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This proposed extension of project period and waiver does not contain any information collection requirements.

**Intergovernmental Review**

This program is subject to the requirements of Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79. One of the objectives of the Executive order is to foster an intergovernmental partnership and a strengthened federalism. The Executive order relies on processes developed by State and local governments for coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance. This document provides early notification of our specific plans and actions for this program.

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Dated: June 2, 2011.

**Alexa Posny,**

*Assistant Secretary, for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION****Proposed Priority for the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program**

**AGENCY:** Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed priority.

**Overview Information**

[CFDA: 84.133A-13]

Notice of Proposed Priority; National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR)—

Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program—Disability and Rehabilitation Research Project (DRRP)—Center on Knowledge Translation for Disability and Rehabilitation Research (KTDRR Center).

**SUMMARY:** The Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services proposes a priority for the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program administered by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR). Specifically, this notice proposes a priority for a center on knowledge translation for disability and rehabilitation research (KTDRR Center). The Assistant Secretary may use this priority for a competition in fiscal year (FY) 2011 and later years. We take this action to focus research attention on areas of national need.

**DATES:** We must receive your comments on or before July 7, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Address all comments about this notice to Marlene Spencer, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 5133, Potomac Center Plaza (PCP), Washington, DC 20202-2700.

If you prefer to send your comments by e-mail, use the following address: [Marlene.Spencer@ed.gov](mailto:Marlene.Spencer@ed.gov). You must include "Proposed Priority for KTDRR Center" in the subject line of your electronic message.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marlene Spencer. Telephone: (202) 245-7532 or by e-mail: [Marlene.Spencer@ed.gov](mailto:Marlene.Spencer@ed.gov).

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice of proposed priority is in concert with NIDRR's currently approved Long-Range Plan (Plan). The Plan, which was published in the **Federal Register** on February 15, 2006 (71 FR 8165), can be accessed on the Internet at the following site: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/nidrr/policy.html>.

Through the implementation of the Plan, NIDRR seeks to: (1) Improve the quality and utility of disability and rehabilitation research; (2) foster an exchange of expertise, information, and training to facilitate the advancement of knowledge and understanding of the unique needs of traditionally underserved populations; (3) determine best strategies and programs to improve rehabilitation outcomes for underserved populations; (4) identify research gaps; (5) identify mechanisms of integrating

research and practice; and (6) disseminate findings.

This notice proposes a priority that NIDRR intends to use for a DRRP competition in FY 2011 and possibly later years. However, nothing precludes NIDRR from publishing additional priorities, if needed. Furthermore, NIDRR is under no obligation to make an award for this priority. The decision to make an award will be based on the quality of applications received and available funding.

*Invitation to Comment:* We invite you to submit comments regarding this notice. To ensure that your comments have maximum effect in developing the notice of final priority, we urge you to identify clearly the specific topic that each comment addresses.

We invite you to assist us in complying with the specific requirements of Executive Order 12866 and its overall requirement of reducing regulatory burden that might result from this proposed priority. Please let us know of any further ways we could reduce potential costs or increase potential benefits while preserving the effective and efficient administration of the program.

During and after the comment period, you may inspect all public comments about this proposed priority in room 5133, 550 12th Street, SW., Potomac Center Plaza, Washington, DC, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Washington, DC time, Monday through Friday of each week except Federal holidays.

*Assistance to Individuals with Disabilities in Reviewing the Rulemaking Record:* On request we will provide an appropriate accommodation or auxiliary aid to an individual with a disability who needs assistance to review the comments or other documents in the public rulemaking record for this notice. If you want to schedule an appointment for this type of accommodation or auxiliary aid, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

*Purpose of Program:* The purpose of the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program is to plan and conduct research, demonstration projects, training, and related activities, including international activities, to develop methods, procedures, and rehabilitation technology, that maximize the full inclusion and integration into society, employment, independent living, family support, and economic and social self-sufficiency of individuals with disabilities, especially individuals with the most severe disabilities, and to improve the effectiveness of services

authorized under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (Rehabilitation Act).

**Program Authority:** 29 U.S.C. 762(g) and 764(a).

*Applicable Program Regulations:* 34 CFR part 350.

### Proposed Priority

This notice contains one proposed priority.

