

input that will inevitably help determine and better define the underlying issues of the DEIS. Planned public meetings will be announced through local publications and online Internet access in advance of any proposed action, announcing meeting time and location.

A public meeting will be held on Fort Meade to facilitate input to the EIS process by citizens and organizations. The date and time of these meetings will be announced in the general media and will be at times and locations convenient to the public. To be considered in the Draft EIS, comments and suggestions should be received not later than 15 days following the public scoping meeting.

Significant issues: Within Fort Meade's boundaries lie numerous historic and prehistoric sites that were identified through the Cultural Resources Management Plan. Fort Meade also maintains historically significant structures which are eligible for inclusion on the National Register and may be directly affected by the actions proposed in the long range Master Plan. Equally important is the impact Fort Meade has on the Chesapeake Bay and the crucial role it plays in maintaining and protecting which is considered one of the world's most diverse ecosystems. Fort Meade is also home to eleven State Endangered Species, including the Glassy Darter which is one of only two locations in the State of Maryland where the fish is known to exist.

Dated: February 24, 2000.

Raymond J. Fatz,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army
(Environment, Safety and Occupational
Health) OASA(I&E).*

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Assessment Governing Board; Information Collection Request

AGENCY: National Assessment Governing Board; Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of amended information collection request.

SUMMARY: The National Assessment Governing Board (NAGB) is amending the Notices of Proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) published on January 18, 2000 and revised on February 18, 2000. The present notice is to inform the public that the Governing Board has cancelled one of two proposed research studies. The study

that was cancelled is on the feasibility of establishing a calibration linkage between a test form resembling an individual test and a survey of group results—the National Assessment of Educational Progress. The study is described in the January 18 and February 18, 2000 notices.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs; Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer: Department of Education; Office of Management and Budget; 725 17th Street, N.W., Room 10235; New Executive Office Building; Washington, D.C. 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address DWERFEL@OMB.EOP.GOV. Submit written comments, on or before March 17, 2000, identified by "ICR: VNT Research and Validation Support Studies (Option Year 2)." The National Assessment Governing Board will forward to OMB any comments received from the public in response to the January 18, 2000 notice inviting requests for public comment on this ICR.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Director of OMB provide interested federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (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. In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice amends a proposed information collection request (ICR) of the National Assessment Governing Board (the Governing Board, or NAGB) published on January 18, 2000 and revised on February 18, 2000. The information collection is to conduct a research and validation support study related to test development for the proposed Voluntary National Test (VNT) during Spring 2000.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Copies of this ICR may be obtained from Ray Fields, Assistant Director, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC 20002. Telephone: (202) 357-0395; e-mail: Ray_Fields@ED.Gov.

Dated: February 28, 2000.

Roy Truby,

*Executive Director, National Assessment
Governing Board.*

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board; Quarterly Meeting

AGENCY: National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board; Education.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming quarterly meeting of the National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend the meeting.

DATES: March 16, 2000.

TIME: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

LOCATION: Room 100, 80 F St., NW., Washington, DC 20208-7564.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thelma Leenhouts, Designated Federal Official, National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, Washington, DC 20208-7564. Tel.: (202) 219-2065; fax (202) 219-1528; e-mail: Thelma_Leenhouts@ed.gov, or nerpph@ed.gov. The main telephone number for the Board is (202) 208-0692.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board is authorized by Section 921 of the Educational Research, Development, Dissemination, and Improvement Act of 1994. The Board works collaboratively with the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Educational Research and Improvement (OERI) to forge a national consensus with respect to a long-term agenda for educational research, development, and dissemination, and to provide advice and assistance to the Assistant Secretary in administering the duties of the Office. The meeting is open to the public. Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (*i.e.*, interpreting services, assistive listening devices, materials in alternative format) should notify Thelma Leenhouts at (202) 219-2065 by no later than March 9. We will attempt to meet requests after this date, but cannot guarantee availability of the requested accommodation. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

The Board will hear reports from the Assistant Secretary for OERI and from the chair and executive director. The Board will review its recommendations for the reauthorization of OERI and consider proposals for a major study of the infrastructure of educational research and development.

A final agenda will be available from the Board office on March 9, and will be posted on the Board's web site, <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OERI/NERPPB/>.

Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the office of the National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, Suite 100, 80 F St., NW, Washington, DC 20208-7564.

