

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FEIS analyzed three disposal alternatives with respect to the disposal and subsequent reuse of the 676-acre (440 land acres and 236 submerged land acres) comprising the MOTBY: (1) the no action alternative, under which the property would be maintained in a caretaker status after closure; (2) the unencumbered alternative, under which the Army would transfer the property without encumbrances, such as environmental restrictions and easements; and (3) the encumbered disposal alternative, under which the Army would transfer the property with various environmental restrictions and easements, limiting the future use of the property.

In the ROD, the Army concludes that the FEIS adequately addresses the impacts of property disposal and documents its decision to transfer the property as encumbered. Possible encumbrances include: Covenants and restrictions pertaining to asbestos-containing material, lead-based paint, floodplains, future remedial activities after transfer, wetlands, easements and rights-of-way.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Acting Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 4, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Lauren Wittenberg, Acting Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address [Lauren\\_Wittenberg@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Lauren_Wittenberg@omb.eop.gov).

**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 Acting 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.

Dated: November 29, 2000.

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*Office of Educational Research and Improvement.*

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA) Progress in International Reading Literacy Study.

*Frequency:* One time.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:* Responses: 6,900, Burden Hours: 9,350.

*Abstract:* Information collected is used to assess the reading literacy skills, habits, and attitudes of approximately 6,000 4th-graders in 200 schools.

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\\_IMG\\_Issues@ed.gov](mailto:OCIO_IMG_Issues@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 Kathy Axt at her internet address [Kathy\\_Axt@ed.gov](mailto:Kathy_Axt@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

### Office of Science; Office of Science Financial Assistance Program Notice 01-04; Division of Materials Sciences and Engineering, Robotics and Intelligent Machines (RIM) Program

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice inviting academic research grant applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Basic Energy Sciences (BES) of the Office of Science (SC), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), supports fundamental research in the natural sciences and engineering leading to new and improved energy technologies and to understanding and mitigating the environmental impacts of energy technologies. In keeping with its mission, the DOE hereby announces its interest in receiving grant applications for support under its Robotics and Intelligent Machines (RIM) Program. RIM is needed to develop cost-effective solutions to tasks relating to energy efficiency, safety, and security. Applications should be from investigators who are currently involved in basic research in this area, and should be submitted through an U.S. academic institution. The purpose of this program is to support fundamental research in Robotics and Intelligent Machines for the present and future needs of the Department of Energy.

**Restricted Eligibility:** Eligibility is restricted to academic research institutions. This is required by the Fiscal Year 2001, Congressional Budget for the DOE Office of Science, where it is stated "a new, university-based research effort in Robotics and Intelligent Machines will focus on sensors and sensor integration, remote operation and data acquisition, and controls."

**DATES:** Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to submit a brief pre-application. DOE should receive all pre-applications, referencing Program Notice 01-04, by 4:30 P.M., E.S.T., January 2, 2001. A response to the pre-applications encouraging or discouraging a formal application will be communicated to the applicant