

The mission of the Defense Policy Board is to provide the Secretary of Defense, Deputy Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy with independent, informed advice and opinion concerning major matters of defense policy. At this meeting the Board will hold classified discussions on national security matters.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended [5 U.S.C. App. II, (1982)], it has been determined that this Defense Policy Board meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1)(1982), and that accordingly this meeting will be closed to the public.

Dated: May 6, 1998.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense Wage Committee; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to the provisions of section 10 of Public Law 92-463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given that closed meetings of the Department of Defense Wage Committee will be held on June 2, 1998; June 9, 1998; June 16, 1998; June 23, 1998; and June 30, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. in Room A105, The Nash Building, 1400 Key Boulevard, Rosslyn, Virginia.

Under the provisions of section 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, the Department of Defense has determined that the meetings meet the criteria to close meetings to the public because the matters to be considered are related to internal rules and practices of the Department of Defense and the detailed wage data to be considered were obtained from officials of private establishments with a guarantee that the data will be held in confidence.

However, members of the public who may wish to do so are invited to submit material in writing to the chairman concerning matters believed to be deserving of the Committee's attention.

Additional information concerning the meetings may be obtained by writing to the Chairman, Department of Defense Wage Committee, 4000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-4000.

Dated: May 6, 1998.

L.M. Bynum,

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, 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 12, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196.

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: 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 Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this 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 at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

Dated: May 7, 1998.

Hazel Fiers,

Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Educational Research and Improvement

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Application for Grants Under the Eisenhower Federal Activities Program.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profits; Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting Burden and Recordkeeping:

Responses: 1,000.

Burden Hours: 40,000.

Abstract: Eisenhower Federal Activities is a discretionary grants program that supports activities of national significance that will contribute to the development and implementation of high-quality professional development in the core academic subjects.

This information collection is being submitted under the Streamlined Clearance Process for Discretionary Grant Information Collections (OMB Control No. 1890-0001). Therefore, this 30-day public comment period notice will be the only public comment notice published for this information collection.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Solicitation for the Development of Centers of Automotive Technology Excellence Under the Graduate Automotive Technology Education (GATE) Program, Financial Assistance Solicitation No. DE-SC02-98EE50519

AGENCY: Chicago Operations Office, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of availability of a financial assistance solicitation for cooperative agreement proposals.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Advanced Automotive Technologies (OATT) announces its interest in receiving applications from colleges and universities with accredited graduate engineering programs in the United States to develop Centers of Automotive Technology Excellence under the Graduate Automotive Technology Education (GATE) Program. The Centers are intended to provide multi-disciplinary engineering training for graduate students in specific areas of advanced automotive technology. The goal of the GATE Program is to overcome technology barriers preventing the development and production of cost-effective high-efficiency vehicles for the U.S. market.

DATES AND ADDRESSES: The complete solicitation document will be available on the Internet on or about May 18, 1998 by accessing the DOE Chicago Internet Home Page at <http://www.ch.doe.gov/business/ACQ.html> under the heading "Current Acquisition Activities" Solicitation No. DE-SC02-98EE50519. Applications are due no later than 3:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time (CDT), on July 17, 1998. Any amendments to the solicitation will continue to be posted on the Internet. Please note that users are not alerted when the solicitation is issued or when amendments are posted. Prospective offeror(s) are therefore advised to check the above Internet address on a daily basis. Awards are anticipated by August 30, 1998.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Completed applications referencing Solicitation No. DE-SC02-98EE50519 must be submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy, Chicago Operations Office, Attn: Dennis L. Wilson, Bldg. 201, Rm. 3F-08, 9800 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, IL 60439-4899. As a result of this solicitation, DOE may award five (5) cooperative agreements, one for each desired technology area. The period of performance is expected to be September 1, 1998 to August 30, 2000. Available funding, irrespective of the number of offerors selected, is \$500,000.00 in FY 1998, and follow-on funding of approximately \$500,000.00 for FY 1999. Colleges and universities that respond to this solicitation must already have significant experience with one or more of the desired technologies and have access to laboratory facilities

and equipment to support their proposed programs.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis L. Wilson, Acquisition and Assistance Group, Chicago Operations Office, 9800 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, Illinois 60439; Telephone No. (630) 252-2413; Fax No. (630) 252-5045, or by e-mail at dennis.wilson@ch.doe.gov

Issued in Chicago, Illinois on April 30, 1998.

James Bieschke,

Director of Operations Division, Acquisition and Assistance Group.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Department of Energy, Los Alamos National Laboratory

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Los Alamos National Laboratory.

DATES: Thursday, May 28, 1998: 6 p.m.-9 p.m., 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. (public comment session).

ADDRESSES: Taos Convention Center, Taos, New Mexico.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Ann DuBois, Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board, Los Alamos National Laboratory, 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544, (505) 665-5048.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Advisory Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda:

6:00 p.m. Call to Order by DOE
6:00 p.m. Welcome by Chair, Roll Call, Approval of Agenda and Minutes from March 21, 1998 and April 28, 1998 Meetings
6:30 p.m. Public Comments
7:00 p.m. Break
7:15 p.m. Board Business—Formation of Committees, Charter, Budget Status, Workshop Announcements
8:30 p.m. Review of Outstanding Environmental Restoration/Waste Management Recommendations

9:00 p.m. Adjourn

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Ms. Ann DuBois, at (505) 665-5048. A sign-up sheet will also be available at the door of the meeting room for members of the public to indicate their desire to address the Board. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Official is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying 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-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Mr. Mat Johansen, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, Department of Energy, Los Alamos Area Office, 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87185-5400.

Issued at Washington, DC on May 7, 1998.

Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Notice of Solicitation for Research and Development for Fuel Cells, Direct Injection Engines, and Fuels: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Technology for Transportation and Buildings

AGENCY: Chicago Operations Office, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation availability.

SUMMARY: The U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy announces its interest in receiving financial assistance applications for research and development (R&D) on automotive fuel cells, direct injection engines, and fuels in support of the Government/automotive industry Partnership for a New Generation of Vehicles (PNGV). The Partnership is