

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**[Docket No. ED-2013-ICCD-0009]****Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Private School Universe Survey 2013-16****AGENCY:** Department of Education (ED), Institute of Education Sciences (IES).**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 3501 *et seq.*), ED is proposing a revision of an existing information collection of a previously approved information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 8, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting Docket ID number ED-2013-ICCD-0009 or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted. Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Room 2E117, Washington, DC 20202-4537.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Electronically mail ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Please do not send comments here.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. 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. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Private School Universe Survey 2013-16.

OMB Control Number: 1850-0641.

Type of Review: a revision of an existing information collection of a previously approved information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Private Sector.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 25,567.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 6,410.

Abstract: The Private School Universe Survey (PSS) is the NCES collection of basic data from the universe of private elementary and secondary schools in the United States. The PSS is designed to gather biennial data on the total number of private schools, teachers, and students, along with a variety of related data, including: religious orientation; grade-levels taught and size of school; length of school year and of school day; total student enrollment by gender (K-12); number of high school graduates; whether a school is single-sexed or coeducational; number of teachers employed; program emphasis; and existence and type of its kindergarten program. The PSS includes all schools that are not supported primarily by public funds, that provide classroom instruction for one or more of grades K-12 or comparable ungraded levels, and that have one or more teachers. The PSS is also used to create a universe list of private schools that can be used as a sampling frame for NCES surveys of private schools. No substantive changes have been made to the survey or its procedures since its last approved PSS 2010-13. This clearance is for the 2013-14 and 2015-16 PSS data collections, and the 2015-16 PSS list- and area-frame building operations.

Dated: February 1, 2013.

Kate Mullan,

Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**National Board for Education Sciences; Meeting****AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences.**ACTION:** Notice of an open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of an upcoming meeting of the National Board for Education Sciences. The notice also describes the functions of the Committee. 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 the meeting.

DATES: February 22, 2013.

TIME: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

ADDRESSES: 80 F Street NW., Room 100, Washington, DC 20001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellie Pelaez, 555 New Jersey Avenue NW, Room 600 E, Washington, DC 20208; phone: (202) 219-0644; fax: (202) 219-1402; email: Ellie.Pelaez@ed.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Board for Education Sciences is authorized by Section 116 of the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002 (ESRA), 20 U.S.C. 9516. The Board advises the Director of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) on, among other things, the establishments of activities to be supported by the Institute, on the funding for applications for grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements for research after the completion of peer review, and reviews and evaluates the work of the Institute.

On February 22, 2013, starting at 8:30 a.m., the Board will approve the agenda and hear remarks from the NBES Chair, Bridget Terry Long. John Easton, Director of IES, will swear in one newly appointed Board member and four reappointed Board members. John Easton and the Commissioners of IES's national centers will then give an overview of recent developments at IES.

From 10:00 to 11:15 a.m., Board members will hear from John Easton about new IES Research Programs. After opening remarks from Dr. Easton, the Board members will participate in roundtable discussion. A break will take place from 11:15 to 11:30 a.m.

From 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the Board will consider what the common core of state standards means for education and IES. Following opening presentations by Richard Laine, Education Division Director at the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices, and Carmel Martin,

Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development at the U.S. Department of Education, Board members will engage in roundtable discussion of the issues raised. The meeting will break for lunch from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

The Board meeting will resume from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. for the members to discuss the topic, "The Role of the Researcher in Dissemination." After opening remarks by Amber Winkler, Research Director at Thomas B. Fordham Institute, and Ruth Neild, Commissioner of the National Center for Education Evaluation, the Board will engage in roundtable discussion of the topic.

From 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., the Board will consider the topic, "IES and the Major Education Research Associations." Kris Gutierrez and Judith Singer, NBES members, will provide the opening remarks and roundtable discussion will take place after.

An afternoon break will occur from 4:00 to 4:15 p.m.

From 4:15 to 4:45 p.m., the Board will discuss the Board's Executive Director position and the 2013 Annual Report. This discussion will be led by Bridget Terry Long, NBES Chair, and John Easton.

Between 4:45 and 5:00 p.m., there will be closing remarks and a consideration of next steps from the IES Director and NBES Chair, with adjournment scheduled for 5:00 p.m.

There will not be an opportunity for public comment. However, members of the public are encouraged to submit written comments related to NBES to Ellie Pelaez (see contact information above). A final agenda is available from Ellie Pelaez (see contact information above) and is posted on the Board Web site <http://ies.ed.gov/director/board/agendas/index.asp>. Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (e.g., interpreting services, assistance listening devices, or materials in alternative format) should notify Ellie Pelaez no later than February 8. We will attempt to meet requests for accommodations after this date but cannot guarantee their availability. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at 555 New Jersey Avenue NW, Room 602 K, Washington, DC 20208, from the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Eastern Standard Time Monday through Friday.

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John Q. Easton,

Director, Institute of Education Science.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee

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

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an open meeting of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that this document be published in the **Federal Register**.

DATES:

February 27, 2012 1:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m.

February 28, 2012 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: American Geophysical Union, 2000 Florida Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Elliott Levine, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585; Email: Elliott.Levine@ee.doe.gov or Roy Tilely at (410) 997-7778 ext. 220; Email: rtiley@bcs-hq.com.

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
- Overview of DOE and USDA R&D Programs
- Overview of Other Biomass R&D Agency Programs

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 Elliott Levine by email at

Elliott.Levine@ee.doe.gov or Roy Tilely at (410) 997-7778 ext. 220; Email:

rtiley@bcs-hq.com at least 5 business days prior to the meeting. 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 Co-chairs 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 Co-chairs 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 the following Web site: <http://biomassboard.gov/committee/meetings.html>.

Issued at Washington, DC, on January 30, 2013.

LaTanya R. Butler,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC13-10-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC Form 6-Q); Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information