

should be directed to The Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20503. Additionally, comments may be submitted to OMB via facsimile to (202) 395-5806.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this information collection:

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* New collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Survey of Transitional Housing Assistance Program Grant for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Stalking, or Sexual Assault Program (Transitional Housing Assistance Program) grantees

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* Form Number: 1122-XXXX. U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* The affected public includes approximately 300 Transitional Housing Assistance Program Grant for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Stalking, or Sexual Assault Program (Transitional Housing Assistance Program) grantees. The Transitional Housing Assistance Program focuses on a holistic, victim-centered approach to providing transitional housing services that move survivors into permanent housing. Grants made under this grant program support programs that provide

assistance to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and/or stalking who are in need of transitional housing, short-term housing assistance, and related supportive services. Successful transitional housing programs provide a wide range of flexible and optional services that reflect the differences and individual needs of victims and that allow victims to choose the course of action that is best for them. Transitional housing programs may offer individualized services such as counseling, support groups, safety planning, and advocacy services as well as practical services such as licensed child care, employment services, transportation vouchers, telephones, and referrals to other agencies. Trained staff and case managers may also be available to work with survivors to help them determine and reach their goals of permanent housing.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond/reply:* It is estimated that it will take the approximately 300 respondents (approximately 300 Transitional Housing Assistance Program grantees) approximately 30 minutes to complete the survey. The survey will address promising practices, specific interventions, how different programs track success, how different programs serve clients with different needs, how programs interact with other programs that do not have a focus on domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking, how housing assistance and staffing are utilized for different kinds of programs, and successes and challenges experienced either under the grant program or in general.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The total annual hour burden to complete the data collection forms is 150 hours, that is approximately 300 respondents with an estimated completion time for the form being 30 minutes.

If additional information is required contact: Jerri Murray, Department Clearance Officer for PRA, United States Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Policy and Planning Staff, Two Constitution Square, 145 N Street NE., Room 3W-1407B, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: January 7, 2014.

Jerri Murray,
Department Clearance Officer for PRA,
United States Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

On January 6, 2014, the Department of Justice lodged a proposed Consent Decree with the United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois in the lawsuit entitled *United States v. Schlumberger Technology Corp. and General Dynamics—Ordnance and Tactical Systems, Inc.*, Civil Action No. 3:11-CV-00399.

The Consent Decree would resolve claims alleged by the United States on behalf of the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and the United States Department of the Interior ("DOI") pursuant to Section 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9607. The United States' Complaint asserts claims against Schlumberger Technology Corp. and General Dynamics—Ordnance and Tactical Systems, Inc., ("Defendants"), and seeks recovery of unreimbursed costs incurred for response activities undertaken in response to the release and threatened release of hazardous substances from facilities at and near Site 36 of the Miscellaneous Areas Operable Unit ("Site 36") located at the Sangamo Electric Dump/Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge Site near Marion, Illinois. The unreimbursed costs total approximately \$9.8 million.

The Proposed Consent Decree would also resolve counter-claims asserted by the Defendants against DOI, the United States Department of the Army, and the United States Federal Bureau of Prisons ("Counterclaim Defendant Agencies"); as well as third-party claims asserted by the Defendants against Crane Co., Illinois Tool Works, Olin Corporation, Sherwin-Williams Company, Mallinckrodt US LLC, Great Lakes Synergy Corporation, and Pennzoil-Quaker State Company ("Third-Party Defendants"). Under the proposed settlement, the United States would pay \$5,621,985 on behalf of the Settling Federal Agencies and the private parties would pay an additional \$4,167,458.

The publication of this notice opens a period for public comment on the Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and should refer to *United States v. Schlumberger Technology Corp. and General Dynamics—Ordnance and Tactical*

Systems, Inc., D.J. Ref. No. 90–11–3–643/11. All comments must be submitted no later than thirty (30) days after the publication date of this notice. Comments may be submitted either by email or by mail:

<i>To submit comments:</i>	<i>Send them to:</i>
By email	<i>pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov.</i>
By mail	Assistant Attorney General; U.S. DOJ—ENRD; P.O. Box 7611; Washington, DC 20044–7611.

