the certification and characterization of TRU waste. The plan is aimed at the near term implementation and deployment of developed mobile systems (i.e., those that have progressed to at least the point of field testing and demonstration and not simply conceptual in nature). The Assistant Secretary and the Carlsbad Area Office desire feedback from those attending the meeting on the contents of the plan and also on suggested ways to structure future requests for proposals on the subject of privatizing the employment of mobile systems within the commercial sector. All interested parties are encouraged to attend this meeting and contribute to the afternoon discussion period.

**AGENDA:** The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- (1) Welcome and introductory remarks;
- (2) Overview of the National TRU Waste Management Program;
- (3) Preliminary results of the Mobile Systems Capability Plan and considerations for a demonstration program;
- (4) Facilitated discussion period with commercial vendors in attendance on their interests and needs regarding technical, management, and financial issues related to privatization;
- (5) Comments by and discussion with the Assistant Secretary on privatization and vendor participation in the program.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** The meeting will be open to DOE personnel and commercial vendors of mobile systems who wish to attend. However seating is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis and attendees will be required to comply with access security provisions applicable to the meeting room. Individuals who need further assistance should contact John Suermann at (505) 234-7475 [8 a.m.-4 p.m., MDT] by October 24, 1996.  
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### Senior Executive Service; Performance Review Board

**AGENCY:** U. S. Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** SES Performance Review Board Standing Register.

**SUMMARY:** This notice provides the Performance Review Board Standing