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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Assessment Governing Board; Meeting

AGENCY: National Assessment Governing Board; Education.

ACTION: Notice of Closed Teleconference Meeting.

SUMMARY: The notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming closed teleconference 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.

DATES: December 15, 2008.

Time: 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

Location: Via Teleconference.

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 Governing 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 Monday, December 15, 2008, the full Board will hold a closed teleconference meeting from 200 p.m. to 400 p.m. to review and discuss the qualifications of individuals to fill the vacant position of Executive Director of the National Assessment Governing Board. Based on these discussions, the full Board will approve the hire of the Executive Director. These discussions pertain solely to internal personnel rules and practices of an agency and will disclose information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute an unwarranted invasion of

personal privacy. As such, the discussions are protected by exemptions 2 and 6 of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

A summary of the activities of the closed teleconference, and related matters which are informative to the public and consistent with the policy of section 552b(c), will be available to the public within 14 days after the meeting. Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, National Assessment Governing Board, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Suite 825, Washington DC 20002, from 8:30 a.m. to 500 p.m.

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Dated: November 20, 2008.

Mary Crovo,

Interim Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board, U.S. Department of Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Formal Recognition of High-Performance Green Building Partnership Consortia

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

ACTION: Request for submission of qualifications; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Building Technologies Program (BTP), within DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, is seeking submissions from qualified groups for formal recognition as High-Performance Green Building Partnership Consortia under section 421 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA), Public Law No. 110-140. Groups seeking

recognition will need to satisfy the representation qualifications as stated in paragraph (f) of that section. DOE's recognition of a group as a consortium will not guarantee any Federal funding. Further, DOE is requesting comment on possible factors for consideration in future competitive selection of an entity as a supporting consortia and potential research, development, and deployment partnerships.

DATES: Letters from groups seeking recognition must be received at the address below no later than February 2, 2009. Comments on potential future competitive selections must be received at the address below no later than February 2, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Drury B. Crawley, Commercial Buildings Team Lead, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Building Technologies, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121. E-mail: drury.crawley@ee.doe.gov; telephone: (202) 586-2344.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The 4.7 million commercial buildings in the United States have a collective footprint of about 74 billion square feet. The public and private sectors annually spend \$286 billion on new capital construction and \$177 billion for building renovation. Commercial buildings' energy demand, including lighting, heating, cooling, water heating, ventilation, and electronics, consume 18 percent of the Nation's primary energy, and 35 percent of its electricity. Commercial buildings in the United States consume 18 quads¹ annually—a total annual “utility bill” of more than \$155 billion.

Considering construction, renovation, and energy expenditures, Federal, State, and local governments and individuals invest over half a trillion dollars per year in the commercial sector of the built environment.

Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007

Sections 421, 422, and 423 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 address the development of commercial high-performance green buildings. (42 U.S.C. 17081, 17082 and 17083) Section 421 of EISA directs the Secretary of Energy to appoint a Director of Commercial High-Performance Green Buildings (Commercial Director). (42

¹ Quad is a quadrillion BTU and equals 10¹⁵ BTU. See the *2007 Buildings Energy Data Book*, Chapter 6: Quad Equivalents, internet link at: http://buildingsdatabook.eren.doe.gov/?id=view_book&c=6.