

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Air Force****HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board Meeting**

The Air and Space Command & Control Agency (ASC2A) Advisory Group Panel Meeting in support of the HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board will meet at Langley Air Force Base, VA on March 4-5, 1998, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to gather information and receive briefings.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with section 552b of Title 5, United States Code, specifically subparagraphs (1) and (4) thereof.

For further information, contact the HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board Secretariat at (703) 697-8404.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests**

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 23, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and 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 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.

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 the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: January 13, 1998.

Gloria Parker,

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

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

Type of Review: New.

Title: Technology Literacy Challenge Fund Performance Report.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: Responses: 57 Burden Hours: 2,280.

Abstract: Information is necessary to manage the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund program, to consider the need for future authorizations, and

to provide one set of data for evaluation and analysis.

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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 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 February 19, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Dan Chenok, 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:

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Dated: January 13, 1998.

Gloria Parker,

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

Office of Educational Research and Improvement

Type of Review: New.

Title: Application for Grants Under the Javits Gifted and Talented Students Education Program.

Frequency: Annually.

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

Reporting Burden and Recordkeeping: Responses: 300. Burden Hours: 12,000.

Abstract: Applications are required to receive grants under the the Javits Gifted and Talented Students Education Program. Program participants include SEAs, LEAs, Institutions of Higher Education, other public and private agencies and organizations, including Indian tribes and organizations—as defined by the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act—and Native Hawaiian organizations.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No. 84.116R]

Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE)—Special Focus Competition: Controlling the Cost of Postsecondary Education; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1998

Purpose of Program: To provide grants or enter into cooperative agreements to improve postsecondary education opportunities by focusing on problem areas or improvement approaches in postsecondary education.

Eligible Applicants: Institutions of higher education, other public and private nonprofit educational institutions and agencies, or combinations of those institutions or agencies.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: March 20, 1998.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: May 19, 1998.

Applications Available: January 20, 1998.

Available Funds: \$1,300,000.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$70,000–\$200,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$100,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 5–15.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Project Period: Up to 24 months.

Applicable Regulations: The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR Parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 82, 85 and 86.

Priority

Invitational Priority

The Secretary is particularly interested in applications that meet the following invitational priority. However, an application that meets this invitational priority does not receive competitive or absolute preference over other applications (34 CFR 75.105(c)(1)).

Invitational Priority

Projects that are designed to deliver postsecondary education at less cost than in previous years, while maintaining high quality.

Methods for Applying Selection Criteria

The Secretary gives equal weight to the listed criteria. Within each of the criterion, the Secretary gives equal weight to each of the factors.

Selection Criteria

In evaluating applications for grants under this program competition, the Secretary uses the following selection criteria chosen from those listed in 34 CFR 75.210:

(a) The significance of the proposed project, as determined by—

(1) The extent to which the proposed project involves the development or demonstration of promising new strategies that build on, or are alternatives to, existing strategies; and

(2) The potential replicability of the proposed project or strategies, including, as appropriate, the potential for implementation in a variety of settings.

(b) The quality of the design of the proposed project, as determined by the extent to which the goals, objectives, and outcomes to be achieved by the proposed project are clearly specified and measurable.

(c) The quality of the evaluation to be conducted of the proposed project, as

determined by the extent to which the methods of evaluation are thorough, feasible, and appropriate to the goals, objectives, and outcomes of the proposed project.

(d) The quality of the personnel who will carry out the proposed project, as determined by—

(1) The qualifications, including relevant training and experience, of key project personnel; and

(2) The extent to which the applicant encourages applications for employment from persons who are members of groups that have traditionally been underrepresented based on race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability.

(e) The adequacy of resources for the proposed project, as determined by—

(1) The extent to which the budget is adequate to support the proposed project;

(2) The extent to which the costs are reasonable in relation to the objectives, design, and potential significance of the proposed project;

(3) The relevance and demonstrated commitment of each partner in the proposed project to the implementation and success of the project;

(4) The adequacy of support, including facilities, equipment, supplies, and other resources from the applicant organization or the lead applicant organization; and

(5) The potential for continued support of the project after Federal funding ends, including, as appropriate, the demonstrated commitment of appropriate entities to such support.

For Applications or Information

Contact: Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE), U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3100, ROB-3, Washington, D.C. 20202-5175. You may request applications by calling 202-358-3041 (voice mail) or 732-544-2872 (fax-on-demand) or by submitting the name of the competition and your name and postal address to FIPSE@ED.GOV (e-mail). Applications are also listed on the FIPSE Web Site <<http://www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/FIPSE>>. 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. For additional program information call David Johnson at the FIPSE office (202-708-5750) between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

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