

subsequent reuse of the 422 acres (368 land acres and 54 submerged land acres) comprising OARB: (1) The no action alternative, under which the property would be maintained in a caretaker status after closure; (2) the unencumbered alternative, under which the Army would transfer the property without encumbrances, such as environmental restrictions and easements; and (3) the encumbered disposal alternative, under which the Army would transfer the property with various environmental restrictions and easements, limiting the future use of the property. Additionally, this DEIS analyzes the potential environmental and socioeconomic consequences of six community reuse alternatives: (1) Low intensity reuse alternative; (2) low-medium intensity reuse alternative; (3) medium intensity reuse alternative; (4) medium-high intensity reuse alternative; (5) high intensity reuse alternative; and (6) very high intensity reuse alternative.

The DEIS concludes the no action alternative is not reasonable since the closure of OARB is mandated by BRAC law, and the Army has no requirement to retain the property. The DEIS also concludes that the unencumbered disposal alternative is not feasible given environmental conditions and legal requirements.

The Army's preferred alternative course of action is the encumbered disposal of excess property. Possible encumbrances include: covenants and restrictions pertaining to asbestos-containing material; lead-based paint; flood plains; future remedial activities after transfer; wetlands and easements; and rights-of-way.

Community reuse of OARB property is analyzed in the DEIS as a secondary action resulting from closure and disposal by the Army. While the Army does not control the community's reuse of the property, under NEPA, the army is required to analyze the reasonably foreseeable impacts of its disposal action. The local community has established the Oakland Base Reuse Authority (OBRA) to develop and implement a reuse plan for the installation. Approval and implementation of the reuse plan are within the discretion of the OBRA.

A public meeting will be held during the 45-day DEIS comment period to afford the public the opportunity to provide oral and written comments on the DEIS. The location and time of the meeting will be announced in local newspapers at least 15 days prior to the meeting. Verbal comments made at the public meeting and written comments received during the comment period

will be used in the preparation of the Final EIS and Record of Decision.

Copies of the DEIS have been forwarded to the EPA, other Federal, state, and local agencies; public officials; and organizations and individuals who previously provided substantive comments in the EIS scoping process. Copies of the DEIS are available for review at the following libraries: The Oakland Library-Main Branch, 125 14th Street, Oakland, CA 94612; and the Oakland Library-West Branch, 1801 Adeline Street, Oakland, CA 94607.

Dated: November 9, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Team 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 January 18, 2000.

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 Team 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: November 9, 1999.

William E. Burrow,

Team Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Management

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: Grant Performance Report.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 6,000

Burden Hours: 120,000

Abstract: ED uses the information collection specific to ED Form 524-B for the award and administration of multi-year discretionary grants. The Department has substantially increased the flexibility of the grant process by enabling all years of multi-budgets to be negotiated at the time of the initial award (ED GAPS001) and to submit only performance report (ED Form 524-B) to receive continuation funding. This clearance also includes government-wide common rules for institutions of higher education, non-profit agencies, and state and local governments.

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, D.C. 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO_IMG_Issues@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

For questions regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements, contact Jackie Montague at (202) 708-5359. 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 EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Team Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 16, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, N.W., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address DWERFEL@OMB.EOP.GOV.

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 Team 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.

Dated: November 9, 1999.

William E. Burrow,

Team Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Vocational and Adult Education

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: Adult Education Annual

Performance and Financial Reports.

Frequency: Annually.

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

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 59

Burden Hours: 6,490

Abstract: The information contained in the Annual Performance Reports for Adult Education is needed to monitor the performance of the activities and services funded under the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act of 1998. Report to Congress on the Levels of Performance Achieved on the core indicators of performance, provide necessary outcome information to meet OVAE's GPRA goals for adult education, and provide documentation for incentive awards under Title V of the Workforce Investment Act. The respondents include eligible agencies in 59 states and insular areas.

Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address

OCIO_IMG_Issues@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

For questions regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements, contact Sheila Carey at (202) 708-6287. 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

Notice Inviting Financial Assistance Applications

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Federal Energy Technology Center (FETC).

ACTION: Notice inviting financial assistance applications.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy announces that it intends to conduct a

competitive Program Solicitation (DE-PS26-00FT40759) and award financial assistance (cooperative agreements) for the program entitled "Development of Technologies and Capabilities for Fossil Energy R&D Program." The Department of Energy (DOE) Federal Energy Technology Center (FETC), on behalf of FETC and the National Petroleum Technology Office (NPTO), seeks cost-shared research and development applications on fossil technologies needed to ensure the availability of affordable energy for the future. This solicitation seeks applications for energy-related research and development that promotes the efficient and sound production and use of fossil fuels (coal, natural gas, and oil).

FETC and NPTO expect to support applications in the following thirteen (13) separate (i.e., stand alone) Areas of Interest:

- (1) Gasification Technologies,
- (2) Transportation Fuels and Chemicals,
- (3) Combustion Systems,
- (4) Environmental Innovations for Existing Plants,
- (5) Advanced Fuels Research and Speciality Markets,
- (6) Advanced Research,
- (7) Advanced Turbines and Engines,
- (8) Fuel Cells,
- (9) Natural Gas Supply and Infrastructure,
- (10) Gas-to-Liquids (Natural Gas Processing),
- (11) Oil Technology—Emerging Process Technology,
- (12) Oil Technology—Critical Upstream Technology Development and Improvements,
- (13) Oil and Gas Upstream and Downstream Effective Environmental Protection.

Awards will be made to a limited number of applicants under each area of interest based on the promise of the proposed technology, the quality of prior supporting scientific and engineering studies, the technical approach to reduce the proposed technology to practice, the appropriateness of the project plan, the technical and management capabilities of the applicant organization(s), and availability of DOE funding.

FOR FURTHER SOLICITATION CONTACT: Keith R. Miles, U.S. Department of Energy, Federal Energy Technology Center, Acquisition and Assistance Division, P.O. Box 10940, MS 921-143, Pittsburgh, PA 15236-0940, Telephone: (412) 386-5984, FAX: (412) 386-6137, E-mail: miles@fetc.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Solicitation Number: DE-PS26-00FT40759.