

Areas Studies (EELIAS) system to complete the final report.

4. *Performance Measures:* Under the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA), the objective for the BIE program is to meet the nation's security and economic needs through the development of a national capacity in foreign languages, and area and international studies.

The Department will use the following measures to evaluate its success in meeting this objective.

BIE Performance Measures: (1) The number of outreach activities that are adopted or further disseminated within a year, divided by the total number of BIE outreach activities conducted in the current year. (2) Percentage of projects judged to be successful by the program officer, based on a review of information provided in annual performance reports.

If funded, information from your final performance report submitted via the electronic Evaluation of Exchange, Language, International, and Area Studies system will be used to record and evaluate the performance of your project.

VII. Agency Contact

For Further Information Contact: Ms. Tanyelle Richardson, International Education Programs Service, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., room 6017, Washington, DC 20006-8521. Telephone: (202) 502-7626 or by e-mail: tanyelle.richardson@ed.gov.

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VIII. Other Information

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Acting Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

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ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Notice; Meeting

AGENCY: United States Election Assistance Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting and Hearing Agenda.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, October 26, 2006, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

PLACE: U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC), 1225 New York Ave., NW., Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20005. (Metro Stop: Metro Center)

AGENDA: The Commission will conduct a public meeting and hearing on EAC's post-election voting system testing and certification program. The Commission will receive presentations by representatives of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), representatives of testing laboratories, equipment manufacturers, election officials, community interest groups and Commission staff members. The Commission will also meet to consider other administrative matters.

EAC will provide a public comment period to receive comments regarding the voting system testing and certification program. Members of the public who wish to speak must contact and register with EAC by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 24, 2006. Speakers may contact EAC via e-mail at testimony@ec.gov, or via mail addressed to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 1225 New York Ave., NW., Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20005, or by fax at 202/566-3127. Comments will be strictly limited to 3 minutes per person or organization to ensure the fullest participation possible. All speakers will be contacted prior to the hearing. EAC also encourages members of the public to submit written testimony via e-mail, mail or fax. All public comments will be taken in writing via e-mail at testimony@eac.gov, or via mail addressed to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 1225 New York Ave., NW., Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20005, or by fax at 202/566-3127.

This meeting and hearing will be open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bryan Whitener, Telephone: (202) 566-3100.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

The No FEAR Act Notice

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: DOE is providing notice to all of its employees, former employees, and applicants for employment about the rights and remedies that are available to them under the Federal antidiscrimination laws and whistleblower protection laws. This notice fulfills DOE's notification obligations under the Notification and Federal Employees Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act (No FEAR Act), as implemented by Office of Personnel Management (OPM) regulations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Neil Schuldenfrei, Attorney-Advisor, Office of Civil Rights and Diversity, U.S. Department of Energy, Room 5B-168, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585, telephone (202) 586-5687 (this is not a toll-free number). Hearing-impaired or speech-impaired individuals may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 15, 2002, Congress enacted the "Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002," which is now known as the No FEAR Act. One purpose of the Act is to "require that Federal agencies be accountable for violations of antidiscrimination and whistleblower protection laws." Public Law 107-174, Summary. In support of this purpose, Congress found that "agencies cannot be run effectively if those agencies practice or tolerate discrimination." Public Law 107-174, Title I, General Provisions, section 101(1).

The Act also requires this agency to provide this notice to Federal employees, former Federal employees and applicants for Federal employment to inform you of the rights and protections available to you under Federal antidiscrimination and whistleblower protection laws.