### Center on Knowledge Translation for Disability and Rehabilitation Research (KTDRR Center)

#### Background

NIDRR's mission is to generate new knowledge and promote its effective use to improve the abilities of people with disabilities to perform activities of their choice in the community, and to expand society's capacity to provide full opportunities and accommodations for its citizens with disabilities (NIDRR Long Range Plan, 2006). Ensuring that research results can be used to inform decisions made by individuals with disabilities and their family members, disability advocates, service providers, researchers, educators, administrators, policymakers, and others is a critical goal in this mission.

Research is often not used by decisionmakers either because they are not aware of the research findings, or because they lack access to research findings in usable forms. In addition, to reap the full benefits of the research being disseminated, potential users must have information that enables them to judge the quality of the research and the strength of the evidence (particularly where there are competing research claims) as well as the relevance of the findings or products to their particular needs. The information being disseminated must be of high quality and be based on scientifically rigorous research.

In order to increase the impact of NIDRR-funded research, a strategic, comprehensive, and ongoing effort is needed to facilitate the effective use of research findings. NIDRR has adopted the conceptual framework of knowledge translation (KT) to help guide its efforts to promote the effective use of research findings. Knowledge translation in the NIDRR context refers to a multidimensional, active process of ensuring that new knowledge and products gained via research and development reach intended audiences; are understood by these audiences; and are used to improve participation of individuals with disabilities in society. KT encompasses all steps from the

creation of new knowledge to the synthesis, dissemination, and implementation of such knowledge (Canadian Institutes of Health Research, 2010), and is built upon continuing interactions and partnerships within and between different groups of knowledge creators and users.

Systematic review, an important step within the KT process, employs an objective and transparent method to identify, evaluate, and synthesize the research on a particular topic. A systematic review involves a comprehensive and systematic search of the research literature on a topic for relevant studies, which are then evaluated using pre-determined, objective criteria for relevance and methodological rigor. In a systematic review, the evidence from relevant studies that meet the pre-determined criteria is then analyzed and synthesized, with the standard of evidence applicable to particular findings clearly identified. In order to ensure that the information is current, systematic reviews should be updated and improved at regular intervals. We encourage potential applicants to examine procedures used by such organizations as the Campbell Collaboration (<http://www.campbellcollaboration.org/>), the Cochrane Collaboration (<http://www.cochrane.org/>), the Department of Education What Works Clearinghouse (<http://www.w-w-c.org/>), and the Evidence for Policy and Practice Information and Coordinating Center (<http://eppi.ioe.ac.uk/cms/>) for more information on systematic reviews.

NIDRR previously funded the National Center for the Dissemination of Disability Research (NCDDR) to support and implement its KT efforts. The NCDDR made progress in many areas, including identification of standards, guidelines, and methods that are appropriate for systematic reviews of disability and rehabilitation research; development of partnerships with existing collaborations and registries to facilitate systematic reviews of disability and rehabilitation research topics; development of informational materials on KT; and provision of technical assistance on KT methods to NIDRR grantees. With this priority, NIDRR proposes to fund a center on knowledge translation for disability and rehabilitation research (KTDRR Center). The KTDRR Center will continue and expand upon the previous work of the NCDDR by leading NIDRR's KT efforts. These KT efforts will allow NIDRR grantees to stay current with new advances in KT practices. These practices include, for example, methods

for systematic reviews of social science and public policy research topics for which little experimental evidence exists, and emerging strategies and approaches for meaningful inclusion of intended audiences in the research process. In addition, the KTDRR Center will serve the important role of providing ongoing capacity building and technical assistance to support NIDRR's grantees in their KT efforts.

#### References

Canadian Institutes of Health Research (2010). More About Knowledge Translation at CIHR. <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/39033.html>.

NIDRR (2006). Notice of Final Long Range Plan. (71 FR 8165), see: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/nidrr/policy.html>.

#### Proposed Priority

The Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services proposes a priority for a center on knowledge translation for disability and rehabilitation research (KTDRR Center). The purpose of the KTDRR Center is to promote the use of high-quality disability and rehabilitation research that is relevant to the needs of intended audiences by serving as the main knowledge translation (KT) resource for other NIDRR grantees, including NIDRR grantees that serve as KT centers (NIDRR KT Centers). The KTDRR Center's work will also be available to researchers who are not NIDRR grantees, as well as to the public.

For purposes of this priority, KT refers to a multidimensional, active process of ensuring that new knowledge and products gained via research and development reach intended audiences; are understood by these audiences; and are used to improve participation of individuals with disabilities in society. KT encompasses all steps from the creation of new knowledge to the synthesis, dissemination, and implementation of such knowledge, and is built upon continuing interactions and partnerships within and between different groups of knowledge creators and users.

