

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Patent and Trademark Office**

[Docket No.: PTO-P-2022-0001]

**Expanded Collaborative Search Pilot Program—New Combined Petition Option For Participation; Withdrawal**

**AGENCY:** United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; withdrawal.

**SUMMARY:** On March 29, 2022, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) published a **Federal Register** Notice concerning a new petition option for participation in the Expanded Collaborative Search Pilot (CSP) Program. The notice is hereby withdrawn.

**DATES:** The document published at 87 FR 17995 on March 29, 2022, is withdrawal as of April 12, 2022.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Please direct inquiries regarding any specific application participating in the pilot to Jessica Patterson; Senior Advisor and Director; International Worksharing, Planning, and Implementation; Office of International Patent Cooperation; at 571-272-8828 or [Jessica.Patterson@uspto.gov](mailto:Jessica.Patterson@uspto.gov). Please send any inquiries regarding this pilot program and the petition process to [msp@uspto.gov](mailto:msp@uspto.gov). Please direct inquiries concerning this notice to Michael Arguello; Management and Program Analyst; International Worksharing, Planning, and Implementation; Office of International Patent Cooperation; at 571-270-7876 or [Michael.Arguello@uspto.gov](mailto:Michael.Arguello@uspto.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On March 29, 2022, the USPTO published a **Federal Register** Notice concerning a new petition option for participation in the Expanded CSP Program. *See* Expanded Collaborative Search Pilot Program—New Combined Petition Option For Participation, 87 FR 17995. The USPTO inadvertently submitted the notice for publication prematurely. Discussions are continuing with our counterpart offices (the Japan Patent Office and the Korean Intellectual Property Office) to finalize the program's new petition option. Therefore, the USPTO hereby withdraws the notice. The USPTO looks forward to completing its discussions and publishing a forthcoming notice

announcing the effective date and details of the new petition option.

**Andrew Hirshfeld,**

*Commissioner for Patents, Performing the Functions and Duties of the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Office of the Secretary****Amendment of Department of Defense Federal Advisory Committees—Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services**

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Charter renewal of federal advisory committee.

**SUMMARY:** The DoD is publishing this notice to announce that it is renewing the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jim Freeman, DoD Advisory Committee Management Officer, 703-692-5952.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The DACOWITS is being renewed in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C., app.) and 41 CFR 102-3.50(d). The charter and contact information for the DACOWITS' Designated Federal Officer (DFO) are found at <https://www.facadatabase.gov/FACA/apex/FACAPublicAgencyNavigation>.

The DACOWITS provides the Secretary of Defense and Deputy Secretary of Defense independent advice and recommendations on matters and policies relating to women in the Armed Forces of the United States, and on matters and policies relating to recruitment, retention, employment, integration, well-being, and treatment. All DACOWITS work, including subcommittee work, will be in response to written terms of reference or taskings approved by the Secretary of Defense or the Deputy Secretary of Defense ("the DoD Appointing Authority"), or the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness unless otherwise provided by statute or Presidential directive.

The DACOWITS shall be composed of no more than 20 members who have prior experience in the military or with women-related workforce issues. Members will include leaders with diverse and inclusive backgrounds, experience, and thought relating to the recruitment and retention, the

employment and integration, and the well-being and treatment of women. These members will come from varied backgrounds including academia, industry, private and public sectors, and other professions.

The appointment of DACOWITS members shall be approved by the DoD Appointing Authority for a term of service of one-to-four years, with annual renewals, in accordance with DoD policy and procedures. No member, unless approved by the DoD Appointing Authority, may serve more than two consecutive terms of service on the DACOWITS, to include its subcommittees, or serve on more than two DoD federal advisory committees at one time. DACOWITS members who are not full-time or permanent part-time Federal civilian officers or employees, or active duty members of the Uniformed Services, shall be appointed as experts or consultants pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3109 to serve as special government employee (SGE) members. DACOWITS members who are full-time or permanent part-time Federal civilian officers or employees, or active duty members of the Uniformed Services, shall be appointed pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.130(a) to serve as RGE members. The DoD Appointing Authority shall appoint the DACOWITS' leadership from among the membership previously appointed in accordance with DoD policy and procedures, for a term of service of one-to-two years, with annual renewal, not to exceed the member's approved appointment.

