

proposed project on environmental resources in the area. The DEIS will also apply guidelines issued by the Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act of 1977 (P.L. 95-217). Potential effects of the project on water quality and on recreational, aesthetic, cultural, economic, social, fish and wildlife, and other resources will also be investigated.

8. The public involvement program will include workshops, meetings, and other coordination with interested private individuals and organizations, as well as with concerned Federal, state, and local agencies. Coordination letters and a newsletter have been sent to appropriate agencies, organizations, and individuals on an extensive mailing list. Additional public information will be provided through print media, mailings, and radio and television announcements.

9. In addition to the Corps, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, the National Park Service, the Town of Ocean City, and Worcester County, current participants in the DEIS process include the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, Maryland Department of the Environment, Maryland Geological Survey, the Worcester Environmental Trust, and the Assateague Coastal Trust. The Baltimore District invites potentially affected Federal, state, and local agencies, and other organizations and entities to participate in this study.

10. The DEIS is tentatively scheduled to be available for public review in June of 1997.

James F. Johnson,

Chief, Planning Division.

[FR Doc. 96-4672 Filed 2-28-96; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3710-41-M

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Submission for OMB review; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Director, Information Resources Group, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 1, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of

Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Wendy Taylor, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue SW., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

**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 Director of the Information Resources Group publishes this 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 at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

Dated: February 23, 1996.

Gloria Parker,

Director, Information Resources Group.

#### Office of Postsecondary Education

**Type of Review:** Revision.

**Title:** Confirmation Report for the Patricia Roberts Harris Fellowship Program Report.

**Frequency:** Annually.

**Affected Public:** Not-for-profit institutions.

#### Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 100.

Burden Hours: 1,100.

**Abstract:** Institutions of higher education that have received Patricia Roberts Harris grants are required to demonstrate their compliance with statutory requirements for distribution of fellowships. Information collected will be used by institutions of higher education to document the eligibility characteristics of students who are scheduled to receive fellowships under the program and the amount of each student stipend.

#### Office of Postsecondary Education

**Type of Review:** Revision.

**Title:** Application for Ability-to-Benefit Testing Approval.

**Frequency:** Annually.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

#### Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 150,180.

Burden Hours: 75,090.

**Abstract:** The Secretary of Education will publish a list of approved tests which can be used by postsecondary educational institutions to establish the ability-to-benefit for a student who does not have a high school diploma or its equivalent.

[FR Doc. 96-4611 Filed 2-28-96; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4000-01-M

### Submission of Data by State Educational Agencies

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of dates for submission of State revenue and expenditure reports for fiscal year 1995 and of revisions to those reports.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of Education announces a date for the submission by State educational agencies (SEAs) of preliminary expenditure and revenue data and average daily attendance statistics for fiscal year (FY) 1995 and establishes a deadline for any revisions to that information. The Secretary sets these dates to ensure that data are available to serve as the basis for timely distribution of Federal funds. The U.S. Bureau of the Census is the data collection agent for the Department's National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). The data will be published by NCES and will be used by the Secretary in the calculation of allocations for FY 1997 appropriated funds.

**DATE:** The suggested date for submission of preliminary data is March 15, 1996.

The mandatory deadline for submission of final data, including revisions to preliminary data, is September 3, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** SEAs are urged to mail or hand deliver ED Form 2447 (The National Public Education Financial Survey—Fiscal Year 1995) by the first date specified in this notice. SEAs must mail or hand deliver final data and any revisions to preliminary data on or before the mandatory deadline date to—Bureau of the Census, Attn: Governments Division, Washington, DC 20233-0001.

An SEA may hand deliver any revisions to—Bureau of the Census, Governments Division, Room 508, 8905 Presidential Parkway, Washington Plaza II, Upper Marlboro, Maryland, 20772, by 4 p.m. (Washington, DC time) on or before the mandatory deadline date.

If an SEA's submission is received by the Bureau of the Census after the mandatory deadline date, in order for the submission to be accepted, the SEA must show one of the following as proof that the submission was mailed on or before the mandatory deadline date:

(1) A legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark.

(2) A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service.

(3) A dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier.

(4) Any other proof of mailing acceptable to the Secretary.

If the SEA mails ED Form 2447 through the U.S. Postal Service, the Secretary does not accept either of the following as proof of mailing:

(1) A private metered postmark.

(2) A mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Service.

Note: The U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark. Before relying on this method, an SEA should check with its local post office.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Lawrence R. MacDonald, Chief, Governments Division, at the Maryland address specified above or by telephone: (301) 457-1563. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the authority of section 404(a) of the National Education Statistics Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 9003(a)), which authorizes NCES to gather data on the financing of education, NCES collects data annually from SEAs through ED Form 2447. The report from SEAs includes attendance, revenue, and expenditure data from which NCES

determines the average State per pupil expenditure (SPPE) for elementary and secondary education.

In addition to using SPPE data as useful information on the financing of elementary and secondary education, the Secretary uses these data directly in calculating allocations for certain formula grant programs, including Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 (Title I), Impact Aid, and Indian Education. Other programs such as The Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program under Title VII of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, the Dwight D. Eisenhower Professional Development Program, and the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Program make use of SPPE data indirectly because their formulas are based, in whole or in part, on State Title I allocations.

In February 1996, the Bureau of the Census, acting as the data collection agent for NCES, will mail to SEAs ED Form 2447 with instructions and will request that SEAs submit initial data to the Bureau of the Census by March 15, 1996. If an SEA does not submit initial FY 1995 data on ED Form 2447 on or about March 15, 1996, it should inform Census, in writing, of the delay and the date by which it will submit FY 1995 data. Submissions by SEAs to the Bureau of the Census are checked for accuracy and returned to each SEA for verification. NCES recognizes that data submitted prior to September 3, 1996, may be preliminary. In any case, all data, including any revisions to preliminary submissions, must be submitted to the Bureau of the Census by an SEA not later than September 3, 1996.

To ensure timely distribution of Federal education funds based on the best, most accurate data available, NCES establishes, for allocation purposes, September 3, 1996 as the final date by which ED Form 2447 must be submitted. However, if an SEA submits revised data after the final deadline that results in a lower SPPE figure, its allocations may be adjusted downward or the Department may request the SEA to return funds. SEAs should be aware that all of these data are subject to audit and that, if any inaccuracies are discovered in the audit process, the Department may seek recovery of overpayments for the applicable programs.

Authority: 20 U.S.C. 9003(a).

Dated: February 23, 1996.

Sharon P. Robinson,

*Assistant Secretary for Educational Research and Improvement.*

[FR Doc. 96-4609 Filed 2-28-96; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4000-01-P

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Oak Ridge Reservation

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Oak Ridge Reservation.

**DATES:** Wednesday, March 13, 1996: 6:00 pm–9:00 pm.

**ADDRESS:** Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. Building, Einstein Conference Room, 125 Broadway, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sandy Perkins, Site-Specific Advisory Board Coordinator, Department of Energy Oak Ridge Operations Office, 105 Broadway, Oak Ridge, TN 37830, (423) 576-1590.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda:

#### *March Meeting Topics*

The Board will meet to develop their independent recommendation regarding the rankings for the Environmental Management Risk Based Prioritization system for the Oak Ridge Reservation.

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting.

Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Sandy Perkins at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Official is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will