

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Air Force****Acceptance of Group Application Under Public Law 95-202 and Department of Defense Directive (DODD) 1000.20 "U.S. Civilian Crewmembers of the Flotilla Alaska Barge and Transport Company, Who Worked on the Inland and Coastal Waters of Vietnam as a Result of Contract MST-OT-35 (X) With the U.S. Navy for Direct Support of Military Operations in Vietnam From April 1966 Through April 1975."**

Under the provisions of section 401, Public Law 95-202 and DoD Directive 1000.20, the Department of Defense Civilian/Military Service Review Board has accepted an application on behalf of a group known as: "U.S. Civilian Crewmembers of the Flotilla Alaska Barge and Transport Company, Who Worked on the Inland and Coastal Waters of Vietnam as a Result of Contract MST-OT-35 (X) With the U.S. Navy for Direct Support of Military Operations in Vietnam from April 1966 through April 1975." Persons with information or documentation pertinent to the determination of whether the service of this group should be considered active military service to the Armed Forces of the United States are encouraged to submit such information or documentation within 60 days to the DoD Civilian/Military Service Review Board, 1535 Command Drive, EE-Wing, 3rd Floor, Andrews AFB, MD 20762-7002. Copies of documents or other materials submitted cannot be returned.

Pamela D. Fitzgerald,

Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Army****Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation Board of Visitors; Meeting**

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and summary agenda for the inaugural meeting of the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC) Board of Visitors (BoV). Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463). This board was chartered on February 1,

2002, in compliance with the requirements set forth in 10 U.S.C. 2166.

Date: December 12, 2002.

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

Location: Pratt Hall, Building 35, 7011 Morrison Ave., Fort Benning, GA 31905.

Proposed Agenda: The WHINSEC BoV will approve its by-laws, establish its 2003 schedule and receive sub-committee and liaison reports of specific WHINSEC operations, activities and curriculum for compliance with the authorizing legislation—specifically the curriculum and the human rights mandatory training programs—in preparation of its annual report.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken LaPlante, Core Processes, Inc, Army G-3 (Room 2D337), 400 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310, telephone (703) 692-7419 or LTC Andres Toro at (703) 692-7421.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. There will be time, specified, for public comments by individuals and organizations at the end of the meeting on December 12, 2002. Public comment and presentations will be limited to two minutes each and must be provided in writing and received before Wednesday, December 4, 2002. Mail written presentations and requests to register to attend the public sessions to: LTC Andres Toro, DAM-SSR (Rm 2D337), 400 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310-0400. Public seating is limited, and is available on a first come, first served basis.

Dated: November 8, 2002.

John C. Speedy III,

SES, Designated Federal Officer, WHINSEC BoV.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 23, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Karen Lee, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of

Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address *Karen_F.Lee@omb.eop.gov*.

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 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.

Dated: November 18, 2002.

John D. Tressler,

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

Office of Vocational and Adult Education

Type of Review: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Title: Tech-Prep Demonstration Grants.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs (primary), Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 50.

Burden Hours: 2400.

Abstract: Section 207 of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-332) authorizes grants to consortia to carry out tech-prep education programs that involve the location of a secondary school on the campus of a community college. This collection solicits

applications for grant funding from eligible applicants.

This information collection is being submitted under the Streamlined Clearance Process for Discretionary Grants Information Collections (1890-0001). Therefore, this 30-day public comment notice will be the only public comment notice published for this information collection.

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. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address *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 Sheila Carey at her e-mail address *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

Secretary of Education's Commission on Opportunity in Athletics; Meeting

AGENCY: Secretary of Education's Commission on Opportunity in Athletics; Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming public meeting of the Secretary of Education's Commission on Opportunity in Athletics (the Commission). The Commission invites comments from the public regarding the application of current Federal standards for ensuring equal opportunity for men and women and boys and girls to participate in athletics under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 ("Title IX"). The meeting will take place in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meetings should notify the Commission office no later than November 27, 2002. 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.

Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

DATES: December 4, 2002.

Location: Philadelphia Marriott. 1201 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA.

Times: December 4: 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 2 p.m.-5 p.m.

Meeting Format: This meeting will be held according to the following schedule:

1. Date: December 4, 2002, Time: 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m.-5 p.m.

Attendees: If you would like to attend any or all of the above listed meetings, we ask that you register with the Commission office by email or fax to the address listed under **ADDRESSES**. Please provide us with your name and contact information.

Participants: The meeting scheduled for December 4, 2002 will consist of review and discussion by the Commissioners of the information from the previous public meetings in preparation for the Commission's forthcoming report to the Secretary of Education. The public is invited to observe this meeting; however there will not be opportunity for public comment.

Written comments will be accepted at each meeting site or may be mailed to the Commission at the address listed under **ADDRESSES**.

In addition to making reservations, individuals attending the public meetings, for security purposes, must be prepared to show photo identification in order to enter the meeting location.

Request for Written Comments: We invite the public to submit written comments relevant to the Commission.

DATES: We would like to receive your written comments on the Act by November 29, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Submit all comments to the Commission using one of the following methods:

1. *Internet.* We encourage you to send your comments through the Internet to the following address:

OpportunityinAthletics@ed.gov.

2. *Mail.* You may submit your comments to The Secretary of Education's Commission on Opportunity in Athletics, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., ROB-3 Room 3060, Washington, DC 20202. Due to delays in mail delivery caused by heightened security, please allow adequate time for the mail to be received.

3. *Facsimile.* You may submit comments by facsimile at (202) 260-4560.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: See the Commission address under the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. View the Commission's web site at: <http://www.ed.gov/inits/commissionsboards/athletics>.

www.ed.gov/inits/commissionsboards/athletics. The Commission office number is 202-708-7417.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The nation is commemorating the 30th anniversary of the passage of Title IX, the landmark legislation prohibiting recipients of Federal funds from discriminating on the basis of sex. Since this legislation was enacted, there has been a dramatic increase in the number of women participating in athletics at the high school and college levels. The Secretary of Education has determined that this anniversary provides an appropriate time to review the application of Title IX to educational institutions' efforts to provide equal opportunity in athletics to women and men. In order to do so, the Secretary established the Commission on Opportunity in Athletics. The Commission will produce a report no later than January 31, 2002, outlining its findings relative to the opportunities for men and women in athletics in order to improve the effectiveness of Title IX.

Comments are encouraged on the following priority areas:

1. Are Title IX standards for assessing equal opportunity in athletics working to promote opportunities for male and female athletes?

2. Is there adequate Title IX guidance that enables colleges and school districts to know what is expected of them and to plan for an athletic program that effectively meets the needs and interests of their students?

3. Is further guidance or are other steps needed at the junior and senior high school levels where the availability or absence of opportunities will critically affect the prospective interests and abilities of student athletes when they reach college age?

4. How should activities such as cheerleading or bowling factor into the analysis of equitable opportunities?

5. How do revenue producing and large-roster teams affect the provision of equal athletic opportunities? The Department has heard from some parties that whereas some men athletes will "walk-on" to intercollegiate teams—without athletic financial aid and without having been recruited—women rarely do this. Is this accurate and, if so, what are its implications for Title IX analysis?

6. In what ways do opportunities in other sports venues, such as the Olympics, professional leagues, and community recreation programs, interact with the obligations of colleges and school districts to provide equal athletic opportunity? What are the implications for Title IX?