

9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.—Receive a report of the Habitat Protection Committee.

9:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.—Receive a report of the Law Enforcement Committee.

10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.—Receive a report of the Administrative Policy Committee.

10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.—Receive a report of the Stone Crab Management Committee.

11:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.—Receive a report on the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Liaison.

11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.—Receive Enforcement Reports.

11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.—Receive Director's Reports.

11:45 p.m. - 12:00 noon—Other business to be discussed.

#### Committees

##### March 10

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.—Convene the AP Selection Committee. (CLOSED SESSION).

1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.—Convene the SSC Selection Committee. (CLOSED SESSION).

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.—Convene the Administrative Policy Committee.

##### March 11

8:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.—Convene the Reef Fish Management Committee.

12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.—Convene the Shrimp Management Committee.

4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.—Convene the Stone Crab Management Committee.

4:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.—Convene the Habitat Protection Committee.

#### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see ADDRESSES) by March 3, 1997.

Dated: February 11, 1997.

Bruce Morehead,

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Public Information Collection Requirement Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

**Title and OMB Control Number:** Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 232, Contract Financing, and the Clause at 252.232-7002, Progress Payments for Foreign Military Sales Acquisitions; OMB Number 0704-0321.

**Type of Request:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Number of Respondents:** 414.

**Responses Per Respondent:** 12.

**Annual Responses:** 4,968.

**Average Burden Per Response:** 30 minutes.

**Annual Burden Hours:** 7,452 (includes 4,968 recordkeeping hours).

**Needs and Uses:** The Arms Export Control Act requires, in the absence of a special Presidential Finding, that the U.S. Government purchase military equipment for foreign governments using foreign funds and without any charge to appropriated funds. In order to comply with this requirement, the Government needs to know how much to charge each country as progress payments are made for foreign military sales (FMS) purchases. The Government can only obtain this information from the contractor preparing the progress payment request. The clause at 252.232-7002 requires contractors, whose contracts include FMS requirements, to submit a progress payment request with a supporting schedule which clearly distinguishes the contract's FMS requirements from U.S. contract requirements. The Government uses this information to determine how much of each country's funds to disburse to the contractor.

**Affected Public:** Business or other for profit; not for profit institutions.

**Frequency:** On occasion.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Required to obtain or retain benefits.

**OMB Desk Officer:** Mr. Peter N. Weiss.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Weiss at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**DOD Clearance Officer:** Mr. William Pearce.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Pearce, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: February 12, 1997.

Patricia L. Toppings,

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

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### Defense Science Board Task Force on Underground Facilities

**ACTION:** Notice of advisory committee meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Science Board Task Force on Underground Facilities will meet in closed session on March 12-13, 1997 at U.S. Strategic Command, Omaha, Nebraska.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense through the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At this meeting the Task Force will address the threat to U.S. interests posed by the growth of underground facilities in unfriendly nations. The Task Force should investigate technologies and techniques to meet the international security and military strategy challenges posed by these facilities.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II, (1994)), it has been determined that this DSB Task Force meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) (1994), and that accordingly this meeting will be closed to the public.

Dated: February 12, 1997.

L.M. Bynum,

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

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### Defense Science Board Task Force on Stealth Technology and Future S&T Investments

**ACTION:** Notice of advisory committee meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Science Board Task Force on Stealth Technology and Future S&T Investments will meet in closed session on March 19-20, April 1-2, and April 28-29, 1997 at Science Applications International Corporation, 4001 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense through the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology

on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At this meeting the Task Force will explore the relationship between low observable and electronic warfare technologies in providing future weapon system survivability.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II, (1994)), it has been determined that this DSB Task Force meetings concern matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) (1994), and that accordingly this meeting will be closed to the public.

Dated: February 12, 1997.

