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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Advisory Commission on Accessible Instructional Materials in Postsecondary Education for Students With Disabilities

**AGENCY:** U. S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Advisory Commission on Accessible Instructional Materials in Postsecondary Education for Students With Disabilities.

**ACTION:** Notice of an open meeting and public hearing.

**SUMMARY:** The notice sets forth the schedule and agenda of the meeting of the Advisory Commission on Accessible Instructional Materials in Postsecondary Education for Students with Disabilities. The notice also describes the functions of the Commission. Notice of the meeting is required by section 10 (a) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and is intended to notify the public of its opportunity to attend.

**DATES:** Open Meeting: July 11-12, 2011. Public Hearing: July 12, 2011.

*Time:* July 11, 2011: The open meeting will occur from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

July 12, 2011: The open meeting will occur from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

The public hearing will take place from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The Sheraton Seattle, 1400 6th Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98101.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elizabeth Shook, Program Specialist, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, United States Department of Education, 550 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20202; telephone: (202) 245-7642, fax: 202-245-7638.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Advisory Commission on Accessible Instructional Materials in Postsecondary Education for Students with Disabilities (the Commission) is established under Section 772 of the Higher Education Opportunity Act, Public Law 110-315, dated August 14, 2008. The Commission is established to conduct a comprehensive study, which will—(I) "Assess the barriers and systemic issues that may affect, and technical solutions available that may improve, the timely delivery and quality of accessible instructional materials for postsecondary students with print disabilities, as well as the effective use of such materials by faculty and staff; and (II) make recommendations related to the development of a comprehensive approach to improve the opportunities for postsecondary students with print disabilities to access instructional materials in specialized formats in a time frame comparable to the availability of instructional materials for postsecondary nondisabled students."

In making recommendations for the study, "the Commission shall consider—(I) How students with print disabilities may obtain instructional materials in accessible formats within a time frame comparable to the availability of instructional materials for nondisabled students; and to the maximum extent practicable, at costs comparable to the costs of such materials for nondisabled students; (II) the feasibility and technical parameters of establishing standardized electronic file formats, such as the National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard as defined in Section 674(e)(3) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, to be provided by publishers of instructional materials to producers of materials in specialized formats, institutions of higher education, and eligible students; (III) the feasibility of establishing a national clearinghouse, repository, or file-sharing network for electronic files in specialized formats and files used in producing instructional materials in specialized formats, and a list of possible entities qualified to administer such clearinghouse, repository, or network; (IV) the feasibility of

establishing market-based solutions involving collaborations among publishers of instructional materials, producers of materials in specialized formats, and institutions of higher education; (V) solutions utilizing universal design; and (VI) solutions for low-incidence, high-cost requests for instructional materials in specialized formats."

The Commission will meet in open session on Monday and Tuesday, and will review and discuss the first draft of the Commission's report to the Secretary and Congress. The Commission will also receive briefings from subject matter experts on several different topics of interest.

The purpose of the public hearing is for the Commission to receive information from its stakeholders on issues pertaining to accessible instructional materials in postsecondary education. The public hearing session will address issues related to law, technology, the market model, and low-incidence/high-cost materials. Additionally, the public hearing will focus on individual experiences related to accessible instructional materials in postsecondary education.

Detailed minutes of the meeting and hearing, will be available to the public within 14 days of the meeting. Records are kept of all Commission proceedings and are available for public inspection at the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, United States Department of Education, 550 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20202, Monday-Friday during the hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### Additional Information

Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (e.g., interpreting services, assistive listening devices, or material in alternative format) should notify Elizabeth Shook at (202) 245-7642, no later than June 30, 2011. We will make every attempt to meet requests for accommodations after this date, but, cannot guarantee their availability. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Participants who wish to comment at the public hearing are encouraged to register in advance by calling Janet Gronneberg at CAST at 781-245-2212 (voice) or 781-245-9320 (TTY) or [jgronneberg@cast.org](mailto:jgronneberg@cast.org) by June 30, 2011. The Commission requests that organizations with multiple participants designate no more than one individual to speak on its behalf. Participants who will be testifying in person must report to the hearing registration desk at least thirty minutes prior to their scheduled

time. A period of time will be reserved for individuals who choose to not register in advance. Participation in the hearing for unregistered participants will be subject to availability. Comments should be limited to five minutes per person or organization, but participants have the option of supplementing their testimony with written statements that will be part of the official hearing record. The Commission will have technology to facilitate PowerPoint presentations as needed.

Members of the public who would like to offer comments as part of the public hearing remotely may submit written comments to [AIMCommission@ed.gov](mailto:AIMCommission@ed.gov) or by mail to Advisory Commission on Accessible Instructional Materials in Postsecondary Education for Students with Disabilities, 550 12th St., SW., Room PCP-5113, Washington, DC 20202. All submissions will become part of the public record.

