

Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: April 12, 2004.

**Stephen L. Leathery,**

*Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

[FR Doc. 04-8696 Filed 4-15-04; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 3510-22-S**

## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by May 17, 2004.

*Title, Form, and OMB Number:*

Personnel Security Clearance Change Notification; DISCO Form 562; OMB Number 0704-0418.

*Type of Request:* Reinstatement.

*Number of Respondents:* 11,290.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 225,800.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 12 minutes.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 45,160.

*Needs and Uses:* DISCO Form 562 is used by contractors participating in the National Industrial Security Program to report various changes in employee personnel clearance status or identification information, e.g., reinstatements, conversions, terminations, changes in name or other previously submitted information. The execution of the DISCO Form 562 is a factor in making a determination as to whether a contractor employee is eligible to have a security clearance. These requirements are necessary in order to preserve and maintain the security of the United States through establishing standards to prevent the improper disclosure of classified information.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Ms. Jacqueline Zeiher.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Ms. Zeiher at the Office of Management

and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

*DOD Clearance Officer:* Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/ESCD/Information Management Division, 1225 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 504, Arlington, VA 22202-4326.

Dated: April 9, 2004.

**L.M. Bynum,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

[FR Doc. 04-8654 Filed 4-15-04; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 5001-06-M**

## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Education Benefits Board of Actuaries Meeting

**AGENCY:** DoD Education Benefits Board of Actuaries, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** A meeting of the Board has been scheduled to execute the provisions of Chapter 101, Title 10, United States Code (10 U.S.C. 2006). The Board shall review DoD actuarial methods and assumptions to be used in the valuation of the Department of Defense Education Benefits Fund. Persons desiring to: (1) Attend the DoD Education Benefits Board of Actuaries meeting, or (2) make an oral presentation or submit a written statement for consideration at the meeting, must notify Inger Pettygrove at (703) 696-7413 by July 16, 2004. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

**DATES:** August 20, 2004, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** 4040 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 270, Arlington, VA 22203.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Inger Pettygrove, DoD Office of the Actuary, 4040 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 308, Arlington, VA 22203, (703) 696-7413.

Dated: April 12, 2004.

**L.M. Byrum,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

[FR Doc. 04-8650 Filed 4-15-04; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 5001-06-M**

## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Meeting Notice

**AGENCY:** DoD Retirement Board of Actuaries.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** A meeting of the Board has been scheduled to execute the provisions of chapter 74, title 10, United States Code (10 U.S.C. 1464 *et seq.*). The Board shall review DoD actuarial methods and assumptions to be used in the valuation of the Military Retirement System. Persons desiring to: (1) Attend the DoD Retirement Board of Actuaries meeting, or (2) make an oral presentation or submit a written statement for consideration at the meeting, must notify Inger Pettygrove at (703) 696-7413 by July 16, 2004. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

**DATES:** August 19, 2004, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** 4040 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 270, Arlington, VA 22203.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Inger Pettygrove, DoD Office of the Actuary, 4040 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 308, Arlington, VA 22203, (703) 696-7413.

Dated: April 12, 2004.

**L.M. Bynum,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, DoD.*

[FR Doc. 04-8651 Filed 4-15-04; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 5001-06-M**

## 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 June 15, 2004.

**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: April 12, 2004.

**Angela C. Arrington,**

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

#### Office of Management

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement.

*Title:* Performance Based Data Management Initiative.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* State, local, or tribal gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

*Responses:* 66,052.

*Burden Hours:* 288,480.

*Abstract:* The Performance Based Data Management Initiative (PBDMI) is in the first phase of a multiple year effort to consolidate the collection of education information about States, Districts, and Schools in a way that improves data quality and reduces paperwork burden for all of the national education partners.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2529. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3,

Washington, DC 20202-4651 or to the e-mail address [vivian\\_reese@ed.gov](mailto:vivian_reese@ed.gov). Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address [OCIO\\_RIMG@ed.gov](mailto:OCIO_RIMG@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 Joe Schubart at his e-mail address [Joe\\_Schubart@ed.gov](mailto:Joe_Schubart@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.

[FR Doc. 04-8617 Filed 4-15-04; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 4000-01-P**

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR); Notice of Extension

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

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of project period and waiver for the National Center for the Dissemination of Disability Research (NCDDR) Project.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary waives the requirements in Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), at 34 CFR 75.250 and 75.261(a) and (c)(2), respectively, that generally prohibit project periods exceeding 5 years and project period extensions involving the obligation of additional Federal funds. This extension of project period and waiver will enable a Disability and Rehabilitation Research Project (DRRP) that conducts research on issues relating to the dissemination and utilization of research results developed through NIDRR grants and contracts to receive funding from October 1, 2004, until September 30, 2005.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This notice is effective May 17, 2004.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Donna Nangle, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3412, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2645. Telephone: (202) 205-5880 or via Internet: [donna.nangle@ed.gov](mailto:donna.nangle@ed.gov).

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the TDD number at (202) 205-4475.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain this document in an alternative format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to the contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NIDRR supports the goals of the President's New Freedom Initiative (NFI) and the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research Long Range Plan (Plan) to improve rehabilitation services and outcomes for individuals with disabilities.

**Note:** The NFI can be accessed on the Internet at the following site: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/freedominitiative/freedominitiative.htm>.

The Plan can be accessed on the Internet at the following site: <http://www.ed.gov/rschstat/research/pubs/index.html>.

In accordance with the goals of the NFI and the Plan, and as authorized under section 204(a)(1) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, through NIDRR, the Department provides funding for projects to improve services and outcomes for individuals with disabilities. In order to foster more efficient use of Federal funds for the DRRP program, the Secretary intends to refocus the priorities for dissemination and utilization of research results and provide funding for new awards in fiscal year (FY) 2005.

The grant for the NCDDR currently administered by the Southwest Educational Development Laboratory, Austin, Texas, is scheduled to expire September 30, 2004. It would be contrary to the public interest, however, to have any lapse in the research and related activities conducted by NCDDR before the refocused priorities can be implemented and new awards granted for FY 2005.

To avoid any lapse in research and related activities before the refocused priorities can be implemented, therefore, the Secretary has decided to fund this project until September 30, 2005. Accordingly, the Secretary waives the requirements in 34 CFR 75.250 and 75.261(a) and (c)(2), which prohibit project periods exceeding 5 years and extensions of project periods that involve the obligation of additional Federal funds.

#### Waiver of Proposed Rulemaking

Under the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553) the Department generally offers interested parties the opportunity to comment on proposed regulations. However, the waiver of the requirements in 34 CFR 75.250 and 75.261 applicable to the maximum project period and extension of the project period for these grants on a one-time only basis is procedural and does not establish new substantive policy. Therefore, under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A), proposed rulemaking is not required.

In addition, given the fact that the additional period of funding is only for