

second tier of the Department's strategy for completing the funding process. The additional form will serve as the application package for LEAs under the REAP Small, Rural Schools Achievement Program.

**Additional Information:** The Department of Education requests Emergency Clearance for the information collection entitle Application for the Small, Rural School Achievement Program because a normal clearance is likely to cause a statutory deadline to be missed. The statute requires the Department to make direct grant awards to all eligible LEAs by July 1. With an estimated 4,500 awards to be made by July 1, the Department needs a considerable amount of time to inform potential applicants of the availability of funds and the award process, and to conduct the funding process.

**Frequency:** Annually.

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

**Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:**

Response: 4,552.

Burden Hours: 3,000.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651, [vivian.reese@ed.gov](mailto:vivian.reese@ed.gov), or should be electronically mailed to the internet address [OCIO\\_RIMG@ed.gov](mailto:OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov). or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements, contact Kathy Axt at (540) 776-7742 or via her internet address [Kathy.Axt@ed.gov](mailto: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

### Federal Interagency Coordinating Council; Meeting

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice describes the schedule and agenda of the forthcoming meeting of the Federal Interagency Coordinating Council (FICC). Notice of this meeting is intended to inform members of the general public of their opportunity to attend the meeting. The FICC will engage in ongoing policy discussions related to young children

with disabilities and their families. Childcare for young children with disabilities and their families will be the topic of this FICC meeting. The meeting will be open and accessible to the general public.

FICC committee meetings will be held on March 13, 2002 in the Mary E. Switzer Building, 330 C Street, SW., Washington, DC, 20202.

**DATE AND TIME:** FICC Meeting: Thursday, March 14, 2002 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** U.S. Department of Education, Departmental Auditorium, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202 (near the Federal Center Southwest and L'Enfant metro stops).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Bobbi Stettner-Eaton or Obral Vance, U.S. Department of Education, 330 C Street, SW., Room 3080, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: (202) 205-5507 (press 3).

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call (202) 205-5637.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FICC is established under section 644 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1484a). The FICC is established to: (1) Minimize duplication across Federal, State, and local agencies of programs and activities relating to early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families and preschool services for children with disabilities; (2) ensure effective coordination of Federal early intervention and preschool programs, including Federal technical assistance and support activities; and (3) identify gaps in Federal agency programs and services and barriers to Federal interagency cooperation. To meet these purposes, the FICC seeks to: (1) Identify areas of conflict, overlap, and omissions in interagency policies related to the provision of services to infants, toddlers, and preschoolers with disabilities; (2) develop and implement joint policy interpretations on issues related to infants, toddlers, and preschoolers that cut across Federal agencies, including modifications of regulations to eliminate barriers to interagency programs and activities; and (3) coordinate the provision of technical assistance and dissemination of best practice information. The FICC is chaired by Dr. Robert H. Pasternack, Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

Individuals who need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (i.e., interpreting services, assistive listening devices, materials in alternative format) should

notify Obral Vance at (202) 205-5507 (press 3) or (202) 205-5637 (TDD) ten days in advance of the meeting. The meeting location is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

Summary minutes of the FICC meetings will be maintained and available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, 330 C Street, SW., Room 3080, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202, from the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekdays, except Federal holidays.

Dated: February 26, 2002.

**Loretta L. Petty,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### National Energy Technology Laboratory; Notice of Availability of a Financial Assistance Solicitation

**AGENCY:** National Energy Technology Laboratory, Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of a financial assistance solicitation.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the intent to issue Financial Assistance Solicitation No. DE-PS26-02NT41446 entitled "Development of Technologies and Capabilities for Natural Gas Infrastructure Reliability." This solicitation supports the Natural Gas Infrastructure Reliability product line which is part of the Department of Energy's Strategic Center for Natural Gas. This solicitation competitively seeks cost-shared applications for energy research and development (R&D) related activities that promote the efficient and sound production and use of fossil fuels (coal, natural gas, and oil). The primary purpose of the solicitation is to maintain and enhance the integrity and reliability of the natural gas transmission and distribution pipeline infrastructure. Research directed specifically towards expansion of the pipeline and major references to expansion will be discouraged.

**DATES:** Potential applicants are required to submit a brief, not to exceed seven pages, pre-application. The deadline for submissions of pre-applications and comprehensive applications will be identified in the solicitation. No comprehensive application will be evaluated unless a pre-application has been received and considered by the DOE. The review process for the pre-