Under this priority, the KTDRR Center must contribute to the following outcomes:

(a) Increased use of valid and relevant disability and rehabilitation research findings to inform decision-making by individuals with disabilities and their family members, disability advocates, service providers, researchers, educators, administrators, policy-makers, and others. The KTDRR Center must contribute to this outcome by—

(1) Identifying standards, guidelines, and methods that are appropriate for

conducting systematic reviews and developing research syntheses on disability and rehabilitation research. NIDRR grantees must be able to use these standards, guidelines, and methods to systematically assess and describe the rigor of the research, and the quality and relevance of the evidence being considered. The standards used to assess and describe the rigor of the research and the quality of the evidence must be consistent with the definitions of strong and moderate evidence in the notice of final supplemental priorities and definitions for discretionary grant programs published in the **Federal Register** on December 15, 2010 (75 FR 78486);

(2) Providing NIDRR grantees with technical assistance on conducting systematic reviews and developing research syntheses in the grantee's area of expertise, using standards, guidelines, and methods that the KTDRR Center identifies pursuant to paragraph (a)(1) of this priority. In so doing, the KTDRR Center must choose appropriate standards, guidelines, or methods, taking into account the types of research and stages of knowledge development in the substantive area(s) being reviewed; and

(3) Providing NIDRR grantees with technical assistance on how to use KT practices that are appropriate for their intended audiences, to promote the use of systematic reviews and research syntheses in the grantee's area of expertise.

(b) Increased knowledge of KT principles and use of current KT practices among NIDRR grantees, including NIDRR KT Centers. The KTDRR Center must contribute to this outcome by—

(1) Providing NIDRR grantees with technical assistance on how to disseminate their research findings using formats and dissemination channels that are appropriate for the intended audiences;

(2) Synthesizing and disseminating information from the KT literature that can be used to improve KT practices used by NIDRR grantees, including other NIDRR KT Centers;

(3) Identifying and showcasing promising KT practices employed by NIDRR KT Centers, other NIDRR grantees, and other entities to increase the use of disability and rehabilitation research findings by individuals with disabilities and their family members, disability advocates, service providers, researchers, educators, administrators, policy-makers, and others;

(4) Facilitating the exchange of KT information among other NIDRR

grantees, including other NIDRR KT Centers;

(5) Organizing and sponsoring events (e.g., conferences, workshops, webinars, and other appropriate training events) to build KT capacity among NIDRR grantees; and

(6) Providing technical assistance on KT to other NIDRR KT Centers and other NIDRR grantees, upon request of those centers and grantees.

#### *Types of Priorities*

When inviting applications for a competition using one or more priorities, we designate the type of each priority as absolute, competitive preference, or invitational through a notice in the **Federal Register**. The effect of each type of priority follows:

*Absolute priority:* Under an absolute priority, we consider only applications that meet the priority (34 CFR 75.105(c)(3)).

*Competitive preference priority:* Under a competitive preference priority, we give competitive preference to an application by (1) awarding additional points, depending on the extent to which the application meets the priority (34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i)); or (2) selecting an application that meets the priority over an application of comparable merit that does not meet the priority (34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(ii)).

*Invitational priority:* Under an invitational priority, we are particularly interested in applications that meet the priority. However, we do not give an application that meets the priority a preference over other applications (34 CFR 75.105(c)(1)).

#### *Final Priority*

We will announce the final priority in a notice in the **Federal Register**. We will determine the final priority after considering responses to this notice and other information available to the Department. This notice does not preclude us from proposing additional priorities, requirements, definitions, or selection criteria, subject to meeting applicable rulemaking requirements.

**Note:** This notice does *not* solicit applications. In any year in which we choose to use this priority, we invite applications through a notice in the **Federal Register**.

*Executive Order 12866:* This notice has been reviewed in accordance with Executive Order 12866. Under the terms of the order, we have assessed the potential costs and benefits of this proposed regulatory action.

The potential costs associated with this proposed regulatory action are those resulting from statutory requirements and those we have

determined as necessary for administering this program effectively and efficiently.

In assessing the potential costs and benefits—both quantitative and qualitative—of this proposed regulatory action, we have determined that the benefits of the proposed priority justify the costs.

