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Dated: March 17, 1999.

Joseph Schubart,

Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer

Office of Vocational and Adult Education

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act (P.L. 105-332)—State Plans.

Frequency: Annually.

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

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 56.

Burden Hours: 9,520.

Abstract: Pub. L. 105-332 requires State Boards for Vocational Education to submit a 5-year State plan, with annual revisions as the Board deems necessary, in order to receive Federal funds. Program staff review the plans for compliance and quality.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The National Commission on Mathematics and Science Teaching for the 21st Century; Notice of Establishment

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary, Education.

ACTION: Notice of establishment of the National Commission on Mathematics and Science Teaching for the 21st Century.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Education announces his intention to establish the National Commission on Mathematics and Science Teaching for the 21st Century. The Commission will be governed by Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463 as amended; 5 U.S.C.A. Appendix 2).

Purpose

The Secretary has determined that the establishment of the National Commission on Mathematics and Science Teaching for the 21st Century is necessary and in the public interest as stated in the Secretary's Annual State of American Education report. The Commission's purpose is to review the current state of American K-12 mathematics and science education with a focus on the challenges of teacher recruitment, preparation, retention, and professional growth and to articulate the steps needed to strengthen the classroom practice of math and science teachers. The Commission will produce a report describing specific action steps that federal, state, and local policymakers can take to address math and science teacher supply and quality issues. The Commission will issue a final report to the Secretary by September 30, 2000. This report shall contain a detailed statement of the findings and conclusions together with its recommendations. The Secretary will share this report with the President and Congress along with the Commission's

recommendations. The Commission shall consist of twenty-two members, appointed by the Secretary, who shall be appointed from, but not limited to, the following groups: current or recent members of Congress, Governors, Mayors, State Legislators, Chief State School Officers, Nobel laureates, CEO's, University president, principals, teachers, parents, students, public representatives, and other distinguished leaders in the fields of mathematics and science. Ex-officio, non-voting members, of the Commission, include: the Secretary of Education or his designee, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of Transportation, the NASA Administrator, the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, the Director of the National Science Foundation, and the President of the National Academy of Sciences.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Contact Linda Rosen, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC 20202, Telephone: (202) 205-9891.

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Secretary of Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science, Office of Science Financial Assistance Program Notice 99-16; Atmospheric Radiation Measurement (ARM) Program

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice inviting grant applications.

SUMMARY: The Office of Biological and Environmental Sciences (OBER) of the Office of Science (SC), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), hereby announces its interest in receiving applications to support the experimental and theoretical study of radiation and clouds in conjunction with the Atmospheric Radiation Measurement (ARM) Program as part of the U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP). This notice requests applications for grants to support renewals of activities currently funded by DOE under previous Special Research Grant Program Notices issued for the ARM Program. A very limited number of new research efforts may be funded.

DATES: Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit a two page (maximum) brief preapplication. All preapplications, referencing Program Notice 99-16, should be received by