Applications: An application is required to be considered for OEAB membership. To apply, please submit (1) your full name, title, institutional affiliation, and contact information (mailing address, email address, telephone and fax numbers) with a short description of your qualifications relative to the statutory purpose of the OEAB and the ocean exploration act established under 33 U.S.C. 3401 et seq.; (2) a resume or curriculum vitae (maximum length four pages); and (3) a cover letter stating your interest in serving on the OEAB and highlighting specific areas of expertise relevant to the purpose of the OEAB.


David Holst,
Director Chief Financial Officer/CAO, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Acquisition Regulations System

[Docket DARS–2020–0041; OMB Control Number 0704–0525]

Information Collection Requirement; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Prohibition of Foreign Commercial Satellite Services From Certain Foreign Entities-Representations

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

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

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, DoD announces the proposed extension and revision of a public information collection requirement and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. DoD invites comments on: 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; the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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 requirement for use through March 31, 2021. 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 8, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by OMB Control Number 0704–0525, using any of the following methods:


○ Email: osd.dfars@mail.mil. Include OMB Control Number 0704–0525 in the subject line of the message.


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


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title and OMB Number: Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS), Prohibition on Acquisition of Commercial Satellite Services from Certain Foreign Entities-Representations; OMB Control Number 0704–0525.

Type of Request: Revision and extension of a currently approved collection.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

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

Number of Respondents: 235.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 235.

Average Burden per Response: 25 hours.

Annual Burden Hours: 58.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Needs and Uses: DFARS provision 252.225–7049, Prohibition on Acquisition of Commercial Satellite Services from Certain Foreign Entities-Representations, is used by contracting officers to determine whether the offeror is subject to the statutory prohibition on award of contracts for commercial satellite services to certain foreign entities. The provision is included in solicitations for the acquisition of foreign commercial satellite services and requires the offeror to represent whether or is or is not offering foreign commercial satellite services provided by such a foreign entity. If the offeror responds affirmatively to any of the representations, then the offeror must provide further information.

Jennifer D. Johnson,
Regulatory Control Officer, Defense Acquisition Regulations System.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

List of Approved “Ability-to-Benefit” (ATB) Tests and Passing Scores

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice provides an update to the list of ATB tests approved by the Secretary.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:


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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: In order for a student who does not have a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent to be eligible for title IV, program assistance and who first enrolled in any title IV eligible postsecondary program on or after July 1, 2012, the student must successfully complete one of the ATB alternatives, including passing an ATB test as approved by the Secretary, and be enrolled in an eligible career pathway program pursuant to section 484(d)(1) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA).

Students who first enrolled in any title IV eligible postsecondary program prior to July 1, 2012 may establish eligibility for title IV, program assistance using any of the following ATB alternatives—

• Passing an independently administered ATB test approved by the Secretary;

• Completing at least six credit hours, or the equivalent coursework (225 clock hours), that are applicable toward a degree or certificate offered by the postsecondary institution; or

• Completing a State process approved by the Secretary.
A student who does not have a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent, whose native language is not English and is not fluent in English, and who is enrolled in a program that is taught in the student’s native language, must take an approved test developed in the student’s native language pursuant to 34 CFR 668.153(a)(1).

A student who does not have a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent, whose native language is not English and is not fluent in English, and who is enrolled in a program that is taught in English, must take an ATB test designed to measure the English language competence of a non-native speaker. Students who are enrolled in such a program that has an “English as a Second Language” (ESL) component and who are enrolled in the ESL component, must take an approved ATB test specifically for a student whose native language is not English and who is not fluent in English. Students who are enrolled in an ESL program only also must take an approved ATB test specifically for a student whose native language is not English and who is not fluent in English. Students who are enrolled in a program that is taught in English without an ESL component, or the student does not enroll in the ESL component of the program, must take an ATB test in English that assesses secondary school verbal and quantitative skills, pursuant to 34 CFR 668.153(a)(3).

List of approved tests and passing scores: The Secretary lists below all approved ATB tests and their passing scores. The list is updated to reflect revisions to the list of approved ATB tests and passing scores that was published in the Federal Register on May 19, 2006 (7 FR 29135) and updates to the list that were made through an Electronic Announcement dated June 24, 2015, at https://ifap.ed.gov/electronic-announcements/06-24-2015-general-subject-approved-ability-benefit-atb-tests.

