

consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in accordance with Section 7 of the federal Endangered Species Act. The Corps will also be consulting with the State Historic Preservation Officer under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act concerning properties listed, or potentially eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places.

A public scoping meeting for the EIS will be held on January 29, 2009, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Rancho Cordova City Hall, 2729 Prospect Park Drive, American River Room—South, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Interested parties can provide oral and written comments at the meetings. Interested parties may also submit written comments on this notice. Scoping comments should be submitted before March 15, 2009 but may be submitted at any time prior to publication of the Draft EIS.

Interested parties may register for the Corps' public notice e-mail notification lists at: <http://www.spk.usace.army.mil/organizations/cespk-co/regulatory/pnlist.html>.

Dated: December 5, 2008.

**Thomas C. Chapman,**

*Colonel, U.S. Army, District Engineer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### Chief of Engineers Environmental Advisory Board

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following committee meeting:

*Name of Committee:* Chief of Engineers Environmental Advisory Board (EAB).

*Topic:* The EAB will discuss national considerations related to ecosystem restoration through integrated water resources management with emphasis on building collaborative partnerships, and the implementation of the Environmental Operating Principles.

*Date of Meeting:* January 15, 2009.

*Place:* Marines' Memorial Club and Hotel, 609 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA

*Time:* 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Thirty minutes will be set aside for public comment. Members of the public

who wish to speak are asked to register prior to the start of the meeting. Registration will begin at 8:30. Statements are limited to 3 minutes.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Rennie Sherman, Executive Secretary, [rennie.h.sherman@usace.army.mil](mailto:rennie.h.sherman@usace.army.mil), 202-761-7771.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The EAB advises the Chief of Engineers by providing expert and independent advice on environmental issues facing the Corps of Engineers. The public meeting will include discussion between the EAB and the Chief of Engineers as well as presentations by the EAB and Corps staff. The meeting is open to the public, and public comment is tentatively scheduled for 30 minutes beginning at 11:15 a.m.

**Brenda S. Bowen,**

*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, 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 January 15, 2009.

**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, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or faxed to (202) 395-6974.

**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: December 10, 2008.

**Angela C. Arrington,**

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

## Institute of Education Sciences

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* 2007-2008 Teacher

Compensation Survey.

*Frequency:* Annually.

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

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

*Responses:* 30.

*Burden Hours:* 7,396.

*Abstract:* This is a request for the Teacher Compensation Survey, which is part of the system clearance for cognitive, pilot, and field test studies. This survey will collect data from approximately 30 states on salary, benefits and teaching experience of public school teachers in the United States. State Education Agencies will submit this data electronically to the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) through a secure Web site using a predetermined record layout.

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 3855. 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 the Internet address [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

### National Assessment Governing Board; Proposed Information Collection

**AGENCY:** National Assessment Governing Board.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The National Assessment Governing Board, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the Governing Board is soliciting comments concerning a survey of higher education institutions it is conducting in connection with designing the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) to report on the preparedness of 12th grade students for placement into entry-level college-credit coursework.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before February 17, 2008 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Ray Fields, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC 20002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the draft survey should be directed to Ray Fields through the Internet at [Ray.Fields@ed.gov](mailto:Ray.Fields@ed.gov), at the National Assessment Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC, 20002, or at 202-357-0395.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Survey of Placement Tests and Cut-Scores in Higher Education Institutions.

*Abstract:* The congressionally authorized National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) reports to the public on the achievement of students at grades 4, 8, and 12 in core subjects. The National Assessment Governing Board oversees and sets policy for NAEP. NAEP and the Governing Board are authorized under the National Assessment of Educational

Progress Authorization Act (Pub. L. 107-279).

Among the Board's responsibilities is "to improve the form, content, use, and reporting of [NAEP results]." Toward this end, the Governing Board plans to enable NAEP at the 12th grade to report on the academic preparedness of 12th grade students in reading and mathematics for entry level college credit coursework.

The Governing Board has planned a program of research studies to support the validity of statements about 12th grade student preparedness that would be made in NAEP reports, beginning with the 2009 assessments in 12th grade reading and mathematics. Among the studies planned is a survey of 2-year and 4-year institutions of higher education about the tests and test scores used to place students into entry level college credit coursework leading to a degree and into non-credit remedial or developmental programs in reading and/or mathematics. The data resulting from this survey will be used to help develop valid statements that can be made about the preparedness of 12th grade students in NAEP reports.

*Current Actions:* There are no current actions.

*Type of Review:* New Information Collection.

*Affected Public:* Institutions of Higher Education.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 3,700.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 25 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden*

*Hours:* 1,542 hours, one time only.

*The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:*

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. There is no requirement for recordkeeping. Information provided by respondents will be kept confidential; there will be no reporting of results by individual institution.

*Request for Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on:

- (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility;
- (b) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology;

(e) Estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information;

(f) Issues to consider in defining the terms "remedial" and/or "developmental" as they apply to preparatory or non-credit coursework in reading and mathematics at any institution providing postsecondary coursework;

(g) Issues to consider in defining the term postsecondary "entry-level, credit-bearing coursework leading to a degree";

(h) Methods for identifying exemplar programs, *i.e.*, occupations that do not require an Associate's or higher degree, but do require training beyond high school and the remedial/developmental as well as entry-level courses in those programs; and

(i) The names of, or methods for identifying, the most common entry-level programs at two-year colleges, four-year colleges/universities, and vocational/technical and occupational colleges.

Dated: December 11, 2008.

**Ray Fields,**

*Authorized Agency Paperwork Contact,  
National Assessment Governing Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools; Overview Information; Grant Competition for the Cooperative Civic Education and Economic Education Exchange Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number:* 84.304A.

**DATES**

*Applications Available:* December 16, 2008.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* January 15, 2009.

*Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:* March 16, 2009.

**Full Text of Announcement**

**I. Funding Opportunity Description**

*Purpose of Program:* The Cooperative Civic Education and Economic