

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of Public Law 92-463, The Federal Advisory Committee Act, this announces the forthcoming select AFEB subcommittee meeting. This Board will meet via teleconference on 20 December 2001. The purpose of the meeting is to review a draft manuscript and make recommendations on potential policy implications. The manuscript has not formally been published and is protected by intellectual property rights.

This meeting will be closed to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lt Col James R. Riddle, Executive Secretary, Armed Forces Epidemiological Board, Skyline Six, 5109 Leesburg Pike, Room 682, Falls Church, Virginia 22041-3258, (703) 681-8012/3.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

Luz D. Ortiz,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Meeting of the U.S. Naval Academy Board of Visitors

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of partially closed meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Naval Academy Board of Visitors will meet to make such inquiry as the Board shall deem necessary into the state of morale and discipline, the curriculum, instruction, physical equipment, fiscal affairs, and academic methods of the Naval Academy. During this meeting inquiries will relate to the internal personnel rules and practices of the Academy, may involve on-going criminal investigations, and include discussions of personal information the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The executive session of this meeting will be closed to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Friday, December 14, 2001, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The closed Executive Session will be from 12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Bo Coppedge Dining Room of Alumni Hall at the U.S. Naval Academy.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant Commander Thomas E. Osborn, Executive Secretary to the Board of Visitors, Office of the

Superintendent, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD 21402-5000, telephone number (410) 293-1503.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice of meeting is provided per the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2). The executive session of the meeting will consist of discussions of information, which pertain to the conduct of various midshipmen at the Naval Academy and internal Board of Visitors matters. Discussion of such information cannot be adequately segregated from other topics, which precludes opening the executive session of this meeting to the public. In accordance with 5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(d), the Secretary of the Navy has determined in writing that the special committee meeting shall be partially closed to the public because they will be concerned with matters as outlined in section 552(b)(2), (5), (6), and (7) of title 5 U.S.C. Due to an unavoidable delay in administrative processing, the 15 days advance notice could not be provided.

Dated: December 5, 2001.

T.J. Welsh,

Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy, Judge Advocate General's Corps, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, 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 February 8, 2002.

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 Leader, Regulatory Information Management

Group, 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. 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: December 4, 2001.

John Tressler,

Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information, Officer.

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

Type of Review: New.

Title: Field Test of Agency Capacity to Implement Reporting Requirements Associated with Draft Evaluation Standard 3 and section 101 (a)(10)(c) of the Rehabilitation Act, as Amended.

Frequency: One time.

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

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 81.

Burden Hours: 9,801.

Abstract: This field test will assess Designated State Unit (VR agency) capacity to obtain and use unemployment insurance wage record data maintained by the State Employment Security Agencies (SESAs) needed to implement a proposed evaluation standard and associated performance indicators mandated by the 1992 amendments to the Rehabilitation Act, as amended by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional

Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO.RIMG@ed.gov or faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Sheila Carey at (202) 708-6287 or via her internet address Sheila.Carey@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 ENERGY

National Energy Technology Laboratory

Notice of Availability of a Financial Assistance Solicitation

AGENCY: National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of availability of a Financial Assistance Solicitation.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the intent to issue Financial Assistance Program Solicitation No. DE-PS26-02NT40865 entitled "Solid State Energy Conversion Alliance (SECA) Core Technology Program." The purpose of the SECA Core Technology Program is to develop science and technologies that address specific technical challenges and barriers faced by the SECA Industrial Teams. The goal for SECA Industrial Teams is to develop a 3 kilowatt (kW)-10kW solid-oxide fuel cell system including stack and balance of plant that has a Factory Cost of \$400/kW by 2010. Additional information associated with the SECA program is located at <http://www.seca.doe.gov>.

DATES: The solicitation will be available on the "Industry Interactive Procurement System" (IIPS) Web page located at <http://e-center.doe.gov> on or about December 10, 2001. Prospective applicants can obtain access to the solicitation from the above Internet address or through the DOE/NETL's Internet address at <http://www.netl.doe.gov/business>.

ADDRESSES: The solicitation and any subsequent amendments will be published on the DOE/NETL's Internet address at <http://www.netl.doe.gov/business> and on the IIPS Web page

located at <http://e-center.doe.gov>. Comments and/or questions prior to the issuance of the solicitation shall be forwarded to the mailing address or E-mail address provided below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mary S. Gabriele, MS I07, U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory, 3610 Collins Ferry Road, P.O. Box 880, Morgantown, WV 26507-0880, E-mail Address: mgabri@netl.doe.gov, Telephone Number: (304) 285-4253.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject solicitation will focus on specific sub-topics under the following six Core Technology topic areas:

1. Fuel Processing.
2. Manufacturing.
3. Controls & Diagnostics.
4. Power Electronics.
5. Modeling & Simulation.
6. Materials.

Each topic area contains one or more sub-topics that describe needs for specific science, engineering and technologies to support the SECA Industrial Teams. The Core Technology Program will focus on generating new scientific and engineering knowledge and on creating technology breakthroughs to address technical risks and barriers that limit achievement of the SECA performance and cost goals for solid-state fuel cell systems. Universities and small business research entities are considered well suited for this role of generating new knowledge and creating breakthroughs. The solicitation is however open to any nonprofit or for-profit organization, university or other institution of higher education, or non-federal agency, unless otherwise restricted by the Simpson-Craig Amendment.

The DOE anticipates award of multiple cooperative agreements in the various topic/subtopic areas; but the DOE reserves the right to award the agreement type and number deemed in its best interest. Each award will consist of two phases, and the selection for each phase will be based on a competitive process. Phase I will investigate the feasibility of the proposed concept/approach and will be limited to approximately \$150,000 (DOE Funding) and twelve (12) months. Only Phase I recipients will have the opportunity to submit a renewal application to receive funds for Phase II research. If the Phase I work demonstrates feasibility, the selected Industrial Team members see sufficient commercialization merit, and adequate program funds are available, the recipient will be awarded a Phase II renewal agreement. Phase II work includes advancing the science and

technology to a sufficient maturity level that it will be adopted by the Industrial Team(s). The Phase II effort will be limited to approximately \$500,000 (DOE Funding) and twenty-four (24) months. Phase II renewal awards may be partially funded to pick only the aspects of the Phase II work that have sufficient merit to the SECA Industrial Team(s).

Applicants are advised that a minimum of 20% cost sharing will be required in Phase I and Phase II for technologies proposed under Topic Areas 1 through 5. Cost sharing is not mandatory for Phase I or Phase II under Topic Area 6, but is highly encouraged.

Once released, the solicitation will be available for downloading from the IIPS Internet page. At this Internet site you will also be able to register with IIPS, enabling you to submit an application. If you need technical assistance in registering or for any other IIPS function, call the IIPS Help Desk at (800) 683-0751 or E-mail the Help Desk personnel at IIPS-HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov. The solicitation will only be made available in IIPS, no hard (paper) copies of the solicitation and related documents will be made available.

Prospective applicants who would like to be notified as soon as the solicitation is available should subscribe to the Business Alert Mailing List at <http://www.netl.doe.gov/business>. Once you subscribe, you will receive an announcement by E-mail that the solicitation has been released to the public. Telephone requests, written requests, E-mail requests, or facsimile requests for a copy of the solicitation package will not be accepted and/or honored. Applications must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions and forms contained in the solicitation. The actual solicitation document will allow for requests for explanation and/or interpretation.

Issued in Morgantown, WV on November 30, 2001.

Randolph L. Kesling,

Director, Acquisition and Assistance Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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AGENCY: National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).