#### *Discussion of Costs and Benefits*

The benefits of the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Programs have been well established over the years in that similar projects have been completed successfully. This proposed priority will generate new knowledge through research and development. Another benefit of this proposed priority is that the establishment of new DRRPs will improve the lives of individuals with disabilities. The new DRRP will generate, disseminate, and promote the use of new information that will improve the options for individuals with disabilities to perform regular activities in the community.

*Intergovernmental Review:* This program is not subject to Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79.

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Dated: June 2, 2011.  
**Alexa Posny,**  
*Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.*  
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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

**Sunshine Act Meeting; Open Commission Meeting; Thursday, June 9, 2011**

**DATES:** June 2, 2011.  
 The Federal Communications Commission will hold an Open Meeting on the subjects listed below on Thursday, June 9, 2011, which is

scheduled to commence at 10:30 a.m. in Room TW-C305, at 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC.

The meeting will include a presentation by the working group on the impact of technology on the information needs of communities. The Chief of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau and the Assistant Administrator of FEMA will also give a presentation regarding the Emergency Alert System.

Item No.	Bureau	Subject
1 .....	Wireline Competition .....	<i>Title:</i> Electronic Tariff Filing System (ETFS) (WC Docket No. 10-141). <i>Summary:</i> The Commission will consider a Report and Order that enables all carriers that file tariffs with the Commission to do so electronically, thereby streamlining their filing processes while also making tariff information more readily accessible to other carriers and the public.
2 .....	International Bureau .....	<i>Title:</i> The Establishment of Policies and Service Rules for the Broadcasting-Satellite Service at the 17.3-17.7 GHz Frequency Band and at the 17.7-17.8 GHz Frequency Band Internationally, and at the 24.75-25.25 GHz Frequency Band for Fixed Satellite Services Providing Feeder Links to the Broadcasting-Satellite Service and for the Satellite Services Operating Bi-directionally in the 17.3-17.8 GHz Frequency Band (IB Docket No. 06-123). <i>Summary:</i> The Commission will consider a Second Report and Order adopting technical rules to mitigate space path interference between the 17/24 GHz Broadcasting-Satellite Service (BSS) space stations and current and future Direct Broadcasting Service (DBS) space stations that operate in the same frequency band.

Reforms to certain of the Commission's procedural rules took effect June 1, 2011. See [http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily\\_Releases/Daily\\_Business/2011/db0415/FCC-11-11A1.pdf](http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2011/db0415/FCC-11-11A1.pdf). Pursuant to these rules, the Sunshine period will now begin at midnight on the day that the Open Meeting agenda (Sunshine notice) is released. Thus, the Sunshine period for the June 9, 2011 Meeting begins at midnight tonight. Note that under the revised rules, ex parte presentations made on the day the Sunshine notice is released relating to a covered proceeding must be filed by the next business day. For further information on revised rules relating to the Sunshine period and ex parte presentations, consult our Web site. See <http://www.fcc.gov/exparte>.

The meeting site is fully accessible to people using wheelchairs or other mobility aids. Sign language interpreters, open captioning, and assistive listening devices will be provided on site. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. In your request, include a description of the accommodation you will need and a way we can contact you if we need more information. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible to fill. Send an e-mail to: [fcc504@fcc.gov](mailto:fcc504@fcc.gov) or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (tty).

Additional information concerning this meeting may be obtained from

Audrey Spivack or David Fiske, Office of Media Relations, (202) 418-0500; TTY 1-888-835-5322. Audio/Video coverage of the meeting will be broadcast live with open captioning over the Internet from the FCC Live Web page at <http://www.fcc.gov/live>.

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Copies of materials adopted at this meeting can be purchased from the FCC's duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc. (202) 488-5300; Fax (202) 488-5563; TTY (202) 488-5562. These copies are available in paper format and alternative media, including large print/type; digital disk; and audio and video tape. Best Copy and Printing, Inc. may be reached by e-mail at [fcc@bcpiweb.com](mailto:fcc@bcpiweb.com).

Federal Communications Commission.  
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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Maritime Administration**

**Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review**

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, DOT.  
**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the Information Collection abstracted below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The nature of the information collection is described as well as its expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on March 4, 2011. No comments were received.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before July 7, 2011.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rita Jackson, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-0284; or E-mail: [rita.jackson@dot.gov](mailto:rita.jackson@dot.gov). Copies of this collection also can be obtained from that office.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Maritime Administration (MARAD)**

*Title of Collection:* Request for Waiver of Service Obligation, Request for