

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 December 19, 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 Leader, Regulatory 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: October 16, 2000.

John Tressler,

Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

Type of Review: New collection.

Title: Reading Excellence Act (REA) State-District-School Study (KA).

Frequency: Semi-Annually; Annually.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs (primary).

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 2,788

Burden Hours: 8,592.

Abstract: REA provides competitive reading and literacy grants to state education agencies to help high-poverty schools and those in Title I improvement status to: (1) Teach every child to read by the end of the third grade; (2) provide children in early childhood with the readiness skills and support they need to learn to read once they enter school; (3) expand the number of high-quality family literacy programs; (4) provide early intervention to children who are at risk of being identified for special education inappropriately; and (5) base instruction, including tutoring, on scientifically-based reading research. The first cohort of 17 states was funded in the summer of 1999. The REA State-District-School Study fulfills the states' performance reporting requirements.

In addition, the study will: (1) Collect and analyze demographic and descriptive information on REA states, districts and schools in order to provide a contextual backdrop and sampling for two national evaluations—the School and Classroom Implementation and Impact (SCII) study and the Children's Reading Gains (Gains) study; (2) compare eligible but not funded with funded districts and schools; (3) augment the agency's REA monitoring within each State Education Agency (SEA), Local Education Agency (LEA), and school; (4) track performance over time; (5) inform the states' development of indicators of program quality; and (6) provide data for the National Institute for Literacy's effort to disseminate information on effective subgrantee projects.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO_IMG_Issues@ed.gov or faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Kathy Axt at her internet address Kathy_Axt@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 EDUCATION

[CFDA No. 84.210A]

The Native Hawaiian Gifted and Talented Program

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2001.

Purpose of Program: To support a program for gifted and talented education that is designed to (1) address the special needs of Native Hawaiian elementary and secondary school students who are gifted and talented students; and (2) provide those support services to families of such students that are needed to enable such students to benefit from the program.

Eligible Applicants: Native Hawaiian educational organizations or educational entities with experience in developing or operating Native Hawaiian programs or programs of instruction conducted in the Native Hawaiian language.

Applications Available: October 20, 2000.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: December 4, 2000.

Estimated Available Funds: \$1.5 million to \$2.1 million.

Note: The amount of funds, if any, available under this competition is conditioned upon FY 2001 funds being appropriated for these purposes.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$750,000 to \$2.1 million.

Estimated Number of Awards: 1

Note: These estimates are projections for the guidance of potential applicants. The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Project Period: Up to 36 months.

Applicable Regulations: The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR Parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 86, 97, 98, and 99.

Selection Criteria: The Secretary will use the following selection criteria in 34 CFR 75.210 to evaluate applications under this competition. (The specific selection criteria and factors that will be used in evaluating applications are detailed in the application package.) The maximum score for all of the selection criteria is 100 points.

The maximum points for each criterion is as follows:

(a) Significance—15 points.

- (b) Quality of Project Design—35 points.
- (c) Quality of Project Personnel—10 points.
- (d) Adequacy of Resources—5 points.
- (e) Quality of Management Plan—15 points.
- (f) Quality of Project Evaluation—20 points.

For Applications and Information
Contact: Mrs. Lynn Thomas, Telephone: (202) 260-1541, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, FOB6, Room 3C124, Mail Stop 6140, Washington, DC 20202. The e-mail address for

Mrs. Thomas is: lynn_thomas@ed.gov

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Individuals with disabilities may also obtain a copy of the application package in an alternate format on request to the contact person listed above. However, the Department is not able to reproduce in an alternate format the standard forms included in the application package.

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Program Authority: 20 USC 7907.

Dated: October 19, 2000.

Michael Cohen,

Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Oak Ridge Reservation

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB) Oak Ridge. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Wednesday, November 8, 2000 6:00 p.m.—9:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Garden Plaza Hotel 215 South Illinois Avenue, Oak Ridge, TN.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dave Adler, Federal Coordinator, Department of Energy Oak Ridge Operations Office, P.O. Box 2001, EM-90, Oak Ridge, TN 37831. Phone (865) 576-4094; Fax (865) 576-9121 or e-mail: adlerdg@oro.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda:

1. A presentation on the "Revitalization of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory" will be provided by Mr. Tim Myrick of UT-Batelle.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Dave Adler at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments at the end of the meeting.

Minutes: Minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Department of Energy's Information Resource Center at 105 Broadway, Oak Ridge, TN between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by writing to Dave Adler, Department of Energy Oak Ridge

Operations Office, P.O. Box 2001, EM-90, Oak Ridge, TN 37831, or by calling him at (865) 576-4094.

Issued at Washington, DC on October 17, 2000.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER00-3457-000]

Badger Generating Company, LLC; Notice of Issuance of Order

October 17, 2000.

Badger Generating Company, LLC (Badger) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which Badger will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions at market-basked rates. Badger also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, Badger requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by Badger.

On October 10, 2000, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Corporate Applications, Office of Markets, Tariffs and Rates, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by Badger should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, Badger is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the applicant, and compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued