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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Office of the Secretary****Meeting of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC)****AGENCY:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedules and summary for the forthcoming meetings of the BRAC. The purposes of these meetings are to receive testimony from the Secretary of Defense, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS), or their representatives; the Department of the Air Force; the Department of the Navy; the Department of the Army; and the Department of Defense's Joint Cross Service Groups on the recommendations and methodology regarding the closure and realignment of military installations. The Commission Chairman, Anthony J. Principi, will chair the hearings.

*Dates and Times*

Monday, May 16, 2005, 1:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m., Secretary of Defense, Chairman, JCS

Tuesday, May 17, 2005, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Department of the Air Force

Tuesday, May 17, 2005, 1:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m., Department of the Navy

Wednesday, May 18, 2005, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Department of the Army

Wednesday, May 18, 2005, 1:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m., Defense Joint Cross Service Groups

Thursday, May 19, 2005, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Defense Joint Cross Service Groups

**ADDRESSES:** Senate Russell Building, Room 418, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Contact Mr. Charles Battaglia, Executive Director, BRAC Commission, 2521 South Clark St., Suite 600, Arlington VA 22202, telephone 703-699-2952

Dated: April 29, 2005.

**L.M. Bynum,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Office of the Secretary****Notice; Meeting of the Independent Review Panel To Study the Relationships Between Military Department General Counsels and Judge Advocates General—Open Meeting**

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 96-463, notice is hereby given that the Independent Review Panel To Study the Relationships between Military Department General Counsels and Judge Advocates General will hold an open meeting at the Hilton Crystal City, 2399 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202, on May 18–19, 2005, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

*Purpose:* The Panel will meet on May 18–19, 2005, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., in order to hear testimony from current and former senior Defense Department officials concerning the relationships between the legal elements of their respective Military Departments. These sessions will be open to the public, subject to the availability of space. During these initial sessions, the public will not have the opportunity to address the Panel orally, but will be afforded the opportunity at subsequent sessions. In keeping with the spirit of FACA, the Panel welcomes written comments concerning its work from the public at any time. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend the sessions.

**DATES:** May 18–19, 2005: 8:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.–4 p.m.

*Location:* Hilton Crystal City, 2399 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public wishing further information concerning this meeting or wishing to submit written comments may contact: Mr. James R. Schwenk, Designated Federal Official, Department of Defense Office of the General Counsel, 1600 Defense Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia 20301-1600. Telephone: (703) 697-9343. Fax: (703) 693-7616. [schwenkj@dodgc.osd.mil](mailto:schwenkj@dodgc.osd.mil).

Interested persons may submit a written statement for consideration by the Panel at any time prior to June 10, 2005.

Dated: April 29, 2005.

**L.M. Bynum,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION****Office of Vocational and Adult Education, Department of Education; Notice of Proposed Changes to Requirements**

**SUMMARY:** The Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education proposes to change certain requirements governing the Community Technology Centers (CTC) program that were established in 2004 and used for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2004 CTC competition. Specifically, the Assistant Secretary proposes to remove the following two requirements: (1) Novice and non-novice applicants in CTC competitions must be ranked and funded separately, and (2) at least 75 percent of the funds must be set aside for non-novice applicants and up to 25 percent of the funds must be set aside for novice applicants. The Assistant Secretary intends to make awards in FY 2005 from the list of unfunded applicants from the FY 2004 CTC competition.

**DATES:** We must receive your comments on or before June 3, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Address all comments about these proposed changes to the requirements to Inas El-Sabban, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 11055, Potomac Center Plaza, Washington, DC 20202-7100. If you prefer to send your comments through the Internet, use the following address: [inas.el-sabban@ed.gov](mailto:inas.el-sabban@ed.gov).

You must include the phrase "CTC Comments" in the subject line of your electronic message.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Inas El-Sabban. Telephone: (202) 245-7736.

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain this document in an alternative format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to the contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Invitation To Comment**

We invite you to submit comments regarding these proposed changes to the requirements that we established for the FY 2004 CTC competition. These changes will apply only to the awards we will make in FY 2005 based on the list of unfunded applications from the FY 2004 competition.

