

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government; State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.  
*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 56.

Burden Hours: 4,200.

*Abstract:* Section 4 of the Assistive Technology Act of 1998, as amended, requires states to submit an application in order to receive funds under the state grant for the assistive technology program. This information collection will be used to meet their application requirements. The Rehabilitation Services Administration calls this application a State Plan for Assistive Technology.

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 3782. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, 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 October 14, 2008.

**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.

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: August 8, 2008.

**Angela C. Arrington,**

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

### Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* State Educational Agency (SEA) Local Educational Agency (LEA), and School Data Collection and Reporting under ESEA, Title I, Part A.

*Frequency:* As needed.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 25.

Burden Hours: 200.

*Abstract:* Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) gives State educational agencies the flexibility to use an alternative method to distribute Title I, Part A Grants to Local Educational Agencies funds to small LEAs.

Sections 1124(a)(2)(B), 1124A(a)(4)(A), and 1125(d) of Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act, authorize State educational agencies (SEAs) to use alternative poverty data to redistribute Title I Basic, Concentration, and Targeted Grant allocations determined by the Department of Education (ED) to "small" local educational agencies (LEAs) with fewer than 20,000 total residents. Section 200.74 of the Title I regulations further clarifies this provision by extending this flexibility to Educational Finance Incentive Grants. The statute requires ED to obtain approval of any alternative poverty measure they choose to use for this purpose.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation Meeting

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

#### What Is the Purpose of This Notice?

The purpose of this notice is to announce the upcoming meeting of the National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation (the Committee). Parts of this meeting will be open to the public, and the public is invited to attend those portions.

### When and Where Will the Meeting Take Place?

We will hold the public meeting on September 15, 2008, from 8:00 a.m. until approximately 5:00 p.m. in Salon A at Washington Marriott, 1221 22nd Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037. You may call the hotel at 202-872-1500 to inquire about room accommodations.

### What Assistance Will Be Provided to Individuals With Disabilities?

The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. If you will need an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the meeting, e.g., interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate format, notify the contact person listed in this notice at least two weeks before the scheduled meeting date. Although we will attempt to meet a request received after that date, we may not be able to make available the requested auxiliary aid or service because of insufficient time to arrange it.

### Who Is the Contact Person for the Meeting?

Please contact Ms. Melissa Lewis, the Executive Director for the National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation, if you have questions about the meeting. You may contact her at the U.S. Department of Education, Room 7127, MS 7563, 1990 K St., NW., Washington, DC 20006, telephone: (202) 219-7009, fax: (202) 219-7008, e-mail: [Melissa.Lewis@ed.gov](mailto:Melissa.Lewis@ed.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

### What Are the Functions of the Committee?

The Committee was established by the Secretary of Education under Section 102 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.

The Committee's responsibilities are to:

- On request of a foreign country, evaluate the standards of accreditation applied to medical schools in that country; and
- Determine the comparability of those standards to standards for accreditation applied to United States medical schools. Comparability of the applicable accreditation standards is an eligibility requirement for foreign medical schools to participate in the Federal Family Education Loan program, 20 U.S.C. 1071 *et seq.*

### What Items Will Be on the Agenda for Discussion at the Meeting?

The Committee will review the standards of accreditation applied to medical schools by several foreign countries to determine whether those standards are comparable to the standards of accreditation applied to medical schools in the United States. Discussions of the standards of accreditation will be held in sessions open to the public. Discussions resulting in specific determinations of comparability are closed to the public in order that each country may be properly notified of the decision. The countries tentatively scheduled to be discussed at the meeting include: Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Israel, The Netherlands, and Taiwan. Beginning August 22, 2008, you may call the contact person listed above to obtain the final listing of the countries whose standards will be discussed during this meeting. The listing of countries will also be posted on the Department of Education's Web site at the following address: <http://www.ed.gov/about/bdscomm/list/ncfmea.html>.

### How May I Obtain Electronic Access to This Document?

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Dated: August 8, 2008.

**Cheryl A. Oldham,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Postsecondary Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Fossil Energy

#### Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

This notice announces a meeting of the Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee. Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Thursday, September 4, 2008, 3 to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** TMS, Inc., 955 L'Enfant Plaza North, SW., Suite 1500, Washington, DC 20024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Edith Allison, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Oil and Natural Gas, Washington, DC 20585. Phone: 202-586-1023.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Purpose of the Committee:* The purpose of the Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee is to provide advice on potential applications of methane hydrate to the Secretary of Energy, and assist in developing recommendations and priorities for the Department of Energy Methane Hydrate Research and Development Program.

#### *Tentative Agenda:*

- Discussion of information, including fact sheet and PowerPoint presentation, to be provided to the 2008-2009 Executive Branch Transition teams.

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. The Chairman of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. 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 Edith Allison at the address or telephone number listed above. You must make your request for an oral statement at least five business days prior to the meeting, and reasonable provisions will be made to include the presentation on the agenda. Public comment will follow the 10-minute rule.

*Minutes:* The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying within 60 days at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, Room 1G-033, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.