

networks committed to taking steps for the years to come to improve mathematics education, using the findings and recommendations of the National Mathematics Advisory Panel as a platform for action.

The long-term goal of this effort is to improve the teaching and learning of mathematics in order to prepare our students to succeed in algebra and higher-level mathematics by addressing the National Math Panel's evidence-based findings and recommendations. The ultimate goal is to ensure that U.S. children have the skills to pursue careers in mathematics and sciences, as well as to compete in this increasingly competitive global economy as informed citizens.

Forum Focus

The Forum in October will be the first in a series of forums. Understanding that the panel's findings are extensive and cover many areas, this initial Forum will focus on four of the seven National Math Panel recommendation topics. These topics include the following:

- Teachers and Teacher Education
- Learning Processes
- Instructional Materials
- Research Policies and Mechanisms

Other topics, including Curricular Content, Instructional Practices, and Assessment, may also be discussed during the Forum and will be addressed in future forums.

Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the forum (e.g., interpreting services, assistance listening devices, or materials in alternative format) should notify Ida Kelley at (202) 401-6143 or Ida.Kelley@ed.gov no later than Friday, September 12, 2008. We will attempt to meet requests for accommodations after this date but cannot guarantee their availability. The forum site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

Participation

All interested organizations and parties committed to improving the teaching and learning of mathematics in this country are encouraged to participate in the Forum. Participants will be asked to complete online registration materials that address the following:

- A description of the specific steps or actions the organization or party is planning, or will plan, to take, building on the platform of the National Math Panel's findings and recommendations related to the four topics listed above;
- A brief statement of why the organization or party is interested in

participating, along with a description of the organization's or party's resources to carry out the plan, including existing programs or efforts that could support the goals of the Forum; and

- A commitment to send a team of 2–4 individuals to the Forum.

Organizations that seek to participate in the Forum should submit their registration, by August 29, 2008, at <http://www.ed.gov/MathPanel>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

National Math Panel Forum, c/o Ida Eblinger Kelley, Office of Communications and Outreach, U.S. Department of Education, E-mail: NationalMathPanel@ed.gov, Phone: 202-401-6143, FAX: 202-205-9133; or

c/o William McCallum, Conference Board of Mathematical Sciences, E-mail: wmc@math.arizona.edu.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Privacy Act of 1974; Computer Matching Program

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice—computer matching between the U.S. Department of Education and the Social Security Administration.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, Public Law 100-503, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidelines on the conduct of

computer matching programs, notice is hereby given of the renewal of the computer matching program between the U.S. Department of Education (ED) (recipient agency), and the Social Security Administration (SSA) (source agency). This renewal of the computer matching program between SSA and ED will become effective as explained in this notice.

In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-503) (Privacy Act), Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Guidelines on the Conduct of Matching Programs (54 FR 25818, June 19, 1989), and OMB Circular No. A-130, Transmittal Memorandum #4, Management of Federal Information Resources (11/28/2000) we provide the following information:

1. Names of Participating Agencies

The U.S. Department of Education and the Social Security Administration.

2. Purpose of the Match

The purpose of this matching program between ED and SSA is to assist the Secretary of Education in her obligation to verify immigration status and Social Security numbers (SSNs) under 20 U.S.C. 1091(g) and (p). The SSA will verify the issuance of an SSN to, and the citizenship status of, those students and parents who provide their SSNs in the course of applying for aid under a student financial assistance program authorized under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA). Verification of this information by SSA will help ED satisfy its obligation to ensure that individuals applying for financial assistance meet eligibility requirements imposed by the HEA.

Verification by this computer matching program effectuates the purpose of the HEA because it provides an efficient and comprehensive method of verifying the accuracy of each individual's SSN and claim to a citizenship status that permits that individual to qualify for Title IV, HEA assistance.

3. Authority for Conducting the Matching Program

ED is authorized to participate in the matching program under sections 484(p) (20 U.S.C. 1091(p)); 484(g) (20 U.S.C. 1091(g)); 483(a)(7) (20 U.S.C. 1090(a)(7)); and 428B(f)(2) (20 U.S.C. 1078-2(f)(2)) of the HEA.

The SSA is authorized to participate in the matching program under section 1106(a) of the Social Security Act (42

U.S.C. 1306(a)) and the regulations promulgated pursuant to that section (20 CFR part 401).

4. Categories of Records and Individuals Covered by the Match

The Federal Student Aid Application File (18-11-01), which contains the information to determine an applicant's eligibility for Federal student financial assistance, and the ED PIN Registration System of Records (18-11-12), which contains the applicant's information to receive an ED PIN, will be matched against SSA's Master Files of Social Security Number Holders and SSN Applications System, SSA/OS, 60-0058, which maintains records about each individual who has applied for and obtained an SSN.

5. Privacy Impact Assessment

Section 208 of the E-Government Act of 2002 (44 U.S.C. 3501 note) requires ED to conduct the following privacy impact assessment of this information collection:

The information collected by ED under the computer matching agreement is the verification of SSNs by SSA and citizenship status as recorded in SSA records, for the purpose of assisting ED to satisfy its obligation to ensure that an individual applying for financial assistance meets the requirements imposed under the HEA. This verification is mandated by the HEA. The information obtained from SSA by ED will only be used as provided for under Section X of the computer matching agreement. Notice that ED verifies an individual's SSN through a computer matching agreement with agencies such as SSA is provided to individuals in the Privacy and Security section of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and in Federal student loan program forms; submission of a FAFSA and participation in the Federal student loan programs are voluntary. The information obtained from SSA under the computer matching agreement will be secured pursuant to the procedures described in Section IX of the computer matching agreement. No new system of records is being created for this collection because, as noted in the computer matching agreement, routine uses permitting the disclosure of records to allow for the verification of SSNs are already included in the Systems of Records Notices for Federal student aid programs. Thus, this collection comports with applicable Privacy Act standards and section 208.

6. Effective Dates of the Matching Program

This matching program must be approved by the Data Integrity Board of each agency. The computer matching agreement will become effective on: (1) October 10, 2008; (2) 40 days after the approved agreement and report on the matching program are sent to Congress and OMB (or later if OMB objects to some or all of the agreement) unless OMB waives 10 days of this 40-day period for compelling reasons shown, in which case 30 days after transmission of the report to Congress and OMB; or (3) 30 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, *whichever date is latest*.

The matching program will continue for 18 months after the effective date and may be extended for an additional 12 months thereafter, if the conditions specified in 5 U.S.C. 552a(o)(2)(D) have been met.

7. Address for Receipt of Public Comments or Inquiries

Individuals wishing to comment on this matching program, or to obtain additional information about the program, including a copy of the computer matching agreement between ED and SSA, should contact Marya Dennis, Management and Program Analyst, U.S. Department of Education, Union Center Plaza, 830 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20202-5454. Telephone: (202) 377-3385. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an open meeting of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee under the Biomass Research and Development Act of 2000. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that agencies publish these notices in the **Federal Register** to allow for public participation. This notice announces the meeting of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee.

DATES AND TIMES: September 9, 2008, at 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.; September 10, 2008, at 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

ADDRESSES: API, 1220 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005-4070.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Valri Lightner, Designated Federal Official for the Committee, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585; (202) 586-0937 or Carolyn Clark at (202) 586-8077; E-mail: cclark@bcs-hq.com.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and guidance that promotes research and development leading to the production of biobased fuels and biobased products.

Tentative Agenda: Agenda will include the following:

- Update on USDA Biofuels Activities and Budget
- Update on the 2008 Joint Solicitation and Biomass R&D Board Activities
- Presentation on the Brazilian Pipeline Experience
- Presentation on the Department of Energy Intermediate Blends Test Plan
- Approval of FY 2008 Annual Recommendations
- Panel Discussion on Investment in Biorefineries