

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Navy****Meeting of the Board of Advisors (BOA) to the President, Naval Postgraduate School (NPS)****AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DoD.**ACTION:** Notice of Open Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), notice is hereby given that the following meeting of the Board of Advisors (BOA) to the President, Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) will be held. This meeting will be open to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 9, 2009, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Thursday, September 10, 2009, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Eastern Time Zone.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Office of Naval Research, 875 N. Randolph Street, Suite 1435, Arlington, VA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Jaye Panza, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA, 93943-5001, telephone: (831) 656-2514.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the meeting is to elicit the advice of the Board on the Naval Service's Postgraduate Education Program and the collaborative exchange and partnership between NPS and the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT). The Board examines the effectiveness with which the NPS is accomplishing its mission. To this end, the Board will inquire into the curricula; instruction; physical equipment; administration; state of morale of the student body, faculty, and staff; fiscal affairs; and any other matters relating to the operation of the NPS as the Board considers pertinent.

Individuals without a DoD government/CAC card require an escort at the meeting location. For access, information, or to send written comments regarding the NPS BOA contact Ms. Jaye Panza, Naval Postgraduate School, 1 University Circle, Monterey, CA 93943-5001 or by fax (831) 656-3145 by September 1, 2009.

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION****National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR)—Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program—Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers (RRTCs) and Rehabilitation Engineering Research Centers (RERCs)**

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Numbers:* 84.133B Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers and 84.133E Rehabilitation Engineering Research Centers.

**AGENCY:** Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS), Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of final priorities (NFP) for RRTCs and RERCs.

**SUMMARY:** The Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services announces certain funding priorities for the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program administered by NIDRR. Specifically, this notice announces four priorities for RRTCs and three priorities for RERCs. The Assistant Secretary may use these priorities for competitions in fiscal year (FY) 2009 and later years. We take this action to focus research attention on areas of national need. We intend these priorities to improve rehabilitation services and outcomes for individuals with disabilities.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* These priorities are effective August 27, 2009.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Donna Nangle, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 6029, Potomac Center Plaza, Washington, DC 20202-2700. Telephone: (202) 245-7462 or by e-mail: [donna.nangle@ed.gov](mailto:donna.nangle@ed.gov).

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This NFP is in concert with NIDRR's Final Long-Range Plan for FY 2005-2009 (Plan). The Plan, which was published in the **Federal Register** on February 15, 2006 (71 FR 8165), can be accessed on the Internet at the following site: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/nidrr/policy.html>.

Through the implementation of the Plan, NIDRR seeks to: (1) Improve the quality and utility of disability and rehabilitation research; (2) foster an exchange of expertise, information, and training to facilitate the advancement of knowledge and understanding of the

unique needs of traditionally underserved populations; (3) determine best strategies and programs to improve rehabilitation outcomes for underserved populations; (4) identify research gaps; (5) identify mechanisms of integrating research and practice; and (6) disseminate findings.

This notice announces priorities that NIDRR intends to use for RRTC and RERC competitions in FY 2009 and possibly later years. However, nothing precludes NIDRR from publishing additional priorities, if needed. Furthermore, NIDRR is under no obligation to make an award for each of these priorities. The decision to make an award will be based on the quality of applications received and available funding.

**Purpose of Program:** The purpose of the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program is to plan and conduct research, demonstration projects, training, and related activities, including international activities, to develop methods, procedures, and rehabilitation technology, that maximize the full inclusion and integration into society, employment, independent living, family support, and economic and social self-sufficiency of individuals with disabilities, especially individuals with the most severe disabilities, and to improve the effectiveness of services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

**Program Authority:** 29 U.S.C. 762(g), 764(a), 764(b)(2), and 764(b)(3).

**Applicable Program Regulations:** 34 CFR part 350.

We published a notice of proposed priorities (NPP) for this program in the **Federal Register** on May 7, 2009 (74 FR 21338). That notice contained background information and our reasons for proposing the particular priorities. This information may be useful for applicants in preparing their applications.

There are several significant differences between the NPP and this NFP, as discussed in the *Analysis of Comments and Changes* section elsewhere in this notice.

**Public Comment:** In response to our invitation in the NPP, 80 parties submitted comments on the proposed priorities.

We discuss substantive issues under the priorities to which they pertain. Generally, we do not address technical and other minor changes or suggested changes the law does not authorize us to make under the applicable statutory authority. In addition, we do not address general comments that raised