

recently unveiled several new programs to fight intellectual property theft under the Administration's Strategy Targeting Organized Piracy (STOP!) initiative. As one component of this initiative, the Commerce Department is considering what steps to take to strengthen awareness and protection of IPR at Commerce-supported trade events, including trade fairs, expositions, and shows, both internationally and domestically. Specifically, the Department is considering to require, as a condition of its support for a trade event, that the organizer adopt a reasonable IPR policy and that the exhibitors agree to abide by such a policy and to attest that they have the necessary authority for their use of intellectual property at the event. (Commerce programs include the Trade Fair Certification Program and the International Buyer Program.)

In order to determine how best to strengthen IPR awareness and protection at trade events, the Department seeks input from trade events organizers and other interested parties to assist in assessing the breadth of the IPR protection problem at trade events generally; current private sector policies and practices regarding IPR protection at trade events; and what additional actions might be taken to address IPR problems.

The Department is particularly interested in:

1. The frequency and nature of IPR infringement incidents that they believe occur at trade events, including specific instances where they have experienced problems with IPR violations at a trade event;

2. any measures or written policies that trade events organizers currently implement pertaining to IPR protection; and

3. the benefits, and burdens, of the Department initiating reasonable IPR policies at trade events that it supports.

In particular, Commerce is interested in learning about existing private sector IPR protection policies or procedures used for trade events, including the nature of those policies; whether those policies apply to exhibitors, attendees, or both; and how such policies are enforced (e.g., organizer action or recourse to traditional legal remedies). Submission of a copy of any IPR policies or statements, whether in promotional literature and in exhibitor or attendee contracts, would be very useful to Commerce agencies in considering the need for and content of a policy that might apply to DOC-sponsored trade events.

Comments should be submitted in accordance with the information above.

Comments received will be made available to the public. Commentators should not send confidential or proprietary information in response to this notice, as DOC may not be able to protect it from public disclosure.

Dated: January 4, 2006.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Hydrographic Services Review Panel Membership Solicitation

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of membership solicitation for Hydrographic Services Review Panel.

**SUMMARY:** This notice responds to the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act Amendments of 2002, Public Law 107-372, which requires the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere to solicit nominations for membership on the Hydrographic Services Review Panel (the Panel). This advisory committee will advise the Under Secretary on matters related to the responsibilities and authorities set forth in section 303 of the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998, (the Act) and such other appropriate matters as the Under Secretary refers to the Panel for review and advice.

**DATES:** Resumes should be sent to the address, e-mail, or fax specified and must be received by March 1, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Director, Office of Coast Survey, National Ocean Service, NOAA (N/CS), 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, fax: 301-713-4019, e-mail: [Hydroservices.panel@noaa.gov](mailto:Hydroservices.panel@noaa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Captain Roger Parsons, Director, Office of Coast Survey, NOS/NOAA, 301-713-2770 x134, fax 301-713-4019, e-mail: [Roger.L.Parsons@noaa.gov](mailto:Roger.L.Parsons@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under 33 U.S.C. 883a, *et seq.*, NOAA's National Ocean Service (NOS) is responsible for providing nautical charts and related information for safe navigation. NOS collects and compiles hydrographic, tidal and current, geodetic, and a variety of other data in order to fulfill this

responsibility. The Hydrographic Services Review Panel provides advice on topics such as "NOAA's Hydrographic Survey Priorities," technologies relating to operations, research and development, and dissemination of data pertaining to:

- (a) Hydrographic surveying;
- (b) Nautical charting;
- (c) Water level measurements;
- (d) Current measurements;
- (e) Geodetic measurements; and
- (f) Geospatial measurements.

The Panel comprises fifteen voting members appointed by the Under Secretary in accordance with section 105 of the Act. Members are selected on a standardized basis, in accordance with applicable Department of Commerce guidance. The Co-Director of the Joint Hydrographic Center and two other employees of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration serve as nonvoting members of the Panel. The Director, Office of Coast Survey, serves as the Designated Federal Official (DFO). This solicitation is to obtain candidates to replace five of the voting members whose original three-year appointments expire in late 2006.

The voting members of the Panel are individuals who, by reason of knowledge, experience, or training, are especially qualified in one or more disciplines relating to hydrographic surveying, tides, currents, geodetic and geospatial measurements, marine transportation, port administration, vessel pilotage, and coastal and fishery management. An individual may not be appointed as a voting member of the Panel if the individual is a full-time officer or employee of the United States. Any voting member of the Panel who is an applicant for, or beneficiary of, (as determined by the Under Secretary) any assistance under the Act shall disclose to the Panel that relationship, and may not vote on any matter pertaining to that assistance.

Voting members of the Panel serve for a term of four years. Members serve at the discretion of the Under Secretary and are subject to government ethics standards. Any individual appointed to a partial or full term may be reappointed for one additional full term. A voting member may serve until his or her successor has taken office. The Panel selects one voting member to serve as the Chair and another to serve as the Vice Chair. The Vice Chair acts as Chair in the absence or incapacity of the Chair but will not automatically become the Chair if the Chair resigns.

At a minimum, meetings occur biannually, and at the call of the Chair or upon the request of a majority of the voting members or of the Under

Secretary. Voting members receive compensation at a rate established by the Under Secretary, not to exceed the maximum daily rate payable under section 5376 of title 5, United States Code, when actually engaged in the performance of duties for such Panel and shall be reimbursed for actual and reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of such duties.

Dated: December 23, 2005.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed information collection requests.

**SUMMARY:** The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** An emergency review has been requested in accordance with the Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3507 (j)), since public harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by January 4, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments regarding the emergency review should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Rachel Potter, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget; 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10222, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or faxed to (202) 395-6974.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Director of OMB provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (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 the Chief Information Officer, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. 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. ED 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 respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: January 4, 2006.

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### Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* Hurricane Relief Program.

*Abstract:* Formula grant applications are needed to identify those SEAs that are eligible applicants under the Hurricane Relief Program, and to obtain counts by State of students displaced by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The counts will be used to make formula payments to the SEAs to enable them to make formula payments to eligible LEAs and certain BIA and non-public schools that are educating displaced students including homeless children and youth.

*Additional Information:* This request for an emergency clearance is to collect extremely time-critical student data and related information in applications from State educational agencies (SEAs) that have local education agencies (LEAs) and Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) schools serving students displaced by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. LEAs will also collect information from the parents of displaced nonpublic school

children. This expedited collection is a direct result of an emergency initiative that Congress passed on December 22 and its purpose is to provide immediate aid for the costs related to the education of these displaced students for the 2005-2006 school year, including homeless children and youth. The data collected will be used by ED to make four Emergency Impact Aid formula grant payments to applicant SEAs based on quarterly student counts reported by LEAs. The SEAs will make four formula grant payments to applicant LEAs and BIA schools based on the quarterly student counts that they report to the SEAs, and LEAs in turn will be responsible for making payments to accounts for nonpublic school children. In addition, the first quarterly student count will be used to determine eligibility and payments for displaced homeless children and youth. Due to the urgency of distributing this application form and collecting the required information from interested participants, we are requesting an OMB emergency clearance of the Emergency Impact Aid application.

*Frequency:* Quarterly.

*Affected Public:* State, local, or tribal gov't, SEAs or LEAs; individuals or household.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: Responses—13,200. Burden Hours—28,100.*

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 2959. 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., Potomac Center, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20202-4700. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address [IC DocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:IC DocketMgr@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-245-6623. 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 [IC DocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:IC DocketMgr@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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