All members of the DACOWITS are appointed to exercise their own best judgment, without representing any particular point of view, and to discuss and deliberate in a manner that is free from conflict of interest. With the exception of reimbursement of official DACOWITS-related travel and per diem, DACOWITS members serve without compensation.

The public or interested organizations may submit written statements to the DACOWITS membership about the DACOWITS' mission and functions. Written statements may be submitted at any time or in response to the stated agenda of planned meeting of the DACOWITS. All written statements shall be submitted to the DFO for the DACOWITS, and this individual will ensure that the written statements are provided to the membership for their consideration.

Dated: April 6, 2022.

Aaron T. Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison  
Officer, Department of Defense.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Department of Defense Board of Actuaries; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice of federal advisory committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The DoD is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the Department of Defense Board of Actuaries will take place.

**DATES:** Open to the public Friday, June 24, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held virtually. For information regarding how to access the meeting, please contact Inger Pettygrove (703) 225-8803 or [Inger.m.pettygrove.civ@mail.mil](mailto:Inger.m.pettygrove.civ@mail.mil) as soon as possible.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Inger Pettygrove, (703) 225-8803 (voice), [Inger.m.pettygrove.civ@mail.mil](mailto:Inger.m.pettygrove.civ@mail.mil) (email). Mailing address is Defense Human Resources Activity, DoD Office of the Actuary, 4800 Mark Center Drive, STE 03E25, Alexandria, VA 22350-8000. Website: <https://actuary.defense.gov/>. The most up-to-date changes to the meeting agenda can be found on the website.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 U.S.C., appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.140 and 102-3.150.

**Purpose of the Meeting:** The purpose of the meeting is for the Board to review DoD actuarial methods and assumptions to be used in the valuations of the Military Retirement Fund, the Voluntary Separation Incentive Fund, and the Education Benefits Fund in accordance with the provisions of Section 183, Section 2006, chapter 74 (10 U.S.C. 1464 et. seq), and section 1175 of Title 10, U.S.C.

### Agenda

*Military Retirement Fund/VSI Fund*

1. Recent and Proposed Legislation

2. Briefing on Investment Experience
3. September 30, 2021, Valuation of the Military Retirement Fund \*
4. Proposed Methods and Assumptions for September 30, 2022, Valuation of the Military Retirement Fund \*
5. Proposed Methods and Assumptions for September 30, 2021, VSI Fund Valuation \*

#### Education Benefits Fund

1. Fund Overview
2. Briefing on Investment Experience
3. September 30, 2021, Valuation Proposed Economic Assumptions \*
4. September 30, 2021, Valuation Proposed Methods and Assumptions—Reserve Programs \*
5. September 30, 2021, Valuation Proposed Methods and Assumptions—Active Duty Programs \*

6. Developments in Education Benefits \*

\* Board approval required  
*Meeting Accessibility:* Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102-3.140 through 102-3.165, this meeting is open to the public.

*Written Statements:* Persons desiring to attend the DoD Board of Actuaries meeting or make an oral presentation or submit a written statement for consideration at the meeting must notify Inger Pettygrove at (703) 225-8803, or [Inger.m.pettygrove.civ@mail.mil](mailto:Inger.m.pettygrove.civ@mail.mil), by June 10, 2022.

Dated: April 6, 2022.

Aaron T. Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison  
Officer, Department of Defense.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2022-SCC-0012]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and approval; Comment Request; Private School Universe Survey (PSS) 2023-24 Data Collection, and 2023-24 and 2025-26 PSS Frame Development Activities

**AGENCY:** Institute of Education Sciences (IES), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing a revision of a currently approved information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 12, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for proposed

information collection requests should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this information collection request by selecting "Department of Education" under "Currently Under Review," then check "Only Show ICR for Public Comment" checkbox. *Reginfo.gov* provides two links to view documents related to this information collection request. Information collection forms and instructions may be found by clicking on the "View Information Collection (IC) List" link. Supporting statements and other supporting documentation may be found by clicking on the "View Supporting Statement and Other Documents" link. Comments may also be sent to [ICDocketmgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketmgr@ed.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Carrie Clarady, (202) 245-6347.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. 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. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

**Title of Collection:** Private School Universe Survey (PSS) 2023-24 Data Collection, and 2023-24 and 2025-26 PSS Frame Development Activities.

**OMB Control Number:** 1850-0641.

**Type of Review:** Revision of a currently approved information collection.