

**SUMMARY:** The Technology Administration (TA) publishes this notice to solicit comments on the following specific issues regarding electronics recycling: (1) Definition of covered products; (2) collection and the role of government in collection; (3) financing collection, transportation and recycling, financing for orphan products, financing historical products versus future products, and the role of government, the electronics industry, and intermediaries in financing; and (4) the role of the federal government in creating a national recycling plan. This solicitation is intended to give those who were unable to comment at the September 21, 2004, roundtable on electronics recycling, entitled Technology Recycling: Achieving Consensus for Stakeholders, an opportunity to submit a statement regarding these issues.

**DATES:** Comments and statements should be received by the Technology Administration no later than October 27, 2004, in order to receive consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Electronic statements are preferred, but written comments will be accepted. Please submit your comments electronically to [technologyrecycling@doc.gov](mailto:technologyrecycling@doc.gov) either in Microsoft Word (specify version) or WordPerfect (version 5 or 6, specify version).

Paper submissions should include an electronic copy of the comments on a diskette in one of the formats specified above. Mail to Laureen Daly, Office of Technology Policy, Technology Administration HCHB 4817, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Direct questions to [technologyrecycling@doc.gov](mailto:technologyrecycling@doc.gov) or call Laureen Daly at (202) 482-0336.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

The Technology Administration, Office of Technology Policy held a roundtable on September 21, 2004, entitled Technology Recycling: Achieving Consensus for Stakeholders, that included representatives of electronics manufacturers, retailers, recyclers, and environmental organizations. At the roundtable, participants discussed that: (1) A list of products for recycling should be limited to a small number of items to start with, such as cathode ray tubes and flat panel

monitors over a certain size, and have a timetable for expansion of the list; (2) a collection process may include but should not mandate participation from retailers, local governments, manufacturers and third parties; (3) there exists several different financing models including extended producer responsibility and an advanced recovery fee, as well as financing the recycling of orphan products and transportation from collection to recyclers; and (4) there exists a need for a national approach as opposed to a state-by-state approach. The purpose of the roundtable was to obtain information for a report on electronics recycling that will be released in 2005.

**Request for Comments**

The Office of Technology Policy of TA is soliciting comments on the following specific issues regarding electronics recycling: (1) Definition of covered products; (2) collection and the role of government in collection; (3) financing collection, transportation and recycling, financing for orphan products, financing historical products versus future products, and the role of government, the electronics industry, and intermediaries in financing; and (4) the role of the federal government in creating a national recycling plan. This solicitation is intended to give those who were unable to comment at the roundtable an opportunity to submit a statement regarding these issues. Statements may propose a specific scenario or model for electronics recycling; give examples of existing programs in similar or unrelated areas that could serve as a model for an electronics recycling program; or comment on the pros and cons of existing or proposed models. TA is interested in specific scenarios that would enhance the competitiveness of U.S. industry and encourage conservation of resources.

We request, but do not require, that commentors provide their name, affiliation, and contact information and whether the comments represent the views of an individual or an organization. The Department reserves the right to use comments received, either partially or wholly, in subsequent reports or publications. Any comments become the property of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

For further information on the roundtable and the report, check the <http://www.technology.gov> website under Events and Activities, September

21, 2004, Technology Recycling Roundtable.

Dated: October 13, 2004.

**Phillip J. Bond,**

*Under Secretary of Commerce for Technology.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Establishment of a New Standard Form**

**AGENCY:** Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Federal Voting Assistance Program.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Federal Voting Assistance Program is establishing a new form, Standard Form 186A, Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (Electronic). This form is an alternative to the current Standard Form 186, Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot.

Since this form is only electronic, users can get it from the following Federal Voting Assistance Program Web site: <http://www.fvap.gov>.

**DATES:** Effective upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Glynda Hughes, Department of Defense (703) 604-4578.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following is a list of differences between the hard copy SF 186 and the electronic SF 186A.

Paragraphs 2b. and 2c. of the Instructions are not on the hard copy SF 186. These paragraphs are added to provide the citizen instructions on how to package the ballot since no envelopes are provided with the electronic version.

Paragraph 3. of the electronic version does not include the instruction, "Remove tape from the Security Envelope and seal."

Paragraph 4. of the electronic version contains additional instructions for the citizens to prepare the voter supplied envelopes for mailing.

Dated: October 18, 2004.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

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

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## FEDERAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR GENERAL ELECTIONS

### PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

**AUTHORITY:** 42 USC 1973ff, "Title 1 - Registration and Voting By Absent Uniformed Services Voters and Overseas Voters in Elections for Federal Office."

**PRINCIPAL PURPOSE:** Your Social Security number and other identifying information is solicited for the sole purpose of verifying your identity so as to ensure that you are eligible to vote using the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot for general elections or other elections as provided by law or special provisions for all persons covered by the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA).

**DISCLOSURE:** Voluntary; however failure to furnish your Social Security number or other requested information may result in the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot not being recognized and therefore not counted.

### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTER

Please read Privacy Act Statement and Instructions before completion. If you have any questions, consult your Unit Voting Assistance Officer or Embassy/Consulate Voting Assistance Officer or the *Voting Assistance Guide*.

