

### Other Committee/Workgroup & Industry Meetings

During the meeting week, the following groups will hold meetings to discuss various agenda issues of interest:

*Crab Cooperative Industry Meeting:* Thursday, September 7, 2000, 6:30 p.m.

*Council/Alaska Board of Fisheries Joint Committee:* Thursday, September 7, 2000, at 1:00 p.m. (Agenda will be posted on Council website: [www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc](http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc))

Other committees and workgroups may hold impromptu meetings throughout the meeting week. Such meetings will be announced during regularly-scheduled meetings of the Council, Advisory Panel, and SSC, and will be posted at the hotel.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Helen Allen at 907-271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 10, 2000.

**Richard W. Surdi,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, 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 October 16, 2000.

**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 Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that 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. 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.

Dated: August 10, 2000.

**John Tressler,**

*Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

### Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* Evaluation of the American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services (AIVRS) Program.

*Frequency:* One time.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs; Businesses or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 465

Burden Hours: 685

*Abstract:* This submission is for a one-time data collection for the Evaluation

of the American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services (AIVRS) Program. The information will be used by the Department of Education to improve the design of the program, answer questions about the program, and justify its budget. There are very limited reporting requirements for this program, so the information is needed to describe consumer characteristics, services provided, and program outcomes. Most of the information will come from project directors, but there will also be interviews with project staff, tribal representatives, advisory group members, service providers, and State VR agency staff.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address [OCIO\\_IMG\\_Issues@ed.gov](mailto:OCIO_IMG_Issues@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request. Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Sheila Carey at (202) 708-6287 or via her internet address [Sheila\\_Carey@ed.gov](mailto:Sheila_Carey@ed.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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### Office of Postsecondary Education, International Research and Studies Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2001

*Purpose of Program:* The International Research and Studies Program provides grants to conduct research and studies to improve and strengthen instruction in modern foreign languages, area studies, and other international fields to provide full understanding of places in which the foreign languages are commonly used.

*Eligible Applicants:* Public and private agencies, organizations and institutions, and individuals.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* November 6, 2000.

*Applications Available:* September 8, 2000.

**Available Funds:** \$626,739. The estimated amount of funds available for new awards under this competition is based on the Administration's request for this program for FY 2001. The actual level of funding, if any, is contingent on final congressional action.

**Estimated Range of Awards:** \$50,000–\$150,000 per year.

**Estimated Average Size of Awards:** \$104,457 per year.

**Estimated Number of Awards:** 6.

**Note:** The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

**Project Period:** Up to 36 months.

**Applicable Regulations:** (a) The Education Department, General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 80, 82, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99; and (b) the regulations for this program in 34 CFR parts 655 and 660.

**For Applications or Information Contact:** Jose L. Martinez, International Research and Studies Program, U.S. Department of Education, International Education and Graduate Programs Service, 1990 K Street NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20006–8521. Telephone: (202) 502–7635. The email address for Mr. Martinez is: jose\_martinez@ed.gov.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain this document in an alternate format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to the appropriate contact person listed in the preceding paragraph. However, the Department is not able to reproduce in an alternate format the standard forms included in the application package.

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edition of the **Federal Register** and the Code of Federal Regulations is available on GPO Access at: <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/index.html>.

**Program Authority:** 20 U.S.C. 1125.

Dated: August 11, 2000.

**Claudio R. Prieto,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Postsecondary Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Bonneville Power Administration

#### Regional Transmission Organization West

**AGENCY:** Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces BPA's intention to hold two public meetings to consider issues associated with BPA's proposal to join the Northwest Regional Transmission Organization (RTO West).

**DATES:** As part of the public process associated with the formation of the RTO, BPA has established a public comment period. Written comments are due to the address below no later than September 8, 2000. In addition, BPA will host two public meetings: the first in Spokane, Washington, on August 22, 2000, and the second in Portland, Oregon, on August 25, 2000. Comments may also be made at these public meetings.

**ADDRESSES:** BPA invites comments and suggestions on the major issues associated with BPA's proposal to join RTO West. Send comment letters to Communications, Bonneville Power Administration—KC–7, P.O. Box 12999, Portland, Oregon, 97212. The phone number of the Communications office is 503–230–3478 in Portland; toll-free 1–800–622–4519 outside of Portland. Comments may also be sent to the BPA Internet address: [comment@bpa.gov](mailto:comment@bpa.gov).

The meetings will be held at the Ramada Inn, Spokane International Airport, Spokane, Washington, on Tuesday, August 22, 2000, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel, Columbian Room, 8235 NE Airport Way, Portland, Oregon, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** Mike Hansen—KC–7, Bonneville Power Administration, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon, 97208–3621, phone number 503–230–4328, fax number 503–230–5844. Additional information

is also available on the official RTO West web site at [www.rtowest.com](http://www.rtowest.com), or BPA's web site at [www.bpa.gov](http://www.bpa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In December 1999, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued Order 2000, which encourages the formation of RTOs. The goal of that order is to promote efficiency in the wholesale electricity marketplace and to ensure that consumers pay the lowest price possible for reliable service. The order also requires utilities to file RTO proposals with FERC by October 15, 2000, with the RTOs to be fully operating by December 15, 2001.

FERC encouraged the federal power marketing administrations (PMAs), including BPA, to participate in RTO development. In response, on May 16, 2000, the U.S. Department of Energy directed the PMAs to participate in the development of RTOs and to file with FERC by the October 15 deadline. BPA began working collaboratively with Avista, Idaho Power Company, Montana Power Company, Nevada Power Company, PacifiCorp, Portland General Electric Company, Puget Sound Energy, Inc., and Sierra Pacific Power Company to form an RTO. These Filing Utilities have reached consensus on the structure of RTO West, developed a set of RTO principles, established an RTO Collaborative Process Plan, and clarified roles, responsibilities, and process related to the formation of RTO West. The Collaborative Process Plan committed RTO West to host Regional Workshops to encourage broader participation in the development of RTO West and to receive input on issues associated with RTO West formation.

Interested regional parties are included in the RTO West Regional Representatives Group (RRG), which is charged with reviewing and discussing issues and recommending approaches to the successful formation of an RTO in the Northwest. In addition, the several technical workgroups, working in conjunction with the RRG, are developing papers that will be shared with the region in August. The papers will also be available on the RTO web site at [www.rtowest.com](http://www.rtowest.com).

BPA, as a Federal agency, has responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Environmental information must be available to decisionmakers and to the public before decisions are made and before actions are taken. In response to a need for a sound policy to guide its business direction under changing market conditions, BPA prepared the Business Plan Environmental Impact Statement (Business Plan EIS, DOE/EIS–