

### Summary

The total number of students involved in the validity studies, above that which has already been requested in the pilot VNT collection, is 3,318 with a total burden of 7310.5 hours. Total school staff burden for these validity studies is 399 hours.

### II. Request for Comments

The National Assessment Governing Board solicits comments to:

(a) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Governing Board, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) Evaluate the accuracy of the Governing Board's estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information;

(c) Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected;

(d) Minimize the burden of the collection of the information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, mechanical or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

### III. Public Record

A record has been established for this action. A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, is available for inspection from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The public record is located in Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC 20002. Comments may be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to Ray\_Fields@ED.GOV. Comments sent by email must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

The official record for this action, as well as public version, as described above will be kept in paper form. Accordingly, the National Assessment Governing Board will transfer all comments received electronically into printer, paper form as they are received and will place the paper copies in the official record which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official record is the paper record maintained at the National Assessment Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington DC 20002.

### List of Subjects

Pilot tests for the voluntary national tests in 4th grade reading and 8th grade

mathematics, validity studies, and Information Collection Request.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Bonneville Power Administration

#### Availability of the Bonneville Purchasing Instructions (BPI)

**AGENCY:** Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), DOE

**ACTION:** Notice of document availability.

**SUMMARY:** Copies of the BPI which establishes the procedures BPA uses in the solicitation, award, and administration of its purchases of goods and services, including construction, and the Bonneville Financial Assistance Instructions (BFAI) which establishes the procedures BPA uses in the solicitation, award, and administration of financial assistance instruments (principally grants and cooperative agreements) are available from BPA for \$30 and \$15 each, respectively, or available without charge after October 1, 1998 at the Internet address: <http://www.bpa.gov/Corporate/GP/GP.htm>.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the BPI or BFAI may be obtained by sending a check for the proper amount to the Head of the Contracting Activity, Routing GP, Bonneville Power Administration, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon 97208-3621.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Manager, Communications, 1-800-622-4519.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** BPA was established in 1937 as a Federal Power Marketing Agency in the Pacific Northwest. BPA operations are financed from power revenues as opposed to annual appropriations. Its purchasing operations are conducted under 16 U.S.C. 832 et seq. and related statutes, pursuant to these special authorities, the BPI is promulgated as a statement of purchasing policy and as a body of interpretative regulations governing the conduct of BPA purchasing activities. It is significantly different from the Federal Acquisition Regulation, and reflects BPA's private sector approach to purchasing the goods and services which it requires. The BPI is available on two 3½ inch diskettes in Microsoft's Word for Window's format in addition to the printed version. Please specify

which is desired when placing the order. BPA's financial assistance operations are conducted under 16 U.S.C. 832 et seq., and 16 U.S.C. 839 et seq. The BFAI express BPA's financial assistance policy. The BFAI also comprise BPA's rules governing implementation of the principles provided in the following OMB circulars:

A-21 Cost principles applicable to grants, contracts, and other agreements within institutions of higher education.

A-87 Cost principles applicable to grants, contracts, and other agreements with State and local governments.

A-102 Uniform administrative requirements for grants in aid to State and local governments, and the common rule.

A-110 Grants and agreements with institutions of higher education, hospitals and other nonprofit organizations.

A-122 Cost principles applicable to grants, contracts, and other agreements with nonprofit organizations.

A-133 Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations.

BPA's solicitations include notice of applicability and availability of the BPI and the BFAI, as appropriate, for the information of offerors on particular purchases or financial assistance transactions.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Bonneville Power Administration

#### Execution of Agreements to Install Additional Wind Turbines at the Wyoming Windpower Plant

**AGENCY:** Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of Record of Decision (ROD).

**SUMMARY:** BPA has decided to execute one or more agreements with SeaWest Corporation, a wind developer, of San Diego, California, to install additional turbines at the Wyoming Windpower Plant in Carbon County, Wyoming. To acquire the additional output from the turbines, BPA may also execute agreements with PacifiCorp, an Oregon corporation, and/or others for