

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 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 IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that 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.

Dated: February 10, 2006.

Angela C. Arrington,

IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: Performance Report for the Child Care Access Means Parents in School Program—18-month/36-month reports.

Frequency: 18 months and 36 months.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions; State, local, or tribal government, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 88.

Burden Hours: 704.

Abstract: The Child Care Access Means Parents in School provides grants to institutions of higher education to enable institutions to provide child care to low-income students. Grantees are required to file reports 18 months and 36 months after they first receive funding. The reports are used to evaluate grantees' performance.

Requests for copies of the information collection submission for OMB review may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2954. 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 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 the e-mail address 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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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Assessment Governing Board; Meeting

AGENCY: National Assessment Governing Board; Education.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting and partially closed meeting.

SUMMARY: The notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the National Assessment Governing Board. This notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify members of the general public of their opportunity to attend. Individuals who will need special accommodations in order to attend the meeting (*i.e.*, interpreting services, assistive listening devices, materials in alternative format) should notify Munira Mwalimu at 202-357-6938 or at Munira.Mwalimu@ed.gov no later than February 25, 2006. We will attempt to meet requests after this date, but cannot guarantee availability of the requested accommodation. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

DATES: March 2-4, 2006.

Times

March 2

Committee Meetings: Ad Hoc Committee on Planning for NAEP 12th Grade Assessments in 2009: Open Session—12 p.m. to 2 p.m.;

Reporting and Dissemination Committee: Open Session—2 p.m. to 4 p.m.;

Executive Committee: Open Session—4:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.; Closed Session 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

March 3

Full Board: Open Session—8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Committee Meetings: Assessment Development Committee: Open Session—10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.;

Committee on Standards, Design, and Methodology: Open Session—10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.;

Reporting and Dissemination Committee: Open Session—10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.;

March 4

Nominations Committee: Closed Session—7:45 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

Full Board: Open Session—9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Location: St. Regis Hotel San Francisco, 125 Third Street, San Francisco, CA 94103.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Munira Mwalimu, Operations Officer, National Assessment Governing Board, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Suite 825, Washington, DC 20002-4233, Telephone: (202) 357-6938.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Assessment Governing Board is established under section 412 of the National Education Statistics Act of 1994, as amended.

The Board is established to formulate policy guidelines for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). The Board's responsibilities include selecting subject areas to be assessed, developing assessment objectives, developing appropriate student achievement levels for each grade and subject tested, developing guidelines for reporting and disseminating results, and developing standards and procedures for interstate and national comparisons.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Planning for NAEP 12th Grade Assessments in 2009 will meet in open session on March 2 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. and the Reporting and Dissemination Committee will meet in open session from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Thereafter, the Executive Committee will meeting open session on from 4:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

The Executive Committee will meet in closed session on March 2, 2006, from 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. From 5:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., the Committee will receive independent government cost estimates from the Associate Commissioner, National Center for Education Statistics, for options affecting current and planned operations under current contracts due to the one percent reduction in the NAEP budget in FY 2006. From 5:45 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. the Associate Commissioner will present additional independent cost estimates for newly proposed activities under current contracts including item development for the science assessment, bridge studies, and validity research. The discussion of independent government cost estimates prior to decision making on which projects to approve is necessary so that NAEP contracts meet congressionally mandated goals and adhere to Board policies on NAEP assessments. This part of the meeting must be conducted in closed session because public disclosure of this information would likely have an adverse financial effect on the NAEP program and will provide an advantage to potential bidders attending the meeting. The discussion of this information would be likely to significantly impede implementation of a proposed agency action if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemption 9(B) of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

On March 3, the full Board will meet in open session from 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. From 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. the Board will approve the agenda, introduce and administer the oath of office to a new Board member, receive the Executive Director's report, and hear an update on the work of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES).

From 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on March 3, the Board's standing committees—the Assessment Development Committee; the Committee on Standards, Design, and Methodology; and the Reporting and Dissemination Committee—will meet in open session.

From 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m., the full Board will discuss inclusion and accommodations in NAEP, followed by discussion and action on the NAEP 2009 Science Specifications from 1:45 p.m. to 3 p.m.

On March 3, from 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. the Board will hear a presentation on revisions to the NAEP 12th Grade Mathematics Objectives upon which the March 3 session of the Board meeting will conclude.

On March 4, 2006 the Nomination Committee will meet in closed session from 7:45 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. to discuss

nominations for Board vacancies. This discussion pertains solely to internal personnel rules and practices of an agency and will disclose information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. As such, the discussions are protected by exemptions 2 and 6 of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

The full Board will convene in open session from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. At 9 a.m., the Board will receive a briefing on the National Assessment of Adult Literacy with a discussion on lessons for NAEP. Board actions on policies and Committee reports are scheduled to take place between 10:15 a.m. and 12 p.m., upon which the March 4, 2006 session of the Board meeting will adjourn.

Detailed minutes of the meeting, including summaries of the activities of the closed sessions and related matters that are informative to the public and consistent with the policy of section 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) will be available to the public within 14 days of the meeting. Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite #825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. eastern standard time.

Dated: February 13, 2006.

Charles E. Smith,

Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Advance Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Implementation of the FutureGen Project

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Advance Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is announcing in advance its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), for the proposed action of providing Federal funding (up to \$700 million) for the FutureGen Project. FutureGen would comprise the planning, design, construction and operation by a private-sector organization of a coal-fired electric power and hydrogen gas (H₂) production plant integrated with carbon

dioxide (CO₂) capture and geologic sequestration of the captured gas. DOE has prepared this Advance Notice of Intent (ANOI) in accordance with DOE's NEPA regulations [(10 CFR 1021.311(b))] to inform interested parties of a pending EIS and to invite early public comments on the proposed action, including: (1) The proposed plans for implementing the FutureGen Project, (2) the potential range of environmental issues and alternatives to be analyzed, and (3) the nature of the impact analyses to be considered in the EIS. DOE will later issue a Notice of Intent (NOI) and initiate a public scoping process during which DOE will conduct public meetings and invite the public to comment on the scope, proposed action, and alternatives to be considered in the EIS.

Following President George W. Bush's announcement that the United States would sponsor a \$1 billion, 10-year FutureGen initiative to build the world's first coal-based, near-zero emissions power plant that produces both electricity and H₂, the DOE signed, on December 2, 2005, a Cooperative Agreement (DE-FC26-06NT42073) that provides financial assistance to the FutureGen Industrial Alliance, Inc. (Alliance), which will undertake the planning, design, construction and operation of the project facilities. The FutureGen initiative would establish the technical and economic feasibility of co-producing electricity and H₂ from coal while capturing and sequestering the CO₂ generated in the process.

The Alliance is a consortium led by the coal-fueled electric power industry and the coal production industry. Members of the Alliance collectively own and produce over 40 percent of the Nation's coal and about 20 percent of its coal-fueled electricity. The Alliance would plan, design, construct and operate the FutureGen power plant and the sequestration facility. The Alliance would also monitor, measure, and verify geologic sequestration of CO₂. DOE will provide technical and programmatic guidance to the Alliance, retain certain review and approval rights as defined in the Cooperative Agreement, and oversee Alliance activities for compliance with the terms of the Cooperative Agreement. DOE will be responsible for NEPA compliance activities. Both DOE and the Alliance would consider ways for state and local agencies, local communities, the environmental community, international stakeholders, and research organizations to participate in the Project, including involvement in testing, monitoring and verification protocols for CO₂ sequestration.