

Commission to consider information that is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, a petition for confidential treatment of the exempt information may be submitted according to the procedures set forth in section 145.9 of the Commission's regulations.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a request for extension of a currently approved information collection.

*Title:* "Process for Review of Swaps for Mandatory Clearing," (OMB Control No. 3038-0097).

*Abstract:* The Commodity Exchange Act and Commission regulations require a derivatives clearing organization ("DCO") that wishes to accept a swap for clearing to be eligible to clear the swap and to submit the swap to the Commission for a determination as to whether the swap is required to be cleared. Commission Regulation 39.5 sets forth the process for these submissions. The Commission uses the information in this collection to determine whether a DCO that wishes to accept a swap for clearing is eligible to clear the swap and whether the swap should be required to be cleared.

*Burden Statement:* The respondent burden for this collection is estimated to average 40 hours per response.

*Respondents/Affected Entities:* Derivatives clearing organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 14.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 560 hours.

*Frequency of Collection:* On occasion.

*Authority:* 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

Dated: July 1, 2015.

**Robert N. Sidman,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Threat Reduction Advisory Committee; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Federal Advisory Committee meeting notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense announces the following Federal advisory committee meeting of the Threat Reduction Advisory Committee.

**DATES:** Wednesday, July 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Thursday, July 16, 2015, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** CENTRA Technology Inc., Arlington, Virginia.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Due to difficulties beyond the control of the Designated Federal Officer, the Department of Defense was unable to finalize the meeting announcement for the scheduled meeting of the Threat Reduction Advisory Committee on July 15-16, 2015, to ensure compliance with 41 CFR 102-3.150(a). Accordingly, 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.

*Purpose of Meeting:* This meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA) (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 TRAC will obtain, review and evaluate classified information related to the Committee's mission to advise on technology security, Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction (C-WMD), counter terrorism and counter proliferation.

*Agenda:* All discussions for the two-day meeting will be classified. On Wednesday, July 15, the Chair will open the meeting with remarks that outline the topics that will be covered in the two-day meeting. Following the opening remarks, the TRAC will receive a brief on the Office of Net Assessment and China. Following that brief, a representative from the Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee will brief the TRAC on Russian Weapons Technology. The TRAC will then receive an overview brief on the National Nuclear Security Agency. Following the briefing, the TRAC will receive an overview brief that focuses on Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology. The first day will conclude with a TRAC-only session to discuss the information presented and how it relates to previous and current TRAC studies. The TRAC will continue to meet on July 16, 2015. The

Chair will open the day with brief comments that summarize the previous day and outline the current day. Following his comments, the Director of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency & U.S. Strategic Center for Combatting Weapons of Mass Destruction & Standing Joint Force Headquarters—Elimination, will provide an overview of the organization to the TRAC. Following that, the TRAC will discuss the findings and recommendations from the Nuclear Strategic Stability focused information gathering group. Following that, the TRAC will discuss two new taskings: one that will focus on emerging issues for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency & U.S. Strategic Center for Combatting Weapons of Mass Destruction & Standing Joint Force Headquarters—Elimination, and the other will focus on North Korea. Following that, the Chair will lead a discussion on a new tasking, which will focus entirely on Russia and China. The Chair will conclude the meeting by providing an outline for the way forward and expectations for the next plenary that will take place in the fall.

*Meeting Accessibility:* Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b, and 41 CFR 102-3.155, the Department of Defense has determined that the meeting shall be closed to the public. The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, in consultation with the Department of Defense FACA Attorney, has determined in writing that the public interest requires all sessions of this meeting be closed to the public because the discussions will be concerned with classified information and matters covered by 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1). Such classified matters are inextricably intertwined with the unclassified material and cannot reasonably be segregated into separate discussions without disclosing secret material.

*Committee's Designated Federal Officer or Point of Contact:* Mr. William Hostyn, DoD, Defense Threat Reduction Agency/J2/5/8R-ACP, 8725 John J. Kingman Road, MS 6201, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-6201. Email: [william.hostyn@dtra.mil](mailto:william.hostyn@dtra.mil). Phone: (703) 767-4453. Fax: (703) 767-4206.

*Written Statements:* Pursuant to section 10(a)(3) of FACA and 41 CFR 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140, the public or interested organizations may submit written statements to the membership of the Committee at any time or in response to the stated agenda of a planned meeting. Written statements should be submitted to the Committee's Designated Federal Officer. The Designated Federal Officer's contact information is listed in the section

immediately above or it can be obtained from the General Services Administration's FACA Database—  
<http://www.facadatabase.gov/committee/committee.aspx?cid=1663&aid=41>.

