

of confined sites quickly, at any time, under any conditions, in remote and/or hostile environments. The political conditions of the post-Cold War era have led to the realization by the DOD that future threats to American security, particularly the nation's economic health, are increasingly linked to the stability of other regions of the world. The current US defense strategy is to address sources of regional conflict and instability with a visible, forward presence, and an effective response to crises.

The Marine Corps will conduct public hearings starting Monday, July 19 to Thursday, July 22, 1999 for those individuals who would like to provide comments on the DEIS. These hearings will be open sessions and will allow individuals to review the data presented in the DEIS and at displays provided for the hearing. Department of the Navy representatives will be available during the hearing to answer questions and/or clarify information related to the DEIS and to assist those who wish to comment. Federal, state, and local agencies and interested parties are invited and urged to be present or represented at the hearing. Oral statements will be heard and transcribed by a stenographer; however, to ensure the accuracy of the record, all statements should be submitted in writing. In the interest of available time and to ensure all who wish to give an oral statement have the opportunity to do so, each speaker will be asked to limit their comments to three (3) minutes. If longer statements are to be presented, they should be summarized at the public hearing and submitted in writing either at the hearing or mailed or faxed to Mr. James Haluska at the address listed in the ADDRESSES section of this notice. Equal weight will be given to both oral and written statements. All written comments postmarked by August 9, 1999 will become a part of the official public record and will be responded to in the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

Dated: July 1, 1999.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 7, 1999.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. 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 Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. 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. OMB invites public comment.

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: June 30, 1999.

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Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

### Office of the Under Secretary

Type of Review: New.

Title: Evaluation of the Magnet Schools Assistance Program.

Frequency: Annually.

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

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Respondents: 2,387

Burden Hours: 1,517

*Abstract:* This package is to request clearance for an evaluation of the Magnet Schools Assistance Program (MSAP). The purpose is to provide information to ED and Congress about the success of the MSAP in meeting its statutory goals. The evaluation is using information reported in MSAP applications and performance indicators and gathering new data from all %& MSAP projects funded in 1998. A particular emphasis of the evaluation is the projects' progress in improving student achievement and achieving desegregation.

Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address [vivian\\_reese@ed.gov](mailto:vivian_reese@ed.gov) or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

For questions regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements, contact Jacqueline Montague at 202-708-5359 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address [jackie-montague@ed.gov](mailto:jackie-montague@ed.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Golden Field Office; Supplemental Announcement to the Broad Based Solicitation for Financial Assistance Applications Involving Research, Development and Demonstration for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; Closed-Loop Biomass Co-Firing

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.  
ACTION: Supplemental Announcement 13 to the Broad Based Solicitation for Financial Assistance Applications DE-PS36-99GO10383.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the DOE Financial Assistance Rules, 10 CFR 600.8, is announcing its intention to solicit applications for Closed-Loop Biomass Co-firing. Financial assistance award(s) issued under this