Members of the public also have the option of participating in the open meeting and public hearing remotely. Remote access will be provided via an Internet webinar service utilizing VoIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol). For the July 11th, 2011 portion of the meeting from 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., the URL is <https://aimpsc.ilinc.com/join/yvbmysr>. The login will be available to the public starting at 8 a.m. (Pacific). On July 12th, the URL will be <https://aimpsc.ilinc.com/join/bbmtzsh> for the Commission meeting from 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m., and the login will be open to public at 8 a.m. (Pacific).

The URL for the public hearing portion of the meeting from 4 p.m.–9 p.m. will be <https://aimpsc.ilinc.com/join/yvbmjyr>. The login will open to public at 3:45 p.m. (Pacific). Login information is also provided via the Commission's public listserv at [psscpublic@lists.cast.org](mailto:psscpublic@lists.cast.org) and posted at the following site: <http://www2.ed.gov/about/bdscomm/list/aim/index.html>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Draft Competition Rules for a Global Appliance Efficiency Award for Televisions

**AGENCY:** Office of Policy and International Affairs, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of solicitation of comments.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is working with partner governments within the Super-efficient Equipment and Appliance Deployment (SEAD) Initiative of the Clean Energy Ministerial to conduct an international competition to identify the most efficient televisions (TVs) available on the market. Ultimately, the international competition will allow consumers to differentiate and choose the most efficient product in their region within a given size category. Pursued alongside direct outreach to appliance and consumer electronics industry associations, this notice is intended to announce the publication of the first draft program rules for the 2012 SEAD Global Appliance Efficiency Award for Televisions and to offer an opportunity for interested parties to offer input on the proposed structure of the competition. Regional winners of the competition will gain the right to use the award logo and branding (currently under development) in their marketing, and the best of the regional winners will be named the global winner, recognized at the subsequent Clean Energy Ministerial meeting of energy ministers from major economies.

**DATES:** Comments on the draft competition rules must be submitted no later than July 8, 2011. Final versions of the SEAD Awards Terms and Conditions and the 2012 Television Awards Rules will be completed by the end of 2011. It is anticipated that product nominations will be accepted from February 1, 2012 to May 1, 2012. The SEAD Initiative plans to announce its first international award winners by October 1, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** The draft program rules are posted for public download and review on the SEAD program Web site at: <http://www.superefficient.org/awards.php>. A comment form is available at: [\[www.superefficient.org/awards.php\]\(http://www.superefficient.org/awards.php\). Comments may also be submitted via email to \[awards@superefficient.org\]\(mailto:awards@superefficient.org\). Interested parties may subscribe to future Awards program updates at: <http://www.superefficient.org/awards.php#signup>.](http://</a></p>
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#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions about the television awards competition should be directed to: Mr. Stephen Pantano, SEAD Program Manager, Collaborative Labeling and Appliance Standards (CLASP), [spantano@clasponline.org](mailto:spantano@clasponline.org), or (202) 662-7440. (CLASP is the SEAD operating agent and will host the awards competition.) General questions about the awards program can be directed to: Mr. Arne Jacobson, Senior Advisor, DOE Office of Policy and International Affairs, at [arne.jacobson@hq.doe.gov](mailto:arne.jacobson@hq.doe.gov) or (202) 586-2402.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The SEAD Initiative was launched in July 2010 as part of the Clean Energy Ministerial's Global Energy Efficiency Challenge (<http://www.cleanenergyministerial.org>). The Clean Energy Ministerial is a global forum for accelerating the transition to clean energy technologies. SEAD's purpose is to leverage high-level political dialogue to advance on-the-ground appliance and equipment efficiency efforts. SEAD activities are conducted by five working groups, covering standards and test procedures, awards, procurement, incentives, and cross-cutting technical analysis.

Fourteen SEAD member governments announced plans for an international awards competition for super-efficient appliances at the second Clean Energy Ministerial in April 2011. DOE leads the multilateral Working Group that is developing the SEAD Awards competition together with SEAD initiative counterparts from Australia, Canada, Japan, Sweden, and the United Kingdom. The Awards Working Group has selected televisions as the product for this first annual awards competition, since TVs contribute about 6–8 percent of global residential electricity consumption. Subsequent rounds of the awards competition will focus on other major energy-using appliances that are internationally traded and can be evaluated using established, internationally-recognized test methods. The awards competition will address product categories on a rotating basis, with a given product type being featured every few years.

The 2012 SEAD Global Appliance Efficiency Awards for Televisions will allow consumers to differentiate and choose the most efficient product in their markets within a given size