1. Complete, sign and date the Voter's Declaration/Affirmation as follows:

#### **VOTER INFORMATION.**

Enter information for 1.a. through 1.e. For Block 1.d., provide identification form and number of that form. For example: passport 0000, State Department 0000, driver's license 0000 (give State and date of issue), or birth certificate 0000 (give county or state of issue).

#### **VOTING RESIDENCE.**

Block 2. Enter complete legal voting residence address, in as much detail as possible, where you ACTUALLY LIVED. Your right to vote in your state and determination of your voting precinct depend on the physical location of your residence while you were in the state. DO NOT USE A POST OFFICE BOX NUMBER. A Post Office Box number is not a residence address. In an area with street names and numbers, this information is required. In an area with no street names, indicate route name and number and box number. Also provide any additional information necessary to physically describe your residence location. This voting residence address must be the same as the voting residence on the application you previously submitted for your regular absentee ballot.

#### **CURRENT COMPLETE MILITARY OR OVERSEAS ADDRESS.**

Block 3. Enter information which indicates your physical location outside the United States. APO/FPO addresses are considered to be outside the United States. Some states allow you to mail this ballot from inside the United States. Consult your state pages in the *Voting Assistance Guide*. **This address must be different from the address in Block 2.**

#### **WITNESS(ES).**

Some states require a notary or witness(es) for absentee ballots. Consult your Voting Assistance Officer or the *Voting Assistance Guide* to determine the requirements of your state.

2. Complete the Ballot as follows:

a. **Voting Procedure:** For each office for which you vote, write in either a candidate's name or political party designation. President and Vice President run as a team and your vote must be for members of the same party. For other offices, you may vote for members of different parties for each office indicated. "Senator" means U.S. Senator; "Representative" means U.S. Congressman or Congresswoman. See *Voting Assistance Guide* for Special Provisions implemented by your state, and possible use of "ADDENDUM" section.

b. Once ballot is complete, fold and place in a plain envelope and seal. Label the envelope as follows: "Official Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot/Security Envelope". **PLACE ONLY THE VOTED BALLOT IN THE SECURITY ENVELOPE.**

c. Sign and date the Voter's Declaration/Affirmation. Obtain witness(es) signature and address if required by state law.

3. Insert the sealed Security Envelope and the Voter's Declaration/Affirmation into a mailing envelope and seal.

4. If mailed in a foreign postal system, international airmail postage must be affixed. If mailed within APO/FPO or U.S. postal system, a postage paid indicia may be printed onto your mailing envelope from the FVAP web site at <http://www.fvap.gov>. Otherwise, proper postage must be affixed. Enter your name and current complete military or overseas mailing address in the upper left hand corner as your return address on the mailing envelope. Enter the name and mailing address of the proper city, township, village, county or state election official in the center section on the mailing envelope. Consult the *Voting Assistance Guide* for correct address. This must be the same election official where you sent your application for an absentee ballot. NOTE: Mark outside envelope "Official Absentee Ballot".

### VOTER'S DECLARATION/AFFIRMATION

**General Information.** Enter state, county, city/township/village where you are eligible to vote.

Ballot for the State of \_\_\_\_\_ County of \_\_\_\_\_ City/Township/Village of \_\_\_\_\_

**1. VOTER INFORMATION**

a. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME ( <i>Last, First, Middle Initial</i> )	b. SEX	c. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
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d. OTHER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ( <i>Passport or other ID Card</i> )	e. DATE OF BIRTH ( <i>MMDDYYYY</i> )
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**2. VOTING RESIDENCE** (*For military, legal residence. For overseas civilians, last residence in county/jurisdiction in U.S.*)

a. NUMBER AND STREET ( <i>If rural route, include specific location of residence. Do not use Post Office box.</i> )	b. CITY, TOWNSHIP OR VILLAGE
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c. COUNTY OR PARISH	d. STATE	e. ZIP CODE ( <i>9-digit, if known</i> )	f. LAST DATE OF RESIDENCY ( <i>MMDDYYYY</i> )
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**3. CURRENT COMPLETE MILITARY OR OVERSEAS ADDRESS**

**4. I SWEAR OR AFFIRM, UNDER THE PENALTY OF PERJURY, THAT:**

<p>a. I am a United States citizen, and eligible to vote in the above jurisdiction (Item 2).</p> <p>b. I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated, if required by state law.</p> <p>c. I am not registering, requesting a ballot or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S.</p> <p>d. My application for a regular absentee ballot was mailed in time to be received by the local election official 30 days prior to this election, or this requirement has been waived by appropriate authority.</p>	<p>e. I have not received the requested ballot.</p> <p>f. I understand that if my regular absentee ballot is received by the local election official in time to be counted, that ballot will be counted and this write-in ballot will be voided.</p> <p>g. I have voted and sealed this ballot in private and have not allowed any person to observe the marking of this ballot, except for those authorized to assist voters under state or Federal law. I have not been influenced.</p> <p>h. I have mailed this ballot from outside the United States, or my state has made special provisions to allow me to mail this ballot from inside the U.S.</p> <p>i. The information on this form is true and complete.</p>
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**WITNESS(ES) SIGNATURE AND ADDRESS** (*If required by law*)