We invite you to assist us in complying with the specific

requirements of Executive Order 12866 and its overall requirement of reducing regulatory burden that might result from this proposed regulatory action. Please let us know of any further opportunities we should take to reduce potential costs or increase potential benefits while preserving the effective and efficient administration of the program.

During and after the comment period, you may inspect all public comments about this regulatory action at 550 12th Street, SW., room 11089, Washington, DC, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday of each week except Federal holidays.

#### **Assistance to Individuals With Disabilities in Reviewing the Rulemaking Record**

On request, we will supply an appropriate aid, such as a reader or print magnifier, to an individual with a disability who needs assistance to review the comments or other documents in the public rulemaking record for this regulatory action. If you want to schedule an appointment for this type of aid, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

#### **Background**

In 2004, the Department held a CTC competition with FY 2004 funds, in which it used the requirements, priorities, and selection criteria that it had established through a notice of final requirements, priorities, and selection criteria for novice and non-novice applicants for the CTC program, published in the **Federal Register** on April 16, 2004 (69 FR 20766). Under the requirements established and used in the FY 2004 competition, the Department ranked and funded separately two sets of applicants that met the established absolute priorities—novice applicants and non-novice applicants. The Department set aside approximately 75 percent of the funds for non-novice applicants and approximately 25 percent of the funds for novice applicants.

Because of the separate ranking of novice and non-novice applicants and the set-aside requirements, a number of high-quality applications received through the FY 2004 CTC competition were not funded. Accordingly, the Department proposes to make awards for FY 2005 based on the list of unfunded applicants from the FY 2004 CTC competition without regard to the set-aside provisions, thereby continuing to support and create local technology programs that are among the strongest in the nation.

#### **Discussion of Proposed Changes**

We will announce the final changes to these requirements in a notice in the **Federal Register**. We will determine the final requirements after considering responses to this notice and other information available to the Department.

#### **Targeted Applicants**

We propose to change two of the requirements of the CTC competition held in 2004 so that the Department is no longer required to: (1) Rank and fund novice and non-novice applicants separately, and (2) set aside at least 75 percent of the funds for non-novice applicants and up to 25 percent of the funds for novice applicants that met the absolute priorities.

For FY 2005, we are proposing to make awards from the list of unfunded applicants from the FY 2004 competition in the highest-ranking order, using the same priorities and selection criteria and irrespective of the novice or non-novice status of applicants.

#### **Rationale**

The Department received nearly 500 applications in response to the FY 2004 Notice Inviting Applications for the CTC program. With the \$9.5 million available, the Department awarded 25 grants. A number of high-quality applications remained unfunded. The Assistant Secretary has determined the best way to expend the \$4.9 million appropriated for FY 2005 is to make awards from the list of unfunded applicants from the FY 2004 CTC competition, without taking into account the novice or non-novice status of the applicants. By making awards from the list of unfunded applicants from the FY 2004 competition in this manner, the Department will ensure that the highest-quality applications are funded.

#### **Executive Order 12866**

This notice of proposed changes to requirements has been reviewed in accordance with Executive Order 12866. Under the terms of the order, we have assessed the potential costs and benefits of this regulatory action.

The potential costs associated with the notice of proposed changes to requirements are those resulting from statutory requirements and those we have determined as necessary for administering this program effectively and efficiently.

In assessing the potential costs and benefits—both quantitative and qualitative—of this notice of proposed changes to requirements, we have determined that the benefits of the

proposed change to the requirements governing the FY 2004 CTC competition justify the costs.

We have also determined that this regulatory action does not unduly interfere with State, local, and tribal governments in the exercise of their governmental functions.

#### **Intergovernmental Review**

This program is subject to Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79. One of the objectives of the Executive Order is to foster an intergovernmental partnership and a strengthened federalism. The Executive order relies on processes developed by State and local governments for coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance.

This document provides early notification of our specific plans and actions for this program.

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(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 84.341—Community Technology Centers Program)

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**Susan Sclafani,**

*Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education.*

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

##### **Meeting of the National Advisory Council on Indian Education**

**AGENCY:** National Advisory Council on Indian Education (NACIE), U.S. Department of Education

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of an