

security screening and entry to the Mark Center, individuals wishing to attend the public meeting must register by the close of business on the dates listed in the **DATES** section of this notice, by sending the following information via email to osd.dfars@mail.mil:

- (1) Full name.
- (2) Valid email address.
- (3) Valid telephone number.
- (4) Company or organization name.
- (5) Whether the individual is a U.S. citizen.
- (6) The date(s) of the public meeting(s) the individual wishes to attend.

(7) Whether the individual intends to make a presentation, and, if so, the individual's title.

Building Entry: Upon receipt of an email requesting registration, the Defense Acquisition Regulations System will provide notification to the Pentagon Force Protection Agency (PFPA) that the individual is requesting approval for entry to the Mark Center on the date(s) provided. PFPA will send additional instructions to the email address provided in the request for registration. The registrant must follow the instructions in the PFPA email in order to be approved for entry to the Mark Center.

One valid government-issued photo identification card (*i.e.*, driver's license or passport) will be required in order to enter the building.

Attendees are encouraged to arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting to accommodate security procedures.

Public parking is not available at the Mark Center.

Presentations: If you wish to make a presentation, please submit an electronic copy of your presentation via email to osd.dfars@mail.mil no later than the registration date for the specific meeting listed in the **DATES** section of this notice. Each presentation should be in PowerPoint to facilitate projection during the public meeting and should include the presenter's name, organization affiliation, telephone number, and email address on the cover page. Please submit presentations only and cite "Public Meeting, DFARS Case 2019-D001" in all correspondence related to the public meeting. There will be no transcription at the meeting. The submitted presentations will be the only record of the public meeting and will be posted to the following website at the conclusion of the public meeting: https://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/dars/contract_financing.html.

Special accommodations: The public meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for

reasonable accommodations, sign language interpretation, or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Daniel Weinstein at 571-372-6105, by no later than the registration date for the specific meeting listed in the **DATES** section of this notice.

The TTY number for further information is: 1-800-877-8339. When the operator answers the call, let him or her know that the agency is the Department of Defense and the point of contact is Daniel Weinstein at 571-372-6105.

Jennifer Lee Hawes,

Regulatory Control Officer, Defense Acquisition Regulations System.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI)

AGENCY: National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI), U.S. Department of Education.

ACTION: Request for nominations to serve on the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI).

SUMMARY: Per the authorizing legislation for the NACIQI, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education (Secretary) is seeking nominations for individuals to serve on the NACIQI.

DATES: Nominations must be received no later than Friday, January 11, 2019.

ADDRESSES: You may submit nominations, including attachments via email to: cmtmgmtoffice@ed.gov (specify in the email subject line "NACIQI Nomination"). For questions, please contact the U. S. Department of Education, Committee Management Office at (202) 401-3677.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NACIQI's Statutory Authority and Function: The NACIQI is established under Section 114 of the HEA, and is composed of 18 members appointed—

(A) On the basis of the individuals' experience, integrity, impartiality, and good judgment;

(B) From among individuals who are representatives of, or knowledgeable concerning, education and training beyond secondary education, representing all sectors and types of institutions of higher education; and

(C) On the basis of the individuals' technical qualifications, professional standing, and demonstrated knowledge

in the fields of accreditation and administration of higher education.

The NACIQI meets at least twice a year and advises the Secretary with respect to:

- The establishment and enforcement of the standards of accrediting agencies or associations under subpart 2 of part H of Title IV, HEA.
- The recognition of specific accrediting agencies or associations.
- The preparation and publication of the list of nationally recognized accrediting agencies and associations.
- The eligibility and certification process for institutions of higher education under Title IV of the HEA, together with recommendations for improvements in such process.
- The relationship between (1) accreditation of institutions of higher education and the certification and eligibility of such institutions, and (2) State licensing responsibilities with respect to such institutions.

• Any other advisory functions relating to accreditation and institutional eligibility that the Secretary may prescribe by regulation.

Nomination Process: Interested persons or organizations may nominate qualified individuals. To nominate an individual or yourself for appointment to the NACIQI, please submit the following information to the U.S. Department of Education.

- A cover letter addressed to the Secretary as follows: Honorable Betsy DeVos, Secretary of Education, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202. In the letter, please state your reason(s) for nominating the individual or yourself;
 - A copy of the nominee's or your current resume or curriculum vitae
 - Contact information for the nominee (name, title, business address, business phone, and business email address)

In addition, the cover letter must include a statement affirming that the nominee (if you are nominating someone other than yourself) has agreed to be nominated and is willing to serve on the NACIQI if selected. Nominees should be broