

Absolute Priority 2—Projects that modify, field-test, and evaluate assessments to address the needs of children and youth with disabilities or limited English proficiency.

Assessments to be modified must be those developed under priority (1) or similar assessments developed for all students and aligned to State content standards.

All projects must—

(a) Examine the validity and reliability of the assessment for the particular purposes for which the assessment was developed;

(b) Ensure that the assessment is consistent with relevant, nationally recognized professional and technical standards for assessments;

(c) Devote special attention to how the assessment treats all students, especially with regard to race, gender, ethnicity, disability, and language proficiency of those students; and

(d) Be developed by, or under the direction of, an SEA, LEA, or consortia of those agencies.

Invitational Priorities

Within the absolute priorities specified in this notice, the Secretary is particularly interested in applications that meet the invitational priorities in the next two paragraphs. However, an application that meets one or more of these invitational priorities does not receive competitive or absolute preference over other applications (34 CFR 75.105(c)(1)).

Invitational Priority 1—Projects that focus on the assessment of reading and mathematics and are used to meet the assessment requirements of ESEA Title I.

Invitational Priority 2—Projects that involve consortia of states working together to develop or modify assessment instruments aligned with content standards.

For Applications or Information Contact: Applicants are encouraged to request an application by *facsimile machine*: David Sweet, (202) 219-2135, by *electronic mail*: Paige—Russ@ed.gov, or by *mail*: Assessment Development Grant Application, U.S. Department of Education, 555 New Jersey Avenue, N.W., Room 510, Washington, D.C. 20208-5573. However, if that is not convenient, you may use *voicemail*: (202) 219-2079. 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.

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; on the Internet Gopher Server at (gopher://gcs.ed.gov); or on the World Wide Web at (http://gcs.ed.gov).

However, the official application notice for a discretionary grant competition is the notice published in the Federal Register.

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Acting Assistant Secretary for Educational Research and Improvement.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Advisory Board Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting:

NAME: Environmental Management Advisory Board.

DATE AND TIMES: Thursday, April 10, 1997, 8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

PLACE: U.S. Department of Energy/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.; Room 1E-245, Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-4400.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James T. Melillo, Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management; Environmental Management Advisory Board (EMAB), EM-22, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-4400. The Internet address is: James.Melillo@em.doe.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Purpose of the Board. The purpose of the Board is to provide the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management (EM) with advice and recommendations on issues confronting the Environmental Management program and the Programmatic Environmental Management Impact Statement, from the perspectives of affected groups and state, local, and tribal governments. The Board will help to improve the Environmental Management Program by assisting in the process of securing consensus recommendations, and providing the Department's numerous

publics with opportunities to express their opinions regarding the Environmental Management Program.

Tentative Agenda

Thursday, April 10, 1997

8:30 a.m.—Co-Chairmen Open Public Meeting
 8:35 a.m.—Opening Remarks Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management
 9:30 a.m.—Privatization Committee Presentation and Discussion
 10:00 a.m.—Ten Year Plan & Strategic Integration Committees Joint Presentation and Discussion
 10:30 a.m.—Technology Development and Transfer Committee Presentation and Discussion
 11:00 a.m.—Science Committee Presentation and Discussion
 11:30 a.m.—FUSRAP Committee Presentation and Discussion
 12:00 p.m.—Lunch
 1:00 p.m.—Board Business
 2:00 p.m.—Public Comment Session
 2:30 p.m.—Meeting Adjourns

A final agenda will be available at the meeting.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should either contact James T. Melillo at the address or telephone number listed above, or call 1-(800) 736-3282, the Center for Environmental Management Information and register to speak during the public comment session of the meeting. Individuals may also register on April 10, 1997 at the meeting site. Every effort will be made to hear all those wishing to speak to the Board, on a first come, first serve basis. Those who call in and reserve time will be given the opportunity to speak first. The Board Co-Chairs are empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

Transcripts and Minutes: A meeting transcript and minutes will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20585 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued at Washington, DC on March 17, 1997.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Acting Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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