L.M. Bynum,

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Office of Educational Research and Improvement (OERI), National Institute on Educational Governance, Finance, Policy-Making, and Management

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed priority for fiscal year 1997.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary proposes a priority for a National Research and Development Center. The Secretary takes this action to support research on policymaking and policies to support excellence in teaching.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before March 20, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** All comments concerning this proposed priority should be addressed to Ron Anson, U.S. Department of Education, 555 New Jersey Avenue, NW., room 608F, Washington, DC 20208-5510. Comments can be faxed to Mr. Anson at (202) 219-2159 or e-mailed through the internet to: ron\_anson@ed.gov.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ron Anson, telephone: (202) 219-2214. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Educational Research and Improvement, authorized under Title IX of Public Law 103-227 (20 U.S.C. section 6001 *et seq.*), supports educational research and development activities. The National Institute on

Educational Governance, Finance, Policy-Making, and Management is one of five research institutes that carry out coordinated and comprehensive programs of research, development, evaluation, and dissemination activities designed to provide research-based leadership for the improvement of education.

The National Institute on Educational Governance, Finance, Policy-Making, and Management supports a range of research, development, and dissemination activities focused on core issues in education. Activities are carried out by national research and development centers, field-initiated studies, and a variety of directed research, development, and dissemination activities.

The Secretary believes that increasing the capacity of the nation's education system to improve the quality of education depends on knowledge generated by an enduring program of education research and development. Knowledge gained from education research and development can help guide the national investment in education and support local and State improvement efforts. Because they carry out sustained, long-term research and development, centers are a primary mechanism for pursuing new knowledge about education. Center awards are made to institutions of higher education, institutions of higher education in consort with public agencies or non-profit organizations, and interstate agencies established by compact that operate subsidiary bodies to conduct postsecondary education research and development.

The Secretary invites comments on the priority described in this notice. Prior to this announcement and in conjunction with planning for Educational Research and Development Center competitions in 1996, OERI engaged in a series of meetings, regional hearings, and Federal Register notices that solicited advice from parents, teachers, administrators, policymakers, business people, researchers, and others to identify the most needed research and development activities. Following these activities and subsequent research priorities planning meetings in which OERI engaged, OERI prepared this notice of proposed priority. The subject matter of this proposed priority has been reviewed by OERI's National Research Policy and Priorities Board, whose mandate includes the development of a Research Priorities Plan.

The Secretary will announce the final priority in a notice in the Federal Register. The final priority will be

determined by responses to this notice and other considerations of the Department. This notice does not preclude the Secretary from proposing or funding additional priorities, subject to meeting applicable rulemaking requirements.

Note: This notice of proposed priority does not solicit applications. A notice inviting applications under this competition will be published in the Federal Register concurrent with or following publication of the notice of final priority.

### Proposed Priority: Policy and Teaching Excellence

Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) the Secretary will give an absolute preference to applications that meet the following specific priority area. The Secretary intends to fund only one application that meets the priority listed below. Funding this priority will depend on the availability of funds, the nature of the final priority, and the quality of applications received. The Secretary proposes to support a national center to conduct research and development in the priority area of improving policymaking and policy structures to achieve excellence in teaching.

A: This center must:

(1) Conduct a coherent, sustained program of research and development to address problems and issues of national significance in the specific priority area, using a well-conceptualized and theoretically sound framework;

(2) Contribute to the development and advancement of theory in the specific priority area;

(3) Conduct scientifically rigorous studies capable of generating findings that contribute substantially to understanding the field;

(4) Conduct work of sufficient size, scope, and duration to produce definitive guidance for improvement efforts and future research;

(5) Address issues of both equity and excellence in education for all students in the specific priority area; and

(6) Document, report, and disseminate information about its research findings and other accomplishments in ways that will facilitate effective use of that information by decisionmakers and others as appropriate.

B: In carrying out its program of work, the center must also:

(1) Conduct research and development on the full range of policy issues relevant to teaching excellence and other associated policy issues;

(2) Conduct a program of research and development that will aid policymakers throughout the Nation at all levels of government and at all levels of the