Dated: February 28, 2000.

Eve M. Bither,

Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records—Federal Student Aid Application File (18-11-01)

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Correction.

SUMMARY: The Chief Information Officer for the Department of Education publishes this correction to the Federal Student Aid Application File (18-11-01). This system was republished on June 4, 1999 (64 FR 30159) in response to the President's direction that agencies review system notices to be sure that each notice was current and accurately reflected how the system was used by the agency. In the process of converting this system of records to a newer, easier to read style, some of the routine uses that the Department decided to apply to all systems of records were dropped. This notice adds the intended routine uses to the system of records.

DATES: The routine uses added by this notice are effective on March 2, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bill Burrow, Office of Chief Information Officer, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 5624 Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4580. Telephone: 202-401-0250. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you 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 contact person listed in the preceding paragraph.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

General

In a memorandum dated May 14, 1998, President Clinton directed executive departments and agencies (agencies) to conduct a thorough review for accuracy and completeness of all agency systems of records. He directed agencies to make sure that the routine uses continue to be necessary and compatible with the purposes for which they were collected.

On June 4, 1999, 64 FR 30105, the Department republished virtually all of its systems of records, including this system of records, in response to the President's memorandum. In that notice, the Department committed to using standard routine uses for all its revised systems. Unfortunately, the standard routine use for research was omitted from the Federal Student Aid Application File (18-11-01), due to technical errors. This notice adds this and other standard routine uses to that system of records. ED needs the research routine use in this system of records so that ED may conduct research on the extent to which applicants inaccurately report income needed to determine eligibility for various forms of student financial assistance. These routine uses do not affect the day-to-day operation of this system as its program specific routine uses were not affected by the technical errors.

Correction

In the Notice of New, Amended, Altered and Deleted Systems of Records published in the **Federal Register** on June 4, 1999 (64 FR 30105), make the following correction beginning on page 30160, in the first column, in the notice entitled "Federal Student Aid Application File (18-11-01)," under the heading "Routine Uses of Records Maintained in the System, Including Categories of Users and Purposes of Such Users," add the following numbered paragraphs after paragraph (9):

(10) *Employment, Benefit, and Contracting Disclosure.*

(a) *For Decisions by the Department.* The Department may disclose a record to a Federal, State, or local agency maintaining civil, criminal, or other relevant enforcement or other pertinent records, or to another public authority or professional organization, if necessary to obtain information relevant to a Department decision concerning the hiring or retention of an employee or other personnel action, the issuance of a security clearance, the letting of a contract, or the issuance of a license, grant, or other benefit.

(b) *For Decisions by Other Public Agencies and Professional Organizations.* The Department may disclose a record to a Federal, State, local, or foreign agency or other public authority or professional organization, in connection with the hiring or retention of an employee or other personnel action, the issuance of a security clearance, the reporting of an investigation of an employee, the letting of a contract, or the issuance of a license, grant, or other benefit, to the extent that the record is relevant and necessary to the receiving entity's decision on the matter.

(11) *Employee Grievance, Complaint or Conduct Disclosure.* The Department may disclose a record in this system of records to another agency of the Federal Government if the record is relevant to one of the following proceedings regarding a present or former employee of the Department: Complaint, grievance, discipline or competence determination proceedings. The disclosure may only be made during the course of the proceeding.

(12) *Labor Organization Disclosure.* A component of the Department may disclose records to a labor organization if a contract between the component and a labor organization recognized under Title V of the United States Code, Chapter 71, provides that the Department will disclose personal records relevant to the organization's mission. The disclosures will be made only as authorized by law.

(13) *Disclosure to the Department of Justice (DOJ).* The Department may disclose records to the DOJ to the extent necessary for obtaining DOJ advice on any matter relevant to an audit, inspection, or other inquiry related to the programs covered by this system.

(14) *Research Disclosure.* The Department may disclose records to a researcher if an appropriate official of the Department determines that the individual or organization to which the disclosure would be made is qualified to carry out specific research related to functions or purposes of this system of records. The official may disclose records from this system of records to that researcher solely for the purpose of carrying out that research related to the functions or purposes of this system of records. The researcher shall be required to maintain Privacy Act safeguards with respect to the disclosed records.

(15) *Disclosure to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Credit Reform Act (CRA) Support.* The Department may disclose records to OMB as necessary to fulfill CRA requirements.