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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Submission for OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Comment Request.

**SUMMARY:** The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13).

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 30, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Education Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10222, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, be faxed to (202) 395-5806 or e-mailed to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov) with a cc: to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov). Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

**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. The OMB is particularly interested in comments which: (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.

Dated: November 23, 2010.

**Darrin A. King,**

*Director Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services Office of Management.*

### Institute of Education Sciences

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title of Collection:* Integrated Evaluation of ARRA Funding, Implementation and Outcomes, Recruitment Package.

*OMB Control Number:* 1850-NEW.

*Agency Form Number(s):* N/A.

*Frequency of Responses:* Once.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Government, State Educational Agencies or Local Educational Agencies.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 5,551.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 1,509.

*Abstract:* On February 17, 2009, President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) into law (Pub. L. 111-5). ARRA supports investments in innovative strategies that are intended to lead to improved results for students, long-term gains in school and local education agency (LEA) capacity for success, and increased productivity and effectiveness.

This evaluation will focus on answering four sets of policy/research questions:

- To what extent did ARRA funds go to the intended recipients?
- Is ARRA associated with the implementation of the key reform strategies it promoted?
- What implementation supports and challenges are associated with ARRA?
- Is ARRA associated with improved outcomes?

The integrated evaluation will draw on existing data, including ED data collections, ED ARRA program files, ARRA required reporting, and databases of achievement and other outcomes. The evaluation will also collect new information through surveys of (1) the 50 states and the District of Columbia, (2) a nationally representative sample of school districts, and (3) a nationally representative sample of schools within the sampled school districts. Surveys are planned for spring 2011, spring 2012, and spring 2013. Subsamples of school districts will also be drawn to receive a smaller set of questions (polls); these polls will be administered twice between 2011 and 2013.

A report will be prepared in the first year of the evaluation to describe the distribution of funding. A report and

state tabulations will be prepared after each annual survey. The first report, based on the 2011 surveys, will focus on early ARRA implementation and strategies. The second report, based on the 2012 surveys, will expand upon strategies implemented under ARRA. The final report will draw upon existing data on outcomes as well as data from the 2013 surveys.

This collection is for the recruitment phase of the evaluation.

Requests for copies of the information collection submission for OMB review may be accessed from the *RegInfo.gov* Web site at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain> or from the Department's Web site at <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 4385. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-401-0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection and OMB Control Number when making your request.

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## ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

### Procedural Manual for the Election Assistance Commission's Voting System Testing and Certification Program, Version 2.0

**AGENCY:** United States Election Assistance Commission (EAC).

**ACTION:** Notice; publication of Voting System Testing and Certification Manual, Version 2.0, for 60 day public comment period on EAC Web site.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) is publishing a procedural manual for its Voting System Testing and Certification Program. This manual sets the administrative procedures for obtaining an EAC Certification for voting systems. Participation in the program is strictly voluntary. The program is mandated by the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) at 42 U.S.C. 15371.

**DATES:** Submit written or electronic comments on this draft procedural manual on or before 5 p.m. EDT on January 31, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments via e-mail to [VotingSystemGuidelines@eac.gov](mailto:VotingSystemGuidelines@eac.gov); via mail to Brian Hancock, Director of Voting System Certification, U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 1201 New York Avenue, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20005; or via fax to 202-566-1392. An electronic copy of the proposed manual may be found on the EAC's Web site, <http://www.eac.gov/open/comment.aspx>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brian Hancock, Director, Voting System Certification, Washington, DC (202) 566-3100, Fax: (202) 566-1392.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Background.* HAVA requires that the EAC certify and decertify voting systems. Section 231(a)(1) of HAVA (42 U.S.C. 15371) specifically requires the EAC to “\* \* \* provide for the testing, certification, decertification and recertification of voting system hardware and software by accredited laboratories.” To meet this obligation, the EAC has created a voluntary program to test voting systems to Federal voting system standards. The Voting System Testing and Certification Manual, published below, will set the procedures for this program.

In creating the Certification Manual in 2006 the EAC sought input from experts and stakeholders. Specifically, the EAC conducted meetings with representatives from the voting system test laboratory and voting system manufacturing community. The Commission also held a public hearing in which it received testimony from State election officials, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, academics, electronic voting system experts and public interest groups. Finally, the EAC sought input from the public.

EAC is required to resubmit the Testing and Certification Manual for renewal in accordance with Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 requirements. The Testing and Certification Division has updated sections of the manual to reflect proposed changes in certification procedures. These sections are highlighted for ease of review.

*Comments.* Please submit comments consistent with the information below. Comments should identify and cite the section of the manual at issue. Where a substantive issue is raised, please propose a recommended change or alternative policy.

This notice is published in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, to request comments regarding the burden of responding to the information collection activities of the proposed manual; please refer to the EAC's Web site, <http://www.eac.gov>, for further information about the submission of comments regarding burden.

**Alice Miller,**  
Chief Operating Officer, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces an open meeting of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee under Section 9008(d) of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008. The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that agencies publish these notices in the **Federal Register** to allow for public participation. This notice announces the meeting of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee.

**DATES:** December 15, 2010 at 8 a.m.-5:15 p.m. EDT

**ADDRESSES:** Williamsburg Room (104-A), USDA Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Laura McCann, Designated Federal Officer for the Committee, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-7766, [laura.mccann@ee.doe.gov](mailto:laura.mccann@ee.doe.gov); or Chrissy Fagerholm, (202) 586-2933, [Christina.Fagerholm@ee.doe.gov](mailto:Christina.Fagerholm@ee.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and guidance that promotes research and development leading to the production of biobased fuels and biobased products.

*Tentative Agenda:* Agenda will include the following:

- Update on USDA Biomass R&D Activities.
- Update on DOE Biomass R&D Activities.

- Presentation from the National Alliance for Advanced Biofuels and Bioproducts. (NAABB) Algae Consortium.

- Presentation on the Knowledge Discovery Framework.

- Presentation on USDA sustainability findings.

*Public Participation:* In keeping with procedures, members of the public are welcome to observe the business of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee. To attend the meeting and/or to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you must contact Laura McCann at 202-586-7766; E-mail: [laura.mccann@ee.doe.gov](mailto:laura.mccann@ee.doe.gov) or Chrissy Fagerholm at (202) 586-2933; E-mail: [Christina.Fagerholm@ee.doe.gov](mailto:Christina.Fagerholm@ee.doe.gov) at least 5 business days prior to the meeting. Please note that this meeting will be held in a Federal building, and therefore a photo ID and advance notice will be required to enter. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Chair of the Committee will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. The Chair will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

*Minutes:* The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review and copying at <http://www.brdisolutions.com/publications/default.aspx#meetings>.

Issued at Washington, DC, on November 24, 2010.

**Rachel Samuel,**

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP11-29-000]

#### CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Application

November 22, 2010.

Take notice that on November 12, 2010, CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company (CenterPoint), 1111 Louisiana Street, Houston, Texas 77002, filed in Docket No. CP11-29-000, a request for abandonment authority, pursuant to 18 CFR part 157