**APPLICANT SIGNATURE** (*Sign here*)

**DATE SIGNED**  
(*MMDDYYYY*)

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#### INSTRUCTIONS TO ELECTION OFFICIALS

**This is an official Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) authorized by 42 USC Section 1973ff-2.**

1. Upon receipt of this ballot, examine the voter's declarations. If it appears that the voter is eligible to vote in your jurisdiction and has applied in a timely fashion for a regular absentee ballot, or this requirement has been waived by appropriate authority, then this ballot is valid unless you receive the voted regular absentee ballot in time for it to be counted. This ballot should be handled in the same manner as required by state law for other absentee ballots. If this ballot is to be counted, deposit the voted ballot in the ballot box without examining the voter's choices.
2. The oath on this ballot is self-executing and need not be notarized or witnessed, unless required by state law.
3. Unless provided by law, or special provisions have been made, this ballot should not be counted if:
  - a. It was submitted from within the United States (an APO/FPO address is considered outside the U.S.); or
  - b. This voter's application for a regular absentee ballot was received by you less than 30 days prior to the election; or
  - c. This voter's completed regular absentee ballot was received by you by the state deadline for receipt of absentee ballots; or
  - d. This ballot is not received by the state deadline for receipt of voted absentee ballots.

# OFFICIAL FEDERAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT

**PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT**

**U.S. SENATOR(S)\***

**U.S. REPRESENTATIVE/DELEGATE\*\*/RESIDENT COMMISSIONER\*\***

\* Legal residents of the District of Columbia may vote only for President/Vice President and Delegate.

**\*\*Legal residents of American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands may vote only for non-voting Delegate or Resident Commissioner to the Congress.**

## **ADDENDUM**

Some states allow the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot to be used by military and overseas civilian voters in elections other than general elections or for offices other than Federal offices. Consult your state section in the *Voting Assistance Guide* to determine your state's policy. *If you are eligible to use this ballot to vote for offices/candidates other than those listed above, please indicate in the spaces provided below, the office for which you wish to vote (for example: Governor, Attorney General, Mayor, State Senator, etc.), and the name and/or party affiliation of the candidate for whom you wish to vote.*

## OFFICE

**CANDIDATE NAME or PARTY AFFILIATION**

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Meeting of the Defense Department Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS)

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense; Notice of Meeting.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is hereby given for a forthcoming meeting of the Defense Department Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS). The purpose of the Committee meeting is to discuss the 2004 DACOWITS Report. The meeting is open to the public, subject to the availability of space.

Interested persons may submit a written statement for consideration by the Committee and make an oral presentation of such. Persons desiring to make an oral presentation or submit a written statement to the Committee must notify the point of contact listed below no later than 5 p.m., November 1, 2004. Oral presentations by members of the public will be permitted only on Tuesday, November 9, 2004, from 4:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. before the full Committee. Presentations will be limited to two minutes. Number of oral presentations to be made will depend on the number of requests received from members of the public. Each person desiring to make an oral presentation must provide the point of contact listed below with one (1) copy of the presentation by 5 p.m., November 1, 2004, and bring 35 copies of any material that is intended for distribution at the meeting. Persons submitting a written statement must submit 35 copies of the statement to the DACOWITS staff by 5 p.m. on November 1, 2004.

**DATES:** November 8, 2004, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., November 9, 2004, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Embassy Suites Hotel, Crystal City—National Airport, 1300 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** MSgt Gerald T. Posey, USAF, DACOWITS, 4000 Defense Pentagon, Room 2C548A, Washington, DC 20301-4000. Telephone (703) 697-2122. Fax (703) 614-6233.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Meeting Agenda.

Monday, November 8, 2004, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

2004 Committee Report.  
Tuesday, November 9, 2004, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

2004 Committee Report.  
4:30 p.m.–4:45 p.m. (Public Forum)

**Note:** Exact order may vary.

Dated: October 14, 2004.

**Jeannette Owings-Ballard,**  
*OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer,  
Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 20, 2004.

**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. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) title; (3) summary of the collection; (4) description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) reporting and/or recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

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.

Dated: October 15, 2004.

**Angela C. Arrington,**

*Leader, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

## Institute of Education Sciences

**Type of Review:** New.

**Title:** 2005 High School Transcript Study.

**Frequency:** One time.

**Affected Public:** State, local, or tribal gov't, SEAs or LEAs; not-for-profit institutions.

**Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:**

**Responses:** 768.

**Burden Hours:** 2,304.

**Abstract:** This clearance package contains descriptions, supporting statements, and burden information for the 2005 High School Transcript Study. The Study collects transcripts for graduating high school students from schools participating in the 2005 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) 12th grade assessment. To interpret the transcript information, school catalogs are collected and school administrative personnel are interviewed.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2627. 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., Potomac Center, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20202-4700. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address [OCIO\\_RIMG@ed.gov](mailto:OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-245-6621. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Kathy Axt at [Kathy.Axt@ed.gov](mailto:Kathy.Axt@ed.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal