

The discussion of independent government cost estimates prior to the development of the Request for Proposals for the NAEP 2007–2012 contracts is necessary for ensuring that NAEP contracts meet congressionally mandated goals and adhere to Board policies on NAEP assessments. This part of the meeting must be conducted in closed session because public disclosure of this information would likely have an adverse financial effect on the NAEP program and would provide an advantage to potential bidders attending the meeting. Discussion of this information would be likely to significantly impede implementation of a proposed agency action if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemption 9(B) of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

On March 2, the full Board will meet in open session from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. From 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. the Board will approve the agenda, followed by welcome remarks and Oath of Office ceremonies for new Board members. The Board will then receive the Executive Director's report and hear an update on the work of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES).

From 9:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on March 2, the Board's standing committees—the Assessment Development Committee; the Committee on Standards, Design and Methodology; and the Reporting and Dissemination Committee—will meet in open session.

On March 2, the full Board will meet in closed session from 12:15 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. The Board will receive a briefing provided by the Associate Commissioner of the National Center for Education Statistics on secure national student achievement data related to upcoming NAEP reports, including results for the 2006 assessments in U.S. history and in civics, and a report comparing NAEP and state proficiency standards. The Governing Board will be provided with embargoed data that cannot be discussed in an open meeting prior to their official release. The meeting must therefore be conducted in closed session as disclosure of data would significantly impede implementation of The Nation's Report Card initial release activities, as protected by exemption 9(B) of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

On March 2 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. the Board will discuss and take action on the NAEP 2011 Writing Framework. Thereafter, the full Board will meet in closed session from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. to receive a secure briefing on the pilot study results from the 2006 NAEP Economics Achievement Level Setting for Grade 12. This briefing will involve

discussion of secure NAEP performance results, achievement level findings from the pilot study, and secure NAEP questions. These data constitute a major basis for the national release of the NAEP Grade 12 Economics results, and cannot be released in an open meeting prior to the official release of the reports. The meeting must therefore be conducted in closed session as disclosure of data would significantly impede implementation of the NAEP release activities, and is therefore protected by exemption 9(B) of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

On March 3, the Nominations Committee will meet in closed session from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. to review and discuss confidential information regarding nominees received for Board vacancies for terms beginning on October 1, 2007. The Nominations Committee will prepare a final slate of candidates for each Board vacancy and make recommendations to the full Board. The full Board will then consider these nominations in closed session on March 3 from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. During this closed session, the full Board will review and take action on the final slate of candidates for open Board positions. After review, the Board will submit the recommended candidates to the Secretary of Education for her review and action. These discussions pertain solely to internal personnel rules and practices for an agency and will disclose information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. As such, the discussions are protected by exemptions 2 and 6 of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

The full Board will meet in open session on March 3 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. From 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. the Board will discuss academic standards initiatives. Board actions on policies and Committee reports are scheduled to take place between 10:15 a.m. and 12 p.m., upon which the March 3, 2007 session of the Board meeting will adjourn.

Detailed minutes of the meeting, including summaries of the activities of the closed sessions and related matters that are informative to the public and consistent with the policy of section 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) will be available to the public within 14 days of the meeting. Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite #825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Dated: February 6, 2007.

**Charles E. Smith,**

*Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Science; DOE/Advanced Scientific Computing Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Advanced Scientific Computing Advisory Committee (ASCAC). Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92–463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Tuesday, February 27, 2007, 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.; Wednesday, February 28, 2007, 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** American Geophysical Union, (AGU), 2000 Florida Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20009–1277.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Melea Baker, Office of Advanced Scientific Computing Research; SC–21/ Germantown Building; U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585–1290; Telephone (301) 903–7486, (E-mail: [Melea.Baker@science.doe.gov](mailto:Melea.Baker@science.doe.gov)).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Purpose of the Meeting:* The purpose of this meeting is to provide advice and guidance with respect to the advanced scientific computing research program.

*Tentative Agenda:* Agenda will include discussions of the following:

*Tuesday, February 27, 2007*

View from Washington on the Office of Advanced Scientific Computing Presentation from the Under Secretary for Science  
Report Discussion on Charge 1—  
Performance Metrics for  
Computational Facilities  
Management Principles for HPC & Leadership Computer Acquisitions  
Report Discussion on Charge 2—  
Examine the Role and Efficiency of Networking and Networking Research Within SC  
Sub-Surface Modeling  
Update on SciDAC  
Strategy for Applied Math Program  
Public Comment

*Wednesday, February 28, 2007*

New Charges—COV Review of Computational Partnerships

Joint Panel with BERAC on Progression  
Toward GTL (Genomics) Models  
Overview of Cyber Security Workshop  
Outreach and Communications Project  
for ASCR  
Mathematical Research Challenges in  
Optimization of Complex Systems  
Public Comment

**Public Participation:** The meeting is open to the public. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting.

If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact Melea Baker via FAX at 301-903-4846 or via e-mail ([Melea.Baker@science.doe.gov](mailto:Melea.Baker@science.doe.gov)). You must make your request for an oral statement at least 5 business days prior to the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Chairperson of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Public comment will follow the 10-minute rule.

**Minutes:** The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying within 30 days at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room; 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585; between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 7, 2007.

**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Science; Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee (BESAC). Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Monday, February 26, 2007, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Tuesday, February 27, 2007, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center 5701 Marinelli Road, North Bethesda, MD 20852.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karen Talamini; Office of Basic Energy Sciences; U.S. Department of Energy; Germantown Building, Independence Avenue, Washington, DC 20585; Telephone: (301) 903-4563

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Purpose of the Meeting:** The purpose of this meeting is to provide advice and guidance with respect to the basic energy sciences research program.

**Tentative Agenda:** Agenda will include discussions of the following:

- News from the Office of Science.
- News from the Office of Basic Energy Sciences.
- Update of COV of Scientific Facilities Division.
- Reports of BES Basic Research Needs Workshops.
- Reports of the BESAC Grand Challenges Subcommittee.

**Public Participation:** The meeting is open to the public. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact Karen Talamini at 301-903-6594 (fax) or [karen.talamini@science.doe.gov](mailto:karen.talamini@science.doe.gov) (e-mail). You must make your request for an oral statement at least 5 business days prior to the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Chairperson of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Public comment will follow the 10-minute rule.

**Minutes:** The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying within 30 days at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room; 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585; between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 6, 2007.

**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL07-33-000]

### California Independent System Operator Corporation; Notice of Filing

February 5, 2007.

Take notice that on January 25, 2007, California Independent System Operator Corporation tendered for filing a Petition for Declaratory Order as required by 18 CFR 381.302(a).

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

**Comment Date:** 5 p.m. Eastern Time on March 1, 2007.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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