

Students with Disabilities (SD) and English Language Learners (ELL) will meet in open session from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Thereafter, the Executive Committee will meet in open session from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and in closed session from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. During the closed session on March 4, the Executive Committee will receive a briefing from the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) on options for NAEP contracts covering the 2010–2012 assessment years, based on funding for Fiscal Year 2010–2011. 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 cost estimates and contracting options, adversely impacting the confidentiality of the contracting process. Public disclosure of information discussed would significantly impede implementation of the NAEP contracts, and is therefore protected by exemption 9(B) of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

On March 5, the full Board will meet in open session from 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. The Board will review and approve the meeting agenda and meeting minutes from the November 2009 Board meeting. This session will be followed by a report from the Governing Board's Executive Director and an update from the Deputy Commissioner of Education Statistics on the work of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). Thereafter the Board will recess for Committee meetings from 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

From 9:30 a.m. to 11:15 p.m. on March 5, the Assessment Development Committee will meet in open session, followed by a closed session from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. During the closed session, the Committee will receive briefings on NAEP assessment development topics related to science interactive computer tasks at grades 4, 8, and 12, reading vocabulary items at grades 4, 8, and 12, and the writing computer-based assessment at grades 8 and 12. The Board will be provided with embargoed test items data that cannot be discussed in an open meeting prior to their official release. Premature disclosure of data would significantly impede implementation of the NAEP assessments in the subjects, and is therefore protected by exemption 9(B) of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

On March 5, the Committee on Standards, Design and Methodology will meet in closed session from 11:30

a.m. to 12:15 p.m. to receive and discuss results of the science achievement levels setting process implemented on January 28–31, 2010. The Board will be provided with embargoed achievement level data that have not yet been released to the public and therefore cannot be discussed in an open meeting. Premature disclosure of data would significantly impede implementation of the NAEP assessment program, and is therefore protected by exemption 9(B) of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

The Reporting and Dissemination Committee will meet in open session on March 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Thereafter, the full Board will meet in closed session from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. to receive a briefing on the 2009 NAEP Reading Report Card for Grades 4 and 8. The Board will be provided with embargoed results that cannot be discussed in an open meeting prior to their official release. Premature disclosure of data would significantly impede implementation of the NAEP assessments in the subjects, and is therefore protected by exemption 9(B) of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

Following this closed session, the full Board will meet in open session from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. to receive a briefing on the NAEP evaluation on achievement levels and reporting NAEP results. From 2:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. the Board will discuss recommended Board actions on the following items:

- (1) Modification of NAEP Reading Achievement Level Descriptions.
- (2) Governing Board Policy on Testing and Reporting on Students with Disabilities and English Language Learners.
- (3) NAEP Technological Literacy Framework.

The March 5, 2010 Board meeting is scheduled to conclude at 5:00 p.m.

On March 6, the Nominations Committee will meet in closed session from 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. to discuss final candidates being proposed to the Board for appointment terms beginning October 1, 2010. From 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. the full Board will meet in closed session to take action on the final slate of candidates proposed by the Nominations Committee for submission to Secretary Arne Duncan. 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.

The full Board will meet in open session on March 6 from 9:00 a.m. to

10:00 a.m. to receive a briefing on NAEP quality assurance. From 10:00 a.m. to noon, the Board will receive Committee reports and take action on Committee recommendations.

The March 6, 2010 session of the Board meeting is scheduled to adjourn at 12:00 p.m.

Detailed minutes of the meeting, including summaries of the activities of the closed sessions and related matters that are informative to the public and consistent with the policy of section 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) will be available to the public within 14 days of 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, Suite #825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Efficient Building Systems Regional Innovation Cluster Initiative—Joint Federal Funding Opportunity Announcement Information Session

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).
ACTION: Notice of public meeting and webcast.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a conference and webcast for potential applicants and other interested parties to learn about the Joint Federal Funding Opportunity Announcement (see

www.energy.gov/hubs/eric.htm issued on February 8, 2010, titled the Energy Efficient Building Systems Regional Innovation Cluster Initiative. A single proposal submitted by a consortium of applicants will be funded at a total of up to \$129.7 million over 5 years to foster a regional innovation cluster focused on innovation in energy efficient building technologies and systems design. The DOE funded Energy Efficient Building Systems Design Hub (the "Hub") will serve as a centerpiece of the regional innovation cluster (the "Energy Regional Innovation Cluster" or "E-RIC") and will work to disseminate new technologies into the local marketplace and share best practices with the public and private sectors. By linking researchers in the Hub with local businesses and supporting specialized workforce education and training in the area, the E-RIC will create an economically dynamic region focused on energy efficient buildings technologies and systems design. The Hub, one of three Energy Innovation Hubs to be created by the DOE in Fiscal Year 2010, will bring together a multidisciplinary team of researchers ideally working under one roof to conduct high-risk, high-reward research that overcomes technology challenges through approaches that span basic research to engineering development to commercialization readiness. The Hub will work with key partners funded by EDA, NIST, SBA, DOL, ED and NSF to foster the Energy Regional Innovation Cluster and leverage the collective resources and expertise of the seven federal agencies involved. At this public meeting, representatives from these agencies will discuss the goals and requirements of the joint FOA and answer any questions. To attend the conference or participate in the webcast, please go to <http://www.energy.gov/hubs/apply.htm> and follow the link to the information session site. Please identify your affiliation and state whether you will attend the in-person conference or participate in the webcast.

DATES: Monday, February 22, 2010, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. (Registration begins at 9 a.m.)

ADDRESSES: Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center Amphitheater (Concourse Level—closest to Pennsylvania Ave entrance), 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Megan Gatten at MGatten@smithbucklin.com.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Purpose of the Meeting: To communicate the goals and

requirements of the Joint Federal Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) for the Energy Efficient Building Systems Regional Innovation Cluster Initiative and to answer questions related to the FOA.

Tentative Agenda (Subject To Change)

- 9 a.m.–10 a.m. Registration
- 10 a.m.–10:15 a.m. Welcome and Overview of RIC Interagency Taskforce
- 10:15 a.m.–11:10 a.m. Overview of Regional Innovation Clusters
- 11:10 a.m.–11:30 a.m. The Need for Energy Efficient Building Innovations
- 11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m. Overview of the Joint FOA
- 12:15 p.m.–1:15 p.m. Lunch Break
- 1:15 p.m.–4 p.m. Presentations by Participating Agencies
- 4 p.m.–4:30 p.m. Discussion of submission requirements and procedures
- 4:30 p.m.–4:50 p.m. Break
- 4:50 p.m.–5:50 p.m. Questions and Answers
- 5:50 p.m.–6 p.m. Closing Remarks

Public Participation: In keeping with procedures, members of the stakeholder community and the general public are welcome to observe the business of the conference and to submit their questions. To attend the conference or participate in the webcast, please go to <http://www.energy.gov/hubs/apply.htm> and follow the link to the information session site. Please state whether you will attend the in-person conference or participate in the webcast, and what organization you represent (if appropriate).

Reasonable provision will be made to answer all questions during the meeting and webcast. If you would like to file a written question, you may do so at the meeting or during the webcast, or by contacting the appropriate person identified on the E-RIC Web site at http://www.energy.gov/hubs/contact_us.htm.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review at <http://www.energy.gov/hubs/eric.htm>.

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Henry Kelly,

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-730); Comment Request; Submitted for OMB Review

February 3, 2010.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review of the information collection requirements. Any interested person may file comments directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission received no comments in response to the **Federal Register** notice (74 FR 59146, 11/17/2009) and has noted that in its submission to OMB.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due by March 22, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Address comments on the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. Comments to OMB should be filed electronically, [c/o oira_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:c/o_oir_submission@omb.eop.gov) and include OMB Control Number 1902-0238 as a point of reference. The Desk Officer may be reached by telephone at 202-395-4638. A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and should refer to Docket No. IC10-730-001. Comments may be filed either electronically or in paper format. Those persons filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. Documents filed electronically via the Internet must be prepared in an acceptable filing format and in compliance with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission submission guidelines. Complete filing instructions (including the required number of copies and acceptable filing formats) are available at <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide/electronic-media.asp>. To file the document electronically, access the Commission's Web site and click on Documents & Filing, E-Filing (<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>),