DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Public Meetings for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement for Military Readiness Activities in the Mariana Islands Training and Testing Study Area; Correction and Public Comment Period Extension

AGENCY: Department of Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice; correction and extension.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy published a document in the Federal Register (78 FR 178) on September 13, 2013, concerning public meetings to support the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS) for the Mariana Islands Training and Testing Study Area. Due to the shutdown of the U.S. federal government, the public meetings have been postponed and the public comment period extended. The public comment period on the Draft EIS has been extended from November 12, 2013, to December 12, 2013.


Correction: In the Federal Register (78 FR 178) of September 13, 2013, on page 56683, in the first column, correct the public meeting dates to read:
1. Tuesday, November 12, 2013, at the University of Guam, Leon Guerrero School of Business and Public Administration Building, Anthony Leon Guerrero Multi-Purpose Room 129, Mangilao, Guam 96923.
2. Wednesday, November 13, 2013, at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950.
3. Thursday, November 14, 2013, at the Tinian High School Cafeteria, San Jose Village, Tinian, MP 96952.
4. Friday, November 15, 2013, at the Sinapalo Elementary School Cafeteria, Sinapalo I, Rota, MP 96951.

All meetings will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Extension: The public comment period for the Draft EIS/OEIS for the Mariana Islands Training and Testing Study Area has been extended from November 12, 2013, to December 12, 2013.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Evaluation of a District Wide Implementation of a Professional Learning Community Initiative

AGENCY: Institute of Education Sciences (IES), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 3501 et seq.), ED is proposing a new information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 30, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at http://www.regulations.gov by selecting Docket ID number ED–2013–ICCD–0139 or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted. Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Room 2E103, Washington, DC 20202–4537.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions related to collection activities or burden, please call Kathy Axt, 540–776–7742 or electronically mail ICDOcketmgr@ed.gov. Please do not send comments here.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), requires that Federal agencies provide interested parties an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Department 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. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Evaluation of a District Wide Implementation of a Professional Learning Community Initiative.

OMB Control Number: 1850—NEW.

Type of Review: A new information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 906.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 427.

Abstract: This study aims to address the need for systematic information about district-wide implementation of professional learning communities (PLCs) as a critical element in improving teacher quality and instruction, thereby contributing to increased student achievement. The study will survey (online) a population of teacher participants in school-based PLCs and interview principals face to face about the context and their perceptions of the initiative, pre- and post-implementation. Data collection from teachers will focus on what the PLCs do, how they operate, and to what extent they produce the outcomes expected of them as framed by six conceptual attributes of PLCs and five specific tasks. Data collection from principals will focus on contextual information about school culture and conditions such as resources that support implementation. Teachers and principals will also provide their reflections on the challenges of implementing PLCs and their suggestions for improvement. The analysis will enable comparisons among PLCs within and across schools. Study findings are expected to inform both theory and practice related to education.
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION


Request for Information To Inform the Title III Technical Assistance Agenda and the Future Activities and Services of The National Clearinghouse for English Language Acquisition (NCELA)

AGENCY: Office of English Language Acquisition, Language Enhancement, and Academic Achievement for Limited English Proficient Students, Department of Education.

ACTION: Request for information; notice to reopen the public comment period.

SUMMARY: On September 5, 2013, we published in the Federal Register an RFI that established a September 25, 2013, deadline for the submission of written comments. We are reopening the public comment period to give interested parties additional time to submit written comments.

DATES: Written submissions must be received by the Department on or before November 12, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal or via U.S. mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. We will not accept comments submitted by fax or by email or those submitted after the comment period. To ensure that we do not receive duplicate copies, please submit your comments only once. In addition, please include the Docket ID and the term “Technical Assistance-NCELA” at the top of your comments.

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to www.regulations.gov to submit your comments electronically. Information on using Regulations.gov, including instructions for accessing agency documents, submitting comments, and viewing the docket, is available on the site under “Are you new to the site.”
- U.S. Mail, Commercial Delivery, or Hand Delivery: If you mail or deliver your comments about this RFI, address them to Melissa Escalante, U.S. Department of Education, Office of English Language Acquisition, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., Room 5C148, Washington, DC 20202–6132.

Privacy Note: The Department’s policy is to make all comments received from members of the public available for public viewing in their entirety on the Federal eRulemaking Portal at www.regulations.gov. Therefore, commenters should be careful to include in their comments only information that they wish to make publicly available.

Submission of Proprietary Information: Given the subject matter, some comments may include proprietary information as it relates to confidential commercial information. The Freedom of Information Act defines “confidential commercial information” as information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to cause substantial competitive harm. You may wish to request that we not disclose what you regard as confidential commercial information.

To assist us in making a determination on your request, we encourage you to identify any specific information that you consider confidential commercial information. Please list the information by page and paragraph numbers.

This Request for Information (RFI) is issued solely for information and planning purposes and is not a request for proposals (RFP), a promise to issue an RFP, or a notice inviting applications (NIA), nor does it serve as a modification to the current NCELA contract. This RFI does not commit the Department to contract for any supply or service whatsoever. Further, the Department is not now seeking proposals and will not accept unsolicited proposals. The Department will not pay for any information or administrative costs that you may incur in responding to this RFI.

If you do not respond to this RFI, you may still apply for future contracts and grants. The Department posts RFPs on the Federal Business Opportunities Web site (www.fbo.gov). The Department announces grant competitions in the Federal Register (www.gpo.gov/fdsys). It is your responsibility to monitor these sites to determine whether the Department issues an RFP or NIA after considering the information received in response to this RFI.

The documents and information submitted in response to this RFI become the property of the U.S. Government and will not be returned.


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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Background

On September 5, 2013, we published an RFI in the Federal Register (78 FR 54638) to collect information in two interwining areas in support of the English learner community. First, the Department seeks information on the technical assistance needs of State educational agencies (SEAs), local educational agencies (LEAs), administrators, and teachers who provide services to English learners (ELs). Second, the Department seeks information on how we can best disseminate technical assistance, including materials through the National Clearinghouse for English Language Acquisition and Language Instruction Educational programs (NCELA) in support of the EL community and those who provide services to ELs. The September fifth publication provided some helpful questions that could assist commenters in preparing their comments. See 78 FR 54638. The deadline for written submissions during the initial comment period was September 25, 2013. We are reopening the comment period for written submissions in response to the RFI notice through November 12, 2013. We are reopening the comment period to maximize opportunities for the public to provide input on the National Clearinghouse and our technical assistance agenda for English learners and those who support them.

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