

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Defense Acquisition Regulations System****Information Collection Requirement; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 211, Describing Agency Needs**

AGENCY: Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments regarding a proposed extension of an approved information collection requirement.

SUMMARY: In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), DoD announces the proposed extension of a public information collection requirement and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. *DoD invites comments on:* (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of DoD, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved this information collection for use through January 31, 2014. DoD proposes that OMB extend its approval for use for three additional years beyond the current expiration date.

DATES: DoD will consider all comments received by January 14, 2014.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by OMB Control Number 0704-0398, using any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Email: dfars@osd.mil. Include OMB Control Number 0704-0398 in the subject line of the message.

Fax: 571-372-6094.

Mail: Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Attn: Mr. Dustin Pitsch, OUSD (AT&L) DPAP (DARS), 3060 Defense Pentagon, Room 3B855, Washington, DC 20301-3060.

Comments received generally will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Dustin Pitsch, 571-372-6090. The information collection requirements addressed in this notice are available on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/dars/dfarspgi/current/index.html>. Paper copies are available from Mr. Dustin Pitsch, OUSD (AT&L) DPAP (DARS), 3060 Defense Pentagon, Room 3B855, Washington, DC 20301-3060.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS, Part 211, Describing Agency Needs, and the associated clauses at DFARS 252.211-7004, Alternate Preservation, Packaging, and Packing and 252.211-7005, Substitutions for Military or Federal Specifications and Standards; OMB Control Number 0704-0398.

Needs and Uses: This information collection permits offers to—

- Propose alternatives to military preservation, packaging, or packing specifications. DoD uses the information to evaluate and award contracts using commercial or industrial preservation, packaging, or packing if the offeror chooses to propose such alternates.

- Purpose Single Process Initiative (SPI) processes as alternatives to military or Federal specifications and standards cited in DoD solicitations for previously developed items. DoD uses the information to verify Government acceptance of an SPI process as a valid replacement for a military or Federal specification or standard.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit and not-for profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 385.

Responses per Respondent:

Approximately 1.4.

Annual Responses: 573.

Average Burden per Response:

Approximately 2 hours.

Annual Burden Hours: 1,136.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Summary of Information Collection

DFARS Part 211 and the clause at DFARS 252.211-7004 and 252.11-7005 are required for DoD contractors and subcontractors to propose—

- Alternatives to military preservation, packaging, or packing specifications; and/or

- Single Process Initiative (SPI) processes in lieu of military or Federal specifications.

The provision at DFARS 252.211-7004, Alternate Preservation, Packaging, and Packing, is used in solicitations that include military preservation, packaging, or packing specifications when it may be feasible for DoD to evaluate and award using commercial or

industrial preservation, packaging, or packing. If the offeror chooses to propose alternate preservation, packaging, or packing, the provision requires the offeror to submit information sufficient to allow evaluation of the proposed commercial or industrial preservation, packaging, or packing.

The clause at DFARS 252.211-7005, Substitutions for Military or Federal Specifications and Standards, is used in solicitations and contracts for previously developed items. The clause encourages offerors to propose management or manufacturing processes, if previously accepted by DoD under the Single Process Initiative (SPI) program, as alternatives to military or Federal specification and standards cited in the solicitation.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No. ED-2013-ICCD-0106]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Evaluation of the Early Warning and Intervention Monitoring System

AGENCY: Institute of Education Sciences/National Center for Education Statistics (IES), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act 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 16, 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-0106 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 Katrina Ingalls, 703-620-3655 or electronically mail ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Please do not send comments here.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), 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, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. 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 the Early Warning and Intervention Monitoring System.

OMB Control Number: 1850-NEW.

Type of Review: New collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 839.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 1,772.

Abstract: The U.S. Department of Education (ED) requests clearance for the recruitment materials and data collection protocols for activities related to the Regional Educational Laboratory Program (REL). ED, in consultation with American Institutes for Research (AIR), is planning a two-part evaluation of the Early Warning and Intervention Monitoring System (EWIMS), consisting of an impact study and an implementation study. OMB approval is being requested for a multimode data collection and analysis of a group of schools, students, and staff members in

public schools in Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana. The impact study consists of data collection from the state education agencies (SEAs) in Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana and participating districts and schools. The implementation component consists of data collection from participating schools.

This impact study (designed as a cluster randomized controlled trial) will focus on student outcomes spanning multiple domains of school success (student risk status, scores on graduation tests, persistence and progress in school, and being on track at the end of ninth grade) and will examine whether the EWIMS model has an impact on intermediate outcomes in schools, including the schools data culture and data-informed allocation of dropout prevention interventions. The implementation study will focus on schools experience with implementation, the extent to which schools faithfully implement the EWIMS model and the interventions provided to students identified as at risk by the EWS tool.

The purpose of the project is to assess the implementation and impact of EWIMS, a data tool and process for implementing a system of data-driven decision making. Developed by the National High School Center, EWIMS provides a means of systematically and reliably identifying students at risk for dropping out of high school. The proposed study is a two-year school-level randomized controlled trial (RCT) to examine the impact of implementing EWIMS on school processes and student outcomes.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI)

AGENCY: National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, Office of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education, 1990 K Street NW., Room 8072, Washington, DC 20006.

ACTION: Announcement of revisions to the agenda for the December 12-13, 2013 meeting of the National Advisory

Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI).

NACIQI'S Statutory Authority and Function: The NACIQI is established under Section 114 of the HEA of 1965, as amended, 20 U.S.C. 1011c. The NACIQI advises the Secretary of Education about:

- The establishment and enforcement of the criteria for recognition of accrediting agencies or associations under Subpart 2, Part H, Title IV, of the HEA, as amended.
- The recognition of specific accrediting agencies or associations or a specific State approval agency.
- The preparation and publication of the list of nationally recognized accrediting agencies and associations.
- The eligibility and certification process for institutions of higher education under Title IV, of the HEA, together with recommendations for improvement in such process.
- The relationship between (1) accreditation of institutions of higher education and the certification and eligibility of such institutions, and (2) State licensing responsibilities with respect to such institutions.
- Any other advisory function relating to accreditation and institutional eligibility that the Secretary may prescribe.

SUMMARY: This meeting notice is an update to the two previous notices (78 FR 50401) published on August 19, 2013, and (78 FR 64929) published on October 30, 2013. This notice sets forth revisions to the agenda, specifically, the removal of the petition for initial recognition submitted by the Association of Institutions for Jewish Studies (AIJS) from the agenda. In addition, the election of a NACIQI Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson will precede the Committee's review of agencies scheduled for review. This notice is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and Section 114(d)(1)(B) of the Higher Education Act (HEA) of 1965, as amended.

Meeting Date and Place: The NACIQI meeting will be held on December 12-13, 2013, from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Liaison Capitol Hill Hotel, 415 New Jersey Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carol Griffiths, Executive Director, NACIQI, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street NW., Room 8073, Washington, DC 20006-8129, telephone: (202) 219-7035, fax: (202) 219-7005, or email Carol.Griffiths@ed.gov.

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