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<td><strong>Note:</strong> As provided in 34 CFR 668.153(a)(2), the CELSA test is approved as the additional ATB English language proficiency test that must be taken by students whose native language is not English and who are not fluent in English if the academic program includes an ESL component. **The ACCUPLACER test has been redesigned since it was listed as an approved test in the 2006 notice. TSI is a new addition to the list of approved ATB tests. These tests are provisionally approved. To move from provisional approval to full approval the test publisher must submit additional information as noted in the test agreement signed by the test publisher and the Department, no later than two years from the effective date of the agreement 6/26/2020. In the event the Department denies full approval, we will provide notice of this through publication in the Federal Register, pursuant to 34 CFR 668.150(c)(3).</td>
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List of ATB tests that are no longer approved: The following six tests appeared on the list of approved tests published in the 2006 Federal Register notice, but are not on the current list of tests that may be used for the purpose of determining a student’s eligibility for title IV, program assistance. Please note the effective dates for each test.

   Passing Scores: Language Usage (42), Reading (43), and Numerical (41).

   Passing Scores: Reading for Information Forms A01AA (76), A02AA (75), C01AA (77), & D10AA (77); Applied Mathematics Forms A01BB (73), A02BB (74), C01BB (73), & D01BB (73).

3. Test: The ACT WorkKeys test—Arithmetic Test (235),** Writing Test (235),** Arithmetic Test (230)**. Reading Placement Test (336), Writing Placement Test (345), Mathematics Placement Test (326).

   Passing Scores: Reading for Information Forms A01AA (76), A02AA (75), C01AA (77), & D10AA (77); Applied Mathematics Forms A01BB (73), A02BB (74), C01BB (73), & D01BB (73).

Publisher: ACT, Inc., 500 ACT Drive, P.O. Box 168, Iowa City, IA 52243–0168. Contact: Joanna Higgins-Freese; Telephone: (319) 337–1618.

   Passing Scores: Reading for Information Forms A01AA (76), A02AA (75), C01AA (77), & D10AA (77); Applied Mathematics Forms A01BB (73), A02BB (74), C01BB (73), & D01BB (73).

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Applications for New Awards; Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education—Career and Educational Pathways Exploration System Program

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Education (Department) is issuing a notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2020 for the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) Career and Educational Pathways Exploration System (Career Pathways) Program. Assistance Listing Number 84.116C. This notice relates to the approved information collection under OMB control number 1894–0006.


ADDRESSES: For the addresses for obtaining and submitting an application, please refer to our Common Instructions for Applicants to Department of Education Discretionary Grant Programs, published in the Federal Register on February 13, 2019 (84 FR 3768), and available at www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-02-13/pdf/2019-02206.pdf.


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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: The purpose of the Career Pathways Program funded through FIPSE is to develop technology- or technology-enabled career exploration systems that enable high school students to identify and explore career opportunities that align with their interests, ambitions, and aptitudes; learn from individuals who work in those fields about the nature of their work and opportunities available in those fields; and identify education and training options—including non-college programs such as work-based learning opportunities, military training, apprenticeships, and employer-sponsored training—that enable entry into or advancement in those careers. Career and education pathways exploration systems must include, for featured occupations, information about employment outlook and likely entry and mid-career earnings in featured fields, and they must enable students to use built-in financial analysis tools to explore the economic impact of their career, education, and training choices.

Background: In FY 2020, Congress appropriated $24.5 million to FIPSE, including $10 million designated to the Career Pathways Program, to support the development of Career and Education Pathways Exploration Systems that will increase student awareness of the many career opportunities available to them and knowledge among students, educators, parents, and counselors about the many education and training pathways that provide entry to and advancement in those careers. These grants are intended to support the creation of scalable career exploration and guidance systems that help students identify their career interests; explore potential occupations that align with those interests; interact with individuals who work in particular jobs of interest to them, or with artificial intelligence or other interactive technologies in the fields of interest; consider the various education and training options (including non-college options, such as work-based learning, apprenticeships, employer-sponsored training, and military service) that enable entrance to and advancement in those occupations; and identify the attitudes, skills, and aptitudes necessary to be successful in those fields.

Through this grant competition, we invite non-profit organizations with expertise in workforce development or career counseling, alone or in partnership with institutions of higher education (IHIs) or other non-profit agencies/organizations, trade associations, employers, States, and labor unions to develop, adapt, or expand career exploration and guidance systems that will enable students (and their parents) to engage in career exploration and education/training.