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Dated: January 5, 2006.

**Margaret Spellings,**

*Secretary, U.S. Department of Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### **A National Dialogue: The Secretary of Education's Commission on the Future of Higher Education**

**AGENCY:** A National Dialogue: The Secretary of Education's Commission on the Future of Higher Education, U.S. Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of an upcoming meeting of A National Dialogue: The Secretary of Education's Commission on the Future of Higher Education (Commission). The notice also describes the functions of the Commission. Notice of this meeting is required by section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and is intended to notify the public of their opportunity to attend.

**DATES:** Thursday, February 2, 2006, and Friday, February 3, 2006.

**TIME:** February 2, 2006: 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.; February 3, 2006: 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The Commission will meet in San Diego, CA, at Paradise Point Resort, 1404 Vacation Road, San Diego, CA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cheryl Oldham, Executive Director, A National Dialogue: The Secretary of Education's Commission on the Future of Higher Education, 400 Maryland

Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202-3510; telephone: (202) 205-8741.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Commission is established by the Secretary of Education to begin a national dialogue about the future of higher education in this country. The purpose of this Commission is to consider how best to improve our system of higher education to ensure that our graduates are well prepared to meet our future workforce needs and are able to participate fully in the changing economy. The Commission shall consider federal, state, local and institutional roles in higher education and analyze whether the current goals of higher education are appropriate and achievable. The Commission will also focus on the increasing tuition costs and the perception of many families, particularly low-income families, that higher education is inaccessible.

The agenda for this third meeting will include panel presentations discussing five areas of innovation. The five areas are: innovation and the economy, innovative national and international models for delivery, innovative teaching and learning strategies, innovative financing, and innovative public/private sector models. There will also be a panel presentation of nontraditional college students. A written report to the Secretary is due by August 1, 2006.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### **Reimbursement for Costs of Remedial Action at Active Uranium and Thorium Processing Sites**

**AGENCY:** Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of the acceptance of Title X claims for reimbursement in fiscal year (FY) 2006 and the acceptance of plans for subsequent remedial action.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice announces the Department of Energy (DOE) acceptance of claims in FY 2006 from eligible active uranium and thorium processing sites for reimbursement under Title X of the Energy Policy Act of 1992. For FY 2006, Congress has appropriated approximately \$20 million for reimbursement of certain costs of remedial action at these sites. The approved amount of claims submitted during FY 2005 and unpaid approved balances for claims submitted in FY 2004 will be paid by April 28, 2006, subject to the availability of funds. If the available funds are less than the total approved claims, these payments will be prorated, if necessary, based on the amount of available FY 2006 appropriations, unpaid approved claim balances (approximately \$0.45 million), and claims received in May 2005 (approximately \$22 million).

This also provides notice of the continuing DOE acceptance of plans for subsequent decontamination, decommissioning, reclamation, and other remedial action (Plans for Subsequent Remedial Action). If Title X licensees expect to incur remedial action costs for remedial action after December 31, 2007, licensees must submit a Plan for Subsequent Remedial Action during calendar year (CY) 2005 or 2006, and DOE must approve a Plan submitted by a licensee by the end of CY 2007, if the costs incurred after CY 2007 are to be eligible for reimbursement.

**DATES:** The closing date for the submission of claims in FY 2006 is May 1, 2006. These new claims will be processed for payment by April 27, 2007, together with unpaid approved claim balances from prior years, based on the availability of funds from congressional appropriations. Plans for Subsequent Remedial Action must be submitted no later than December 31, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Claims and Plans for Subsequent Remedial Action should be forwarded by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, to the U.S. Department of Energy, 19901