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Dated: February 7, 2008.

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#### **Federal Student Aid**

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title:* Federal Family Education Loan Program and William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program Teacher Loan Forgiveness Forms.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit (primary), Individuals or household, Not-for-profit institutions, Federal Government, State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 8,700.

Burden Hours: 2,871.

*Abstract:* These forms serve as the means by which eligible borrowers in the Federal Family Education Loan Program and the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program apply for teacher loan forgiveness and request forbearance on their loans while performing qualifying teaching service.

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 3533. 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., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-401-0920. 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**

### **Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, 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 April 14, 2008.

**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.

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: February 7, 2008.

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### **Office of Vocational and Adult Education**

*Type of Review:* New Collection.

*Title:* Consolidated Annual Report (CAR) For the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (Perkins IV) (as reauthorized by Pub. L. 109-270).

*Frequency:* Annually.

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

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 55.

Burden Hours: 11,825.

*Abstract:* The purpose of this information collection package—the Consolidated Annual Report (CAR)—is to gather narrative, financial, and performance data as required by the newly reauthorized Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (Perkins IV) (20 U.S.C. 2301 *et seq.* as amended by Pub. L. 109-270). OVAE staff will determine each State's compliance with basic provisions of Perkins IV and the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (34 CFR Part 80.40 [Annual Performance Report] and Part 80.41 [Financial Status Report]). OVAE staff will review performance data to determine whether, and to what extent, each State has met its State adjusted levels of performance for the core indicators described in section 113(b)(4) of Perkins IV. Perkins IV requires the Secretary to provide the appropriate committees of Congress copies of annual reports received by the department from each eligible agency that receives funds under the Act.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 3576. 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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### National Assessment Governing Board; Meeting

**AGENCY:** Department of Education, National Assessment Governing Board.

**ACTION:** Notice of Open Meeting and Partially Closed Meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the National Assessment Governing Board. This notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify members of the general public of their opportunity to attend. Individuals who will need special accommodations in order to attend the meeting (i.e., interpreting services, assistive listening devices, materials in alternative format) should notify Munira Mwalimu at 202-357-6938 or at [Munira.Mwalimu@ed.gov](mailto:Munira.Mwalimu@ed.gov) no later than February 22, 2008. We will attempt to meet requests after this date, but cannot guarantee availability of the requested accommodation. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

**DATES:** March 6-8, 2008.

*Times:*

*March 6:*

*Committee Meeting:*

*Executive Committee:* Open Session—4:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.; Closed Session—5:15 p.m. to 6 p.m.

*March 7:*

*Full Board:* Open Session—8 a.m. to 9 a.m.; Closed Sessions—9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. to 2 p.m.; Open Session—2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*Committee Meetings:*

*Assessment Development Committee:* Open Session—10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.;

*Committee on Standards, Design and Methodology:* Open Session—10 a.m. to 11 a.m.; Closed Session—11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

*Reporting and Dissemination Committee:* Open Session—10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

*March 8:*

*Nominations Committee:* Closed Session—7:15 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.

*Full Board:* Closed Session—9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.; Open Session—9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

*Location:* Albuquerque Marriott Hotel, 2101 Louisiana Boulevard, NE., Albuquerque, NM 87110.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Munira Mwalimu, Operations Officer, National Assessment Governing Board, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Suite 825, Washington, DC 20002-4233, *Telephone:* (202) 357-6938.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Assessment Governing Board is established under section 412 of the National Education Statistics Act of 1994, as amended.

The Board is established to formulate policy guidelines for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). The Board's responsibilities include selecting subject areas to be assessed, developing assessment specifications and frameworks, developing appropriate student achievement levels for each grade and subject tested, developing standards and procedures for interstate and national comparisons, developing guidelines for reporting and disseminating results, and releasing initial NAEP results to the public.

On March 6, the Executive Committee will meet in open session from 4:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. and in closed session from 5:15 p.m. to 6 p.m. During the closed session, the Executive Committee will receive a briefing from the National Center for Education Statistics on contract options for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) 2008-2012 assessment years, based on funding for Fiscal Years 2008-2009. The discussion of contract options and costs will address the implications for congressionally mandated goals and adherence to Board policies on NAEP assessments. This part of the meeting must be conducted in closed session because public discussion of this information would disclose independent government costs estimates and contract options, adversely impacting the confidentiality of the contracting process. The meeting must therefore be conducted in closed session as disclosure of technical and cost data would significantly impede implementation of the NAEP contract awards, and is therefore protected by exemption 9(B) of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

On March 7, the full Board will meet in open session from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. The Board will approve the agenda and a new Board member will be administered the Oath of Office. The Governing Board will receive a report from the Executive Director and hear an update on the work of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES).

On March 7, the full Board will meet in closed session from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. to receive a briefing on confidential student test results and secure test questions from the NAEP 2007 Puerto Rico Mathematics Assessment at grades 4 and 8. The Governing Board will be provided with confidential test data that has not been released to the public and cannot be discussed in an open meeting prior to their official release. The meeting must therefore be conducted in closed session as premature disclosure of data would significantly impede implementation of the NAEP program, and is therefore protected by exemption 9(B) of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

On March 7, the Assessment Development Committee and the Reporting and Dissemination Committee will meet in open session from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Committee on Standards, Design and Methodology will meet in open session from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and in closed session from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. During the closed session, the Committee on Standards, Design and Methodology will discuss contract options for setting achievement levels on the 2009 NAEP reading, mathematics and science. The meeting must be conducted in closed session as the Committee will discuss confidential procurement options and independent government cost estimates. Public disclosure of this information, prior to release of the Request for Proposals would release confidential information and provide unfair advantage to potential bidders present at the meeting. This would significantly impede implementation of the NAEP program, and is therefore protected by exemption 9(B) of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

On March 7, the full Board will meet in closed session from 12:45 p.m. to 2 p.m. to receive a briefing from the National Center of Education Statistics on results of the 2007 NAEP Writing Report Card. The Governing Board will be provided with embargoed data on the results of the 2007 Writing Report Card that cannot be discussed in an open meeting prior to their official release. The meeting must therefore be conducted in closed session as premature disclosure of data would significantly impede implementation of the NAEP program, and is therefore