

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 5, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Education Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10222, Washington, DC 20503. Commenters are encouraged to submit responses electronically by e-mail to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov or via fax to (202) 395-6974. Commenters should include the following subject line in their response "Comment: [insert OMB number], [insert abbreviated collection name, e.g., "Upward Bound Evaluation"]". Persons submitting comments electronically should not submit paper copies.

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 IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, 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.

Dated: April 30, 2008.

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IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.

Institute of Education Sciences

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: Adult ESL Literacy Impact Study.

Frequency: On occasion; weekly.

Affected Public: Individuals or household.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 2,427.

Burden Hours: 403.

Abstract: The Adult ESL Literacy Impact Study is an evaluation of the effectiveness of a literacy curriculum in improving the English reading and speaking skills of adult ESL learners who have low levels of literacy in their native language. This evaluation employs a random assignment design to compare the outcomes of adult learners who receive the literacy instruction to those who receive the instruction that is normally provided through adult education programs.

Requests for copies of the information collection submission for OMB review may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 3580. 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., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202-401-0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), Web-Based Collection System.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Private Sector; not-for-profit institutions; businesses or

other for-profit; State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 52,040.

Burden Hours: 162,943.

Abstract: IPEDS is a Web-based system designed to collect basic data from all postsecondary institutions in the United States and the other jurisdictions. IPEDS allows NCES to describe the size of one of the nation's largest enterprises, postsecondary education, in terms of students enrolled, degrees and other awards earned, dollars expended, and staff employed. IPEDS incorporates technological improvements into the collection that enhance data submission and data availability. The IPEDS Web-based data collection system was implemented in 2000–01, and it collects basic data from approximately 6,600 postsecondary institutions in the United States and other jurisdictions that are eligible to participate in Title IV Federal financial aid programs. All Title IV institutions are required to respond to IPEDS (Section 490 of the Higher Education Amendments of 1992 (Pub. L. 102–325)). IPEDS allows other (non-Title IV) institutions to participate on a voluntary basis, but only about 200 elect to respond.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Assessment Governing Board; Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Education, National Assessment Governing Board.

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting and Partially Closed Meetings.

SUMMARY: The notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the National Assessment Governing Board. This notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify members of the general public of their opportunity to attend. Individuals who will need special accommodations in order to attend the meeting (i.e.; interpreting services, assistive listening devices, materials in alternative format) should notify Munira Mwalimu at 202–357–6938 or at Munira.Mwalimu@ed.gov no later than May 5, 2008. We will attempt to meet requests after this date, but cannot guarantee availability of the requested accommodation. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

Dates: May 15–17, 2008

Times

May 15

Committee Meeting

Assessment Development Committee: Open Session 1–2:30 p.m.

Ad Hoc Committee: Open Session—2:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Executive Committee: Open Session—4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Closed Session—5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

May 16

Full Board: Open Session—8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.; Closed Session—12 p.m. to 1 p.m.; Open Session—1 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Committee Meetings

Assessment Development Committee: Closed Session—9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; Open Session—11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Committee on Standards, Design and Methodology: Closed Session—9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.; Open Session 10:30 a.m.—12 p.m.

Reporting and Dissemination Committee: Open Session—9 a.m. to 12 p.m.;

May 17

Nominations Committee: Closed Session—8:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

Full Board: Open Session—9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Location: Roosevelt Hotel, 45 East 45th Street and Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Munira Mwalimu, Operations Officer, National Assessment Governing Board, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Suite 825, Washington, DC, 20002–4233, Telephone: (202) 357–6938.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Assessment Governing Board is established under section 412 of the National Education Statistics Act of 1994, as amended.

The Board is established to formulate policy guidelines for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). The Board's responsibilities include selecting subject areas to be assessed, developing assessment specifications and frameworks, developing appropriate student achievement levels for each grade and subject tested, developing standards and procedures for interstate and national comparisons, developing guidelines for reporting and disseminating results, and releasing initial NAEP results to the public.

On Thursday May 15 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. the Assessment Development Committee will meet in open session. The Ad Hoc Committee on NAEP Testing and Reporting on Students with Disabilities and English Language Learners will meet in open session from 2:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. and the Executive Committee will meet in open session from 4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. From 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. the Executive Committee will meet in closed session to receive a briefing from the National Center for Education Statistics on options for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) contracts covering the 2008–2012 assessment years, based on funding for Fiscal Year 2010. The discussion of contract options and costs will address the implications for congressionally mandated goals and adherence to Board policies on NAEP assessments. This part of the meeting must be conducted in closed session because public discussion of this information would disclose independent government cost estimates and contracting options, adversely impacting the confidentiality of the contracting process. Public disclosure of information discussed would significantly impede implementation of the NAEP contract awards, and is therefore protected by exemption 9(B) of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

On May 16, the full Board will meet in open session from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. The Board will approve the agenda and the March 2008 Board minutes.