

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The DoD Advisory Group on Electron Devices (AGED) announces a closed session meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held at 0900, Tuesday November 13, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the IT Services Group-QNA, 4100 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 800, Arlington, VA 22203.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Aimee Steussy, IT Services Group-QNA, 4100 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 800, Arlington, VA 22203, 703-284-8357.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The mission of the Advisory Group is to provide advice to the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, to the Director of Defense Research and Engineering (DDR&E), and through the DDR&E to the Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency and the Military Departments in planning and managing an effective and economical research and development program in the area of electron devices.

The AGED meeting will be limited to review of research and development efforts in electronics and photonics with a focus on benefits to national defense. The reviews may form the basis for research and development programs initiated by the Military Departments and Defense Agencies to be conducted by industry, universities or in government laboratories. The agenda for this meeting will include programs on molecular electronics, microelectronics, electro-optics, and electronic materials.

In accordance with section 10(d) of Pub. L. 92-463, as amended, (5 U.S.C. App. 2), it has been determined that this Advisory Group meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1), and that accordingly, this meeting will be closed to the public.

Dated: October 31, 2007.

**L.M. Bynum,**

*Alternate, OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management 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 10, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Education Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10222, Washington, DC 20503. Commenters are encouraged to submit responses electronically by e-mail to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov) or via fax to (202) 395-6974. Commenters should include the following subject line in their response "Comment: [insert OMB number], [insert abbreviated collection name, e.g., "Upward Bound Evaluation"]". Persons submitting comments electronically should not submit paper copies.

**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 IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, 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 5, 2007.

**Angela C. Arrington,**

*IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.*

### Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title:* Projects with Industry Annual Reporting Form.

*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: 72.

Burden Hours: 6,480.

*Abstract:* This collection will be used to measure the effectiveness of the Projects With Industry (PWI) Program in meeting its purpose, statutory requirements and address concerns raised as a result of the PART. The proposed revisions to the existing data collection package were recommended in order to; (1) Respond to OMB PART recommendations to collect job retention and earnings information that is consistent with the common measures for federal job training programs; (2) include demographic and other descriptive data on the individuals served by the program; and (3) consolidate the two existing reporting requirements thereby reducing the number of reports submitted by PWI grantees from two to one annually. The information collected will be aggregated in order to provide information to Congress, Office of Management and Budget, policy makers and the public.

Requests for copies of the information collection submission for OMB review may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 3454. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Potomac Center, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20202-4700. Requests may also be electronically mailed to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-245-6623. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@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

### Closed Meeting of the National Advisory Council on Indian Education

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Education, National Advisory Council on Indian Education (NACIE).

**ACTION:** Notice of Closed Teleconference Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of an upcoming teleconference meeting of the National Advisory Council on Indian Education (the Council) and is intended to notify the general public of the meeting. This notice also describes the functions of the Council. Notice of the Council's meetings is required under section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and by the Council's charter.

*Agenda:* The purpose of the meeting will be for the Council to conduct a review of the applications for the vacant position of Director of the Office of Indian Education and to make their recommendation to the Department. This notice is appearing in the **Federal Register** less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to scheduling difficulties within the agency and with the Council.

*Date and Time:* Nov. 15, 2007; 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. EST.

*Location:* The Department of Education will provide a 1-800-call in number for all NACIE members.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lana Shaughnessy, Group Leader, Office of Indian Education, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: 202-205-2528. Fax: 202-260-7779.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Council advises the Secretary of Education on the funding and administration (including the development of regulations, and administrative policies and practices) of any program over which the Secretary has jurisdiction and includes Indian children or adults as participants or programs that may benefit Indian children or adults, including any program established under Title VII, Part A of the ESEA. The Council submitted to the Congress June 30 a report on the activities of the Council that included recommendations the Council considers appropriate for the improvement of Federal education programs that include Indian children or adults as participants or that may benefit Indian children or adults, and recommendations concerning the funding of any such program.

Records are kept of all Council proceedings and are available for public inspection at the Office of Indian Education, United States Department of

Education, Room 5C140, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202.

**Kerri L. Briggs,**

*Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Mesaba Energy Project

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability and public hearings.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Mesaba Energy Project (DOE/EIS-0382D) for public comment, as well as the dates, locations and times for public hearings. The draft environmental impact statement (EIS) analyzes the potential environmental consequences of DOE's proposed action to provide a total of \$36 million in co-funding, through a financial assistance cooperative agreement, for the design and one-year operational demonstration of a coal-based, Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle (IGCC) electric generating facility on the Iron Range of northern Minnesota. DOE may also provide a loan guarantee pursuant to the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to guarantee a portion of private sector financing for the project; however, this loan guarantee is not part of DOE's proposed action. The facility would be demonstrated through a cooperative agreement between DOE and Excelsior Energy Inc. (Excelsior) under the Clean Coal Power Initiative (CCPI) program.

**DATES:** DOE invites the public to comment on the draft EIS during the public comment period, which ends January 11, 2008. DOE will consider all comments postmarked or received during the public comment period in preparing the Final EIS and will consider late comments to the extent practicable.

DOE will conduct two public hearings to obtain comments on the draft EIS. The meetings will be held at the Taconite Community Center, 26 Haynes Street, Taconite, Minnesota, on Tuesday, November 27, 2007, beginning at 7 p.m., and at Hoyt Lakes Arena, 106 Kennedy Memorial Drive, Hoyt Lakes, Minnesota, on Wednesday, November 28, 2007, beginning at 7 p.m. An informational session will be held at each location from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

preceding each meeting on the dates above. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for details on the meeting process.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for information about this draft EIS, or to receive a copy of the draft EIS, should be directed to: Mr. Richard A. Hargis, Jr., NEPA Document Manager, M/S 922-178C, U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory, P.O. Box 10940, Pittsburgh, PA 15236-0940. Requests may also be submitted by telephone: 412-386-6065; toll free number: 888-322-7436 ext. 6065; fax: 412-386-4604; or electronic mail: [richard.hargis@netl.doe.gov](mailto:richard.hargis@netl.doe.gov).

The draft EIS will be available at: <http://www.eh.doe.gov/nepa/>. Copies of the draft EIS are also available for review at the locations listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this Notice. Written comments on the draft EIS can be submitted by mail, fax, or electronic mail to Mr. Richard A. Hargis, Jr., as indicated above. Oral comments on the draft EIS will be accepted only during the public hearings scheduled for the dates and locations provided in the **DATES** section of this Notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** For further information regarding the proposed project or the draft EIS, please contact Mr. Richard A. Hargis, Jr., (see **ADDRESSES**). For general information on the DOE NEPA process, please contact: Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (GC-20), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0103; *Telephone:* 202-586-4600, or leave a toll-free message at: 800-472-2756.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Description of Alternatives and Scope of the EIS**

DOE's Proposed Action is to provide a total of \$36 million in co-funding, through a cooperative agreement with Excelsior under the CCPI Program, for the design and one-year operational demonstration testing period for Phase I of the proposed two-phased Mesaba Energy Project. The first phase would be a nominal 606 megawatt electricity (MWe) IGCC power plant with an estimated cost of \$2.16 billion. Phase II, which would be an identical, co-located 606 MWe plant, would be privately financed and not involve co-funding by DOE. The project would demonstrate the commercial-readiness of the Conoco-Phillips E-Gas™ gasification technology, including advanced gasification and air separation systems, feedstock flexibility, improved