

DATES: Submission of Comments:

Submit written comments to the address shown below on or before December 2, 2011. Comments received will be considered by DoD in the formation of a recommendation to the Secretary of Defense if a revision to the regulation or policy is necessary and appropriate.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to: Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, 3060 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3060, or e-mail to jeffrey.grover@osd.mil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jeff Grover, telephone 703-697-9352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Foreign Military Sales (FMS) Program is authorized under the Arms Export Control Act (AECA). The FMS program is an important instrument of U.S. foreign policy. It allows the United States to provide defense articles and defense services to friendly countries and international organizations in order to deter and defend against aggression, facilitate a common defense, address security issues of mutual strategic concern, and to strengthen the security of the United States. The sales agreement between the United States and a foreign country or international organization is executed via a Letter of Offer and Acceptance (LOA). Security Assistance Management Manual, DoD 5105.38-M, found at <http://www.dsca.osd.mil/samm/>, provides guidance for the administration and implementation of Security Assistance and related activities. The articles and services acquired via FMS sales are procured through the Department of Defense Acquisition System. In the LOA, the Department of Defense (DoD) promises that when procuring for the purchaser, DoD will, in general, employ the same contract clauses, the same contract administration, and the same quality and audit inspection procedures as would be used in DoD procurements. Pricing for FMS contracts typically use the same principles used in pricing of other defense contracts. However, the application of the pricing principles in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) parts 15 and 31 to an FMS contract may result in prices that differ from other defense contract prices for the same item. Direct costs associated with meeting a foreign customer's additional or unique requirements are allowable under such contracts. Indirect burden rates applicable to such direct costs are permitted at the same rates applicable to acquisitions of like items purchased by DoD for its own use. If the foreign government has conducted a competition resulting in adequate price competition as identified in FAR part

15, the contracting officer shall not require the submission of cost or pricing data. The contracting officer should consult with the foreign government through security assistance personnel to determine if adequate price competition has occurred. In accordance with the Presidential policy statement of April 16, 1990, DoD does not encourage, enter into, or commit U.S. firms to FMS offset arrangements. The decision whether to engage in offsets, and the responsibility for negotiating and implementing offset arrangements, resides with the companies involved. Relating to offset costs, a U.S. defense contractor may recover all costs incurred for offset agreements with a foreign government or international organization if the LOA is financed wholly with customer cash or repayable Foreign Military Financing (FMF) credits. The U.S. Government assumes no obligation to satisfy or administer the offset requirement or to bear any of the associated costs. Typically, costs not authorized under FAR part 31 are not allowable in pricing FMS contracts. On November 22, 2002, the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) was amended to increase FMS customer participation and acquisition transparency in DoD contracts awarded on behalf of FMS customers. DFARS subpart 225.73 provides authorization for FMS customers to participate in specifications development, delivery schedule planning, identification of warranties and other contractual requirements unique to the customer, as well as the review of pricing needed to make price-performance tradeoffs. This DFARS change encourages customer participation in both the acquisition process and industry discussions. Customers also are allowed to participate in the contract negotiation process within the limitations of DFARS subpart 225.73, to the degree authorized by the contracting officer (CO). This section specifically protects against unauthorized release of proprietary data and improper influence on the contracting process.

Mary Overstreet,

Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations System.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Air Force****U.S. Air Force Scientific Advisory Board Notice of Meeting**

AGENCY: US Air Force Scientific Advisory Board, Department of the Air Force, DoD.

ACTION: Meeting Cancellation Notice.

SUMMARY: Due to difficulties, beyond the control of the U.S. Air Force Scientific Advisory Board or its Designated Federal Officer, the Board must cancel its October 13-14, 2011 meeting of the U.S. Air Force Scientific Advisory Board (76 FR 57026, September 15, 2011). Since the Department of the Air Force is unable to file a **Federal Register** notice cancelling the meeting within the 15-calendar day period the Advisory Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.150(b), waives the 15-calendar day notification requirement. The meeting was cancelled due to lack of approval of the Fiscal Year 2012 Board membership. This meeting will not be rescheduled.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The United States Air Force Scientific Advisory Board Executive Director and Designated Federal Officer, Lt Col Matthew E. Zuber, 240-612-5503, United States Air Force Scientific Advisory Board, 1500 West Perimeter Road, Ste. #3300, Joint Base Andrews, MD 20762, matthew.zuber@pentagon.af.mil

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DAF, Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests**

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Education (the Department), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the reporting burden on the public and helps the public understand the Department's information collection

requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. The Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management, Office of Management, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 19, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or mailed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that Federal agencies provide interested parties an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: October 17, 2011.

Kate Mullan,

Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management.

Institute of Education Sciences

Type of Review: Revision.

Title of Collection: High School Longitudinal Study of 2009 (HSLs:09) High School Transcript Collection and College Update Field Test and Second Follow-up Panel Maintenance.

OMB Control Number: 1850-0852.

Agency Form Number(s): N/A.

Frequency of Responses: Annually.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 48,888.

Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 24,830.

Abstract: The High School Longitudinal Study of 2009 (HSLs:09) is a nationally representative, longitudinal study of more than 20,000 ninth graders in 944 schools who will be followed through their secondary and postsecondary years. The main study students will be re-surveyed in 2012 when most are high school 11th graders. The study focuses on understanding students' trajectories from the beginning of high school into university or the workforce and beyond. What students decide to pursue when, why, and how are crucial questions for HSLs:09, especially, but not solely, in regards to science, technology, engineering, and math courses, majors, and careers. This study includes a new student assessment in algebraic skills, reasoning, and problem solving and, like past studies, will survey students, their parents, school administrators, and school counselors. Students will be administered a questionnaire and an assessment instrument. This submission will ask for the clearance for a field test of the high school transcript collection and college update of HSLs:2009 high school students who were in 9th grade in the base year; second follow-up panel maintenance; and a 60-day waiver for the full scale submission for these activities.

Copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 4730. 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 ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202-401-0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection and OMB Control Number when making your request.

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

Notice of Submission for OMB Review

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Comment request.

SUMMARY: The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13).

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 21, 2011.

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, be faxed to (202) 395-5806 or e-mailed to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov with a cc: to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

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. The OMB is particularly interested in comments which: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: October 14, 2011.

Darrin King,

Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management.

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

Type of Review: Extension.