

Systems (GPS), time, and maintenance activity.

5. The Blue Force Tracker (BFT 1) System is used to denote a GPS enabled system that provides military commanders and forces with location information about military forces. The BFT is a subsystem of the Force XXI Battlefield Command Brigade and Below (FBCB2). The C-27J FBCB2 and BFT is integrated on other Ground and Aviation platforms such as the UH-60H, V-22, E-8, and AH-64D weapon systems. The FBCB2 BFT system consists of four subsystems: Mobile Tracking and Messaging, GPS, Network and Digital Group, and Electronic Data Manager (EDM). The system displays the location of the host vehicle on the computer's terrain-map display, along with the locations of other platforms in their respective locations. It can also be used to send and receive simple text and imagery messages. FBCB2 BFT has a mechanism for reporting the locations of enemy forces and other battlefield conditions.

6. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures which might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Defense Business Board (DBB); Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** DoD.

**ACTION:** Meeting notice.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.150, the Department of Defense announces the following Federal advisory committee meeting of the Defense Business Board (DBB).

**DATES:** The public meeting of the Defense Business Board (hereafter referred to as "the Board") will be held on Thursday, January 19, 2012. The meeting will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 9 a.m. (Escort required; See guidance in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**, "Public's Accessibility to the Meeting.")

**ADDRESSES:** Room 3E863 in the Pentagon, Washington, DC (escort required; See guidance in

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**, "Public's Accessibility to the Meeting.")

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Board's Designated Federal Officer (DFO) is Phyllis Ferguson, Defense Business Board, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Room 5B1088A, Washington, DC 20301-1155, [Phyllis.ferguson@osd.mil](mailto:Phyllis.ferguson@osd.mil), (703) 695-7563. For meeting information please contact Ms. Debora Duffy, Defense Business Board, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Room 5B1088A, Washington, DC 20301-1155, [Debora.Duffy@osd.mil](mailto:Debora.Duffy@osd.mil), (703) 697-2168.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of the Meeting:* At this meeting, the Board will deliberate draft findings and recommendations from the "Information Technology Modernization" Task Group. The Board will also receive updates from the Task Groups on "Re-engineering the Requirements Process," "Leveraging Public-Private Collaboration to Augment the Department of Defense's Mission," and "Promoting Veterans' Employment through Concurrent Credentialing." The mission of the Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense on effective strategies for implementation of best business practices of interest to the Department of Defense.

#### **Agenda**

##### **Public Session**

8 a.m.–8:45 a.m. Task Group Outbrief and Board Deliberation: *Information Technology Modernization*.

8:45 a.m.–9 a.m. Task Group Updates: *Re-engineering the Requirements Process, Leveraging Public-Private Collaboration to Augment the Department of Defense's Mission, Promoting Veterans' Employment through Concurrent Credentialing*.

##### **End of Public Session**

*Availability of Materials for the Meeting:* A copy of the agenda for the January 19, 2012 meeting and the terms of reference for the Task Groups may be obtained at the meeting or from the Board's Web site at <http://dbb.defense.gov/meetings.shtml>.

*Public's Accessibility to the Meeting:* Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102-3.140 through 102-3.165, and the availability of space, part of this meeting is open to the public. Seating is limited and is on a first-come basis. All members of the public who wish to attend the public session of the meeting must contact Ms. Debora Duffy at the number listed in this notice no later than noon on Wednesday, January 11 to

register and make arrangements for a Pentagon escort, if necessary. Public attendees requiring escort should arrive at the Pentagon Metro Entrance in time to complete security screening no later than 7:30 a.m. To complete security screening, please come prepared to present two forms of identification and one must be a pictured identification card.

*Special Accommodations:* Individuals requiring special accommodations to access the public meeting should contact Ms. Duffy at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

#### **Procedures for Providing Public Comments**

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140, and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the public or interested organizations may submit written comments to the Board about its mission and topics pertaining to this public session.

Written comments should be received by the DFO at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting date so that the comments may be made available to the Board for their consideration prior to the meeting. Written comments should be submitted via email to the address for the DFO given in this notice in either Adobe Acrobat or Microsoft Word format. Please note that since the Board operates under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, all submitted comments and public presentations will be treated as public documents and will be made available for public inspection, including, but not limited to, being posted on the Board's Web site.

Dated: December 21, 2011.

**Aaron Siegel,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### Chief of Engineers Environmental Advisory Board; Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act

(Pub. L. 92-463), announcement is made of the forthcoming meeting.

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

*Date:* January 19, 2012.

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

*Location:* U.S. Government Accountability Office Building, 441 G Street Northwest, Washington, DC 20548-0002 (202) 512-6000.

*Agenda:* The Board will advise the Chief of Engineers on environmental policy, identification and resolution of environmental issues and missions, and addressing challenges, problems and opportunities in an environmentally sustainable manner. Discussions and presentations during this meeting will focus on ecosystem restoration through integrated water resources management, including discussion of the potential effects of climate change. Following the discussions and presentations there will be a public comment period.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. John C. Furry, Designated Federal Officer, Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 441 G Street NW., Washington, DC 20314-1000; [john.c.furry@usace.army.mil](mailto:john.c.furry@usace.army.mil), Ph: (202) 761-5875.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting will be open to the public. Any interested person may attend. However, anyone attending the meeting must enter at the G Street entrance of the GAO Building, present valid government issued identification, and pass through the security station. All visitors must be escorted while in the building. Although the primary purpose of this meeting is for the Chief of Engineers to receive the views of his EAB; thirty minutes will be set aside for public comment. Anyone who wishes to speak must register prior to the start of the meeting. Registration will be from 8 until 8:45 a.m. Each speaker will be limited to three minutes.

**Brenda S. Bowen,**

*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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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 December 28, 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 emailed to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov) with a cc: to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto: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: December 22, 2011.

**Darrin King,**

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

### Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title of Collection:* Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Online Learning Courses for Secondary Students.

*OMB Control Number:* Pending.

*Agency Form Number(s):* N/A.

*Frequency of Responses:* Once.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 888.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 462

*Abstract:* Given the considerable scale at which online learning is being used in schools today, it is particularly important that policymakers have research-based guidance available about how best to deploy online learning activities. However, few rigorous studies have been completed that compare K-12 student achievement in online learning to traditional, classroom-based education. Similarly, while many articles provide advice regarding the "best" ways to implement online learning, few report an empirical basis for recommended practices. To fill this critical gap in knowledge, this research will provide rigorous empirical data on the effectiveness of online learning for secondary students. A set of empirical studies will be conducted under this research. This Office of Management and Budget package pertains only to a study of courses offered by North Carolina Virtual Public School (NCVPS), a large-scale, statewide online learning provider. In this study, the impact of online learning for secondary students enrolled in five different courses offered by NCVPS will be compared with peers enrolled in similar courses in face-to-face instruction. The study will use a quasi-experimental design using propensity score matching. State end-of-course exams for each course and the scores on the Advanced Placement U.S. History exam will be used as the primary outcome measures. In addition to the surveys of online teachers and students, a sample of North Carolina teachers teaching similar courses in face-to-face instruction will be administered a survey to collect information on instructional practices in the comparison face-to-face courses.

Copies of the information collection submission for OMB review may be accessed from the RegInfo.gov Web site at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain> or from the Department's Web site at <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 4629. 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 and OMB Control Number when making your request.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information