Written statements that do not pertain to a scheduled meeting of the Committee may be submitted at any time. However, if individual comments pertain to a specific topic being discussed at a planned meeting, then these statements must be submitted no later than five business days prior to the meeting in question. The Designated Federal Officer will review all submitted written statements and provide copies to all TRAC members.

Dated: July 1, 2015.

**Aaron Siegel,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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### Final Waiver and Extension of the Project Period; Native Hawaiian Career and Technical Education Program

**AGENCY:** Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Final waiver and extension of the project period.

**SUMMARY:** For the 24-month projects funded in fiscal year (FY) 2013 under the Native Hawaiian Career and Technical Education Program (NHCTEP), the Secretary waives the requirements that generally prohibit project period extensions involving the obligation of additional Federal funds. The Secretary also extends the project period of the seven current grants for up to an additional 24 months. This enables the current NHCTEP grantees to request and continue to receive Federal funding annually for project periods through FY 2016 and possibly through FY 2017.

**DATES:** The waiver and extension of the project period is effective July 7, 2015.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On February 10, 2015, we published in the **Federal Register** (80 FR 7379) a proposed waiver of 34 CFR 75.261(a) and (c)(2) and extension of the project period (proposed waiver and extension) in order to—

(1) Enable the Secretary to provide additional funds to the current NHCTEP grantees with FY 2015 funds and possibly FY 2016 funds for project periods through FY 2016 and possibly through FY 2017; and

(2) Request comments on the proposed waiver and extension.

There are no substantive differences between the proposed waiver and extension and the final waiver and extension.

*Public Comment:* In response to our invitation in the proposed waiver and extension, we received six comments. Generally, we do not address comments that raise concerns not related to the proposed waiver and extension.

### Analysis of Comments and Discussion

An analysis of the comments received in response to the proposed waiver and extension follows.

*Comment:* Almost all commenters supported the proposed waiver and extension of the NHCTEP project period. The commenters provided various reasons for their support of the waiver and extension, including the great need for funding beyond the two-year project period.

One commenter, who supported the proposed waiver and extension, stated that an abrupt suspension in the NHCTEP grantees' training services, as well as outreach, recruitment, academic, and retention efforts, would be detrimental to students who would then have to rely on welfare services instead of vocational training opportunities.

Another commenter stated that the continuity of funding would be a tremendous stabilizing benefit to the program and students. The commenter further stated that NHCTEP grantees have placed students in well-paying jobs with opportunities for advancement and the continuity of support would be more effective in maintaining their high-quality services. The commenter expressed the view that the extension would also help maximize their recruitment efforts, as well as positively affect the direct participation and completion of the Native Hawaiian students enrolled in NHCTEP-funded projects.

Two commenters indicated that the continuation of an existing NHCTEP grantee's program and its consortium of

sub-grantees would allow them to continue to provide valued career and technical education (CTE) services to Native Hawaiian students, including special needs students. Also, the commenters stated that continuation grant awards would allow the consortium to continue providing specialized CTE training that would maximize both the participation and completion of Native Hawaiian students.

Finally, a commenter stated that the proposed waiver and extension would allow NHCTEP-funded projects more time to prepare Native Hawaiian high school students for postsecondary training or the workforce.

*Discussion:* We appreciate the support of the commenters and agree that extending the current NHCTEP grant period will allow current NHCTEP grantees to continue to work toward accomplishing the goals and objectives stated in their 2013 NHCTEP grant applications, including providing specialized CTE training to Native Hawaiian students. We agree that it is important that there not be a lapse in programming provided by NHCTEP grantees to CTE students.

*Changes:* None.

*Comment:* One commenter asked why the Department used the notice and comment procedures of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) for this proposed waiver and extension. The commenter characterized the waiver and extension as a general statement of policy that would not fall within the APA's notice and comment rulemaking requirements, and inquired as to why the Department treated the waiver and extension differently. The commenter also cited the APA's exception of interpretive rules and statements of policy from the requirement for rules to have an effective date no fewer than 30 days after their date of publication.

*Discussion:* The APA defines a "rule" as "an agency statement of general or particular applicability and future effect designed to implement, interpret, or prescribe law or policy" and requires agencies to follow notice and comment procedures when formulating, amending, or repealing rules. 5 U.S.C. 551, 553. As the commenter notes, the APA provides some exceptions to this requirement. For instance, absent another statute to the contrary, the APA exempts "interpretative rules, general statements of policy, or rules of agency organization, procedure, or practice" from its notice and comment rulemaking requirements. 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A). In addition, the APA exempts "matter[s] relating to . . . loans, grants,