During the public comment period, the Consent Decree may be examined and downloaded at this Justice Department Web site: <http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/ConsentDecrees.html>. We will provide a paper copy of the Consent Decree upon written request and payment of reproduction costs. Please mail your request and payment to: Consent Decree Library, U.S. DOJ—ENRD, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044–7611.

Please enclose a check or money order for \$11.50 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the United States Treasury.

Maureen Katz,

Assistant Section Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee (#13883) meeting:

Date and Time: February 3, 2014 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

February 4, 2014 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, Room 595–II, Stafford II Building, 4221 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA, 22230.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Dr. Jim Ulvestad, Division Director, Division of Astronomical Sciences, Suite 1045, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: 703–292–7165.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations to the National Science Foundation (NSF), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) on issues within the field of astronomy and

astrophysics that are of mutual interest and concern to the agencies.

Agenda: To hear presentations of current programming by representatives from NSF, NASA, DOE and other agencies relevant to astronomy and astrophysics; to discuss current and potential areas of cooperation between the agencies; to formulate recommendations for continued and new areas of cooperation and mechanisms for achieving them.

Dated: January 8, 2014.

Susanne E. Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Notice of Request for Information (RFI)

SUMMARY: The Office of Science and Technology Policy requests public comments to inform its policy development related to high-impact learning technologies. This Request for Information offers the opportunity for interested individuals and organizations to identify public and private actions that have the potential to accelerate the development, rigorous evaluation, and widespread adoption of high-impact learning technologies. The focus of this RFI is on the design and implementation of “pull mechanisms” for technologies that significantly improve a given learning outcome. Comments must be received by 11:59 p.m. on March 7, 2014, to be considered. In your comments, please reference the question to which you are responding.

DATES: Comments must be received by 11:59 p.m. on March 7, 2014, to be considered.

ADDRESSES: Respondents are encouraged to submit their comments through one of the following methods. Email is the preferred method of submission. Please do not include in your comments information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal information or proprietary information. Responses to this notice are not offers and cannot be accepted by the Federal Government to form a binding contract or issue a grant. Information obtained as a result of this notice may be used by the Federal Government for program planning on a non-attribution basis. Please be aware that your comments may be posted online.

• **Email:** learning@ostp.gov. Email submissions will receive an electronic confirmation acknowledging receipt of your response, but will not receive

individualized feedback on any suggestions.

• **Postal Mail:** Office of Science and Technology Policy, Attn: Cristin Dorgelo, 1650 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20504. Submissions by postal mail must be received by the deadline, and should allow sufficient time for security processing.

• **Fax:** 202.456.6021

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Request for Information (RFI) offers the opportunity for interested individuals and organizations to identify public and private actions that have the potential to accelerate the development, rigorous evaluation, and widespread adoption of high-impact learning technologies. The focus of this RFI is on the design and implementation of “pull mechanisms” for technologies that significantly improve a given learning outcome. Pull mechanisms increase the incentives to develop specific products or services by committing to reward success. Examples of pull mechanisms include incentive prizes, Advance Market Commitments, milestone payments, “pay for success” bonds, and purchasing consm1ia. The public input provided through this notice will inform the deliberations of the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP).

Background

OSTP is interested in identifying policies and serving as a catalyst for public-private partnerships that have the potential to accelerate the development, rigorous evaluation, and widespread adoption of high-impact learning technologies. For example, imagine if learners in the United States had access to technologies that:

- Dramatically reduced the large and persistent gap in vocabulary size between children from wealthy and poor households.
- Allowed middle and high school students to outperform their international peers in math and science.
- Enabled English-language learners that are reading at several grade levels below average to catch up after only a year.
- Gave non-college bound students an industry skills certification or set of cognitive skills (e.g. literacy, numeracy, ability to understand and apply charts, graphs and diagrams) that are a ticket to a middle-class job, increasing their employability and their incomes by \$10,000–\$20,000 or more in less than a year.
- Doubled the percentage of community college students that pass remedial math, which is currently only 30 percent.