

sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.221.

Dated: May 19, 2009.

Ronald K. Lorentzen,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award will meet Tuesday, June 16, 2009. The Judges Panel is composed of twelve members prominent in the fields of quality, innovation, and performance excellence and appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the Judging process and Judging process changes for 2009; the role of the Judges Panel in the award process; an overview of scoring data; the 2009 Baldrige Award cycle; the Judges Panel survey of applicants; and the Judges Panel mentoring process. Under each of these categories applicant information may be disclosed. The applications under review by the Judges Panel contain trade secrets and proprietary commercial information submitted to the Government in confidence.

DATES: The meeting will convene June 16, 2009 at 9 a.m. and adjourn at 4:30 p.m. on June 16, 2009. The entire meeting will be closed.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Administration Building, Lecture Room B, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Harry Hertz, Director, Baldrige National Quality Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, telephone number (301) 975-2361.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on January 08, 2009, that the meeting of the Judges Panel will be closed pursuant to

Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, as amended by Section 5(c) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Public Law 94-409. The meeting, which involves examination of Award applicant data from U.S. companies and other organizations and a discussion of these data as compared to the Award criteria in order to recommend Award recipients, may be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b(c)(4) of Title 5, United States Code, because the meeting is likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential.

Dated: May 20, 2009.

Patrick Gallagher,

Deputy Director.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Agency Emergency Processing Under Office of Management and Budget Review; Chronic Hazard Advisory Panel Questionnaire

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Consumer Product Safety Commission (Commission or CPSC) is announcing that a collection of information has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency processing under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed collection of information concerns a questionnaire to panel candidates for selection to a Chronic Hazard Advisory Panel (CHAP) to study the effects of phthalates and phthalate alternatives on children's health.

DATES: Comments on this request for approval of information collection requirements should be submitted by June 26, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this request for approval of information collection requirements should be captioned "Emergency Request—Chronic Hazard Advisory Panel" and submitted to (1) the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for CPSC, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503; *telephone:* (202) 395-7340, or by e-mail to *Brenda_Aguilar@omb.eop.gov* and (2) to the Office of the Secretary by e-mail at *cpsc-os@cpsc.gov*, or mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East

West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814. Comments may also be sent via facsimile at (301) 504-0127.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Glatz, Division of Policy and Planning, Office of Information Technology and Technology Services, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814; *telephone:* (301) 504-7671, or by e-mail to *lglatz@cpsc.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Proposed Collection of Information

Section 108(b)(2)(A) of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA) (Pub. L. 110-314) requires the Commission to begin the process of appointing a CHAP pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 2077 to study the effects on children's health of all phthalates and phthalate alternatives as used in children's toys and child care articles. Section 108(b)(2)(B) of the CPSIA specifies what the panel is to examine and requires the panel to complete its examination within 18 months after its appointment. The panel must report to the CPSC no later than 180 days after completing its examination, and, no later than 180 days after receiving the panel's report, the CPSC must promulgate a final rule to determine whether an interim prohibition on three specific phthalates should remain in effect and evaluate the panel's findings and recommendation.

In order to establish the CHAP and execute the mandatory rulemaking within the statutory deadlines imposed under the CPSIA, the CPSC requests emergency processing of the collection of information under section 3507(j) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3507(j) and 5 CFR 1320.13). The CPSC will provide a questionnaire to 27 panel candidates to identify potential conflicts of interest. With respect to this collection of information, the CPSC estimates the burden of this collection will be approximately 1 hour. The total estimated burden to all candidates is 27 hours. The annual reporting cost is estimated to be \$1,481.76. This estimate is based on the estimated total burden hours for responding to the questionnaire (27 hours) multiplied by an estimated wage (*Bureau of Labor Statistics*: All workers, good-producing industries, management, professional and related, September 2008) of \$54.88 per hour (27 hours × \$54.88 per hour = \$1,481.76).

B. Request for Comments

The Commission solicits written comments from all interested persons about the proposed collection of

information. The Commission specifically solicits information relevant to the following topics:

—Whether the collection of information described above is necessary for the proper performance of the Commission's functions, including whether the information would have practical utility;

—Whether the estimated burden of the proposed collection of information is accurate;

—Whether the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected could be enhanced; and

—Whether the burden imposed by the collection of information could be minimized by use of automated, electronic or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology.

Dated: May 20, 2009.

Todd A. Stevenson,

Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Innovation and Improvement; Overview Information; Teacher Quality Partnership Grants Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009

*Catalog of Federal Domestic
Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.405A.*

Dates:

Applications Available: May 27, 2009.

Deadline for Notice of Intent to Apply:
June 26, 2009.

Dates of Pre-Application Meeting:

There will be two pre-application meetings for prospective applicants on June 8, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and on June 8, 2009 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*Deadline for Transmittal of
Applications:* July 23, 2009.

*Deadline for Intergovernmental
Review:* September 21, 2009.

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: The purposes of the Teacher Quality Partnership (TQP) Grants Program are to: Improve student achievement; improve the quality of new and prospective teachers by improving the preparation of prospective teachers and enhancing professional development activities for new teachers; hold teacher preparation programs at institutions of higher education (IHEs) accountable for preparing highly qualified teachers; and

recruit highly qualified individuals, including minorities and individuals from other occupations, into the teaching force.

More specifically, the TQP Grants Program seeks to improve the quality of new teachers by creating partnerships among IHEs, high-need school districts (local educational agencies (LEAs)) their high-need schools, and/or high-need early childhood education (ECE) program. These partnerships would create model teacher preparation programs at the pre-baccalaureate level through the implementation of specific reforms of the IHE's existing teacher preparation programs, and/or model teaching residency programs for individuals with strong academic and/or professional backgrounds but without teaching experience. The TQP Grants Program may also support school leadership programs to train superintendents, principals, ECE program directors, and other school leaders in high-need or rural LEAs.

General Application Requirements: All applicants must meet the following general application requirements in order to be considered for funding. Except as specifically noted in this section, the general application requirements are from section 202 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended in 2008 by the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEA) (20 U.S.C. 1022(a)).

Each eligible partnership desiring a grant under this program must submit an application that contains—

(a) A needs assessment of the partners in the partnership, for the preparation, ongoing training, professional development, and retention of general education and special education teachers, principals, and, as applicable, early childhood educators;

(b) A description of how the partnership will—

(1) Prepare prospective and new general education and special education teachers to understand and use research and data to modify and improve classroom instruction and prepare prospective and new teachers with strong teaching skills;

(2) Support in-service professional development strategies and activities;

(3) Engage faculty at the partner institution to work with highly qualified teachers in the classrooms of high-need schools served by the high-need LEA in the partnership in order to—

(i) Provide high-quality professional development to strengthen the content knowledge and teaching skills of elementary school and secondary school teachers; and

(ii) Train other classroom teachers to implement literacy programs that incorporate the essential components of reading instruction;

(4) Design, implement, or enhance a year-long and rigorous teaching preservice clinical program component;

(5) Prepare general education teachers to teach students with disabilities, including training related to participation as a member of individualized education program teams, as defined in section 614(d)(1)(B) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA);

(6) Prepare general education and special education teachers to teach limited English proficient students; and

(7) Collect, analyze, and use data on the retention of all teachers and early childhood educators in high-need schools and high-need ECE programs located in the geographic area served by the partnership to evaluate the effectiveness of the partnership's teacher and educator support system;

(c) A description of the induction program activities that demonstrates—

(1) That the schools and departments within the IHE that are part of the induction program will effectively prepare teachers, including providing content expertise and expertise in teaching, as appropriate;

(2) The eligible partnership's capability and commitment to, and the accessibility to and involvement of faculty in, the use of empirically-based practice and scientifically valid research on teaching and learning;

(3) How faculty involved in the induction program will be able to substantially participate in a high-need ECE program or a high-need elementary school or high-need secondary school classroom setting, as applicable, including release time and receiving workload credit for such participation; and

(4) How the teacher preparation program will support, through not less than the first two years of teaching, all new teachers who are prepared by the teacher preparation program in the partnership and who teach in the high-need LEA in the partnership, and, to the extent practicable, all new teachers who teach in such high-need LEA, in the further development of the new teachers' teaching skills, including the use of mentors who are trained and compensated by the program for the mentors' work with new teachers;

(d) A description of how the partnership will—

(1) Coordinate strategies and activities with other teacher preparation or professional development programs, including programs funded under the