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Office of the Chief Financial and Chief
Information Officer.*

Office of the Under Secretary

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Federal Interagency Coordinating Council: Family Member Suggested Application/Nomination Form.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 100.

Burden Hours: 200.

Abstract: Potential members will complete the application/nomination form in order to be selected as members on the Federal Interagency Coordinating Council (FICC). The law requires that at least 20% of the members of the FICC be parents of children with disabilities age 12 or under, of whom at least one must have a child with a disability under the age of 6. Three parent positions expired in the spring of 1998 and were extended for one year due to extensive changes in the staffing and functioning of the FICC. One resignation occurred resulting in an under representation of parents on the FICC and lack of compliance with the statute. Therefore, all positions are in the process of being replaced and the need for OMB clearance of the form was necessary. The collected data will be used to make selections for FICC members.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity; Meeting

AGENCY: National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the proposed agenda of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity. Notice of this meeting is required under section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of its opportunity to attend this public meeting.

DATES AND TIMES: December 7-9, 1998, 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Embassy Suites Hotel, 1250 22nd Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037.

The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. An individual with a disability who will need an accommodation to participate in the meeting (e.g., interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate format) should notify the contact person listed in this notice at least two weeks before the scheduled meeting date. Although the Department will attempt to meet a request received after that date, the requested accommodations may not be available

because of insufficient time to arrange them.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bonnie LeBold, Executive Director, National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, U.S. Department of Education, 7th & D Streets, S.W., Room 3082, ROB-3, Washington, DC 20202-7592, telephone: (202) 260-3636. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity is established under Section 114 of the Higher Education Act (HEA) as amended by Public Law 105-244 (20 U.S.C. 1145). The Committee advises the Secretary of Education with respect to the establishment and enforcement of the criteria for recognition of accrediting agencies or associations under subpart 2 of part H of Title IV, HEA, the recognition of specific accrediting agencies or associations, the preparation and publication of the list of nationally recognized accrediting agencies and associations, and the eligibility and certification process for institutions of higher education under Title IV, HEA. The Committee also develops and recommends to the Secretary standards and criteria for specific categories of vocational training institutions and institutions of higher education for which there are no recognized accrediting agencies, associations, or State agencies, in order to establish eligibility for such institutions on an interim basis for participation in Federally funded programs.

Agenda

The meeting on December 7-9, 1998 is open to the public. The following agencies will be reviewed during the December 1998 meeting of the Advisory Committee.

Nationally Recognized Accrediting Agencies

Petitions for Renewal of Recognition

1. Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (Current scope of recognition: The accreditation of private, postsecondary allied health education institutions, private medical assistant programs, public and private medical laboratory technician programs, and allied health programs leading to the Associate of Applied Science and the Associate of Occupational Science degree. Requested expansion of scope: the accreditation of institutions offering

predominantly allied health education programs. "Predominantly" is defined by the agency as follows: at least 70 percent of the number of active programs offered are in the allied health area, and the number of students enrolled in those programs exceeds 50 percent of the institution's full-time equivalent (FTE) students, or at least 70 percent of the FTE students enrolled at the institution are in allied health programs).

2. National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council (requested scope of recognition: The accreditation and preaccreditation ("Preaccreditation") of baccalaureate programs in environmental health science and protection).

3. National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (requested scope of recognition: the accreditation of programs in practical nursing, and diploma, associate, baccalaureate and higher degree nurse education programs).

4. New York State Board of Regents (requested scope of recognition: the accreditation (registration) of collegiate degree-granting programs or curricula offered by institutions of higher education in the State of New York and of credit-bearing certificate and diploma programs offered by degree-granting institutions of higher education in the State of New York).

Interim Reports

(An interim report is a follow-up report on an accrediting agency's compliance with specific criteria for recognition that was requested by the Secretary when the Secretary granted initial or renewed recognition to the agency)—

1. Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology
2. American Academy for Liberal Education
3. American Bar Association, Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar
- American Board of Funeral Service Education, Committee on Accreditation
5. American Dental Association, Commission on Dental Accreditation
6. American Psychological Association, Committee on Accreditation
7. American Veterinary Medical Association, Council on Education
8. Association of Advanced Rabbinical and Talmudic Schools, Accreditation Commission
9. The Council on Chiropractic Education, Commission on Accreditation

10. Council on Education for Public Health
11. Liaison Committee on Medical Education
12. Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education, Commission on Accreditation
13. Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Accrediting Commission for Schools

State Agencies Recognized for the Approval of Public Postsecondary Vocational Education

Petitions for Renewal of Recognition

1. Oklahoma State Board of Vocational and Technical Education
2. Utah State Board for Vocational Education

State Agencies Recognized for the Approval of Nurse Education

Petition for Renewal of Recognition

1. Iowa Board of Nursing
2. Maryland Board of Nursing

Federal Agency Seeking Degree-Granting Authority

In accordance with the Federal policy governing the granting of academic degrees by Federal agencies (approved by a letter from the Director, Bureau of the Budget, to the Secretary, Health, Education, and Welfare, dated December 23, 1954), the Secretary is required to establish a review committee to advise the Secretary concerning any legislation that may be proposed that would authorize the granting of degrees by a Federal agency. The review committee forwards its recommendation concerning a Federal agency's proposed degree-granting authority to the Secretary, who then forwards the committee's recommendation and the Secretary's recommendation to the Office of Management and Budget for review and transmittal to the Congress. The Secretary uses the Advisory Committee as the review committee required for this purpose. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee will review the following institution at this meeting:

Proposed Master's Degree-Granting Authority

1. Air University, Montgomery, AL; Air War College (request to award the master's degree in Strategic Studies) and Air Command and Staff College (request to award the master's degree in Operational Military Art and Science)

A request for comments on agencies that are being reviewed during this meeting was published in the **Federal Register** on June 19, 1998.

This notice invites third-party oral presentations before the Advisory Committee. It does not constitute another call for written comment. Requests for oral presentation before the Advisory Committee should be submitted in writing to Ms. LeBold at the address above by November 6, 1998. Requests should include the names of all persons seeking an appearance, the organization they represent, and a brief summary of the principal points to be made during the oral presentation. Presenters are requested not to distribute written materials at the meeting or to send them directly to members of the Advisory Committee. Presenters who wish to provide the Advisory Committee with brief document (no more than 6 page maximum) illustrating the main points of their oral testimony may submit them to Ms. LeBold by November 6, 1998 (one original and 25 copies). Documents submitted after that date will not be distributed to the Committee. Presenters are reminded that this call for third-party oral testimony does not constitute a call for additional written comment.

At the conclusion of the meeting, attendees may, at the discretion of the Committee chair, be invited to address the Committee briefly on issues pertaining to the functions of the Committee, as identified in the section above on Supplementary Information. Attendees interested in making such comments should inform Ms. LeBold before or during the meeting.

A record will be made of the proceedings of the meeting and will be available for public inspection at the Office of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education, 7th and D Streets, SW, room 3082, ROB 3, Washington, DC, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Restricted Eligibility in Support of Advanced Coal Research at U.S. Colleges and Universities

AGENCY: Federal Energy Technology Center (FETC), Pittsburgh, Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Issuance of financial assistance solicitation.