

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice Establishing Deadlines for the Submission of Requests for Waivers That Would Directly Affect School-Level Activities

SUMMARY: In this notice, the Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education establishes deadlines for the submission of waiver requests under section 14401 and 1113(a)(7) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), section 311(a) of the Goals 2000: Educate America Act, and section 502 of the School-to-Work Opportunities Act of 1994.

DATES: Deadlines: Except in extraordinary circumstances, the following deadlines apply to requests for waivers affecting school-level activities:

Requests for waivers that would be implemented in the semester immediately following January 1, 2001 must be submitted no later than October 30, 2000.

Requests for waivers that would be implemented in the beginning of the 2001–2002 school year must be submitted no later than April 1, 2001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These deadlines apply only to waivers that would directly affect school-level activities. For example, the deadlines would apply to requests for waivers of the Title I targeting provisions or of the minimum poverty threshold required for implementation of a schoolwide program. However, the deadlines would not apply to waivers of requirements relating to the consolidation of administrative funds.

Waiver applicants are encouraged to submit their requests as early as possible and not wait until the deadlines to seek waivers. The requests will be reviewed upon receipt. For purposes of this notice, the submission date is the date that the waiver request is received by the U.S. Department of Education (Department) in substantially approvable form. A waiver request is considered to be in substantially approvable form when it has adequately addressed the applicable statutory criteria governing waivers.

During the period of a waiver request is under review by the Department, a waiver applicant must continue to comply with the requirement that is the subject of the waiver request.

Address for Submission of Requests: All requests for waivers should be submitted to the following address: Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, Attention: Waiver Staff, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Information on waivers may be obtained from the Department's Waiver Assistance Line at (202) 401-7801. Copies of the Department's updated waiver guidance, which provide examples of waivers and describes how to apply for a waiver, are available at this number. The guidance, along with other information on flexibility, is also available at the Department's World Wide Web site at <http://www.ed.gov/flexibility>.

If you use a telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-888-877-8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of School-to-Work Opportunities; Advisory Council for School-to-Work Opportunities; Notice of Open Meeting

SUMMARY: The Advisory Council for School-to-Work Opportunities was established by the Departments of Education and Labor to advise the Department on implementation of the

School-to-Work Opportunities Act. The Council shall assess the progress of School-to-Work (STW) Opportunities systems development and program implementation; make recommendations regarding progress and implementation of the School-to-Work Opportunities initiative; advise on the effectiveness of the Federal role in providing venture capital to States and localities to develop STW system and act as advocates for implementing the STW on behalf of their stakeholders.

Time and Place: The Advisory Council for School-to-Work Opportunities will have an open meeting on Thursday, October 12, 2000 from 3:30 pm to 7:00 pm and on Friday, October 13, 2000, from 8:30 am to 12:00 noon. The meeting will be held at the Hotel George, Leaders Room, 15 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20001.

Agenda: The agenda for the meeting on Thursday, October 12 opens with remarks by the Co-Chairs of the Advisory Council Jacquelyn Belcher, President, Perimeter College of Decatur, Georgia and John McKernan, Vice-President of the Education Management Corporation, Portland, Maine. Following the opening, the Council will meet with representatives of the National School-to-Work to discuss issues related to the national leadership and sustainability of the STW initiative and to hear presentations from Council members on this topic. Friday, October 13 the Advisory Council will meet in small group working sessions from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. These will be followed by a report-out to representatives of the Department of Education and Labor.

Public Participation: The meetings on Thursday, October 12 and Friday, October 13 will be open to the public. Seats will be reserved for the media. Individuals with disabilities in need of special accommodations should contact the Designated Federal Official (DFO), listed below, at least 7 days prior to the meeting.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephanie J. Powers, Designated Federal Official (DFO), Advisory Council for School-to-Work Opportunities, Office of School-to-Work Opportunities, 400 Virginia Avenue, SW., Room 210, Washington, DC, 202-401-6222. (This is not free number.)

Due to the schedules of the participants, we are unable to provide the full 15 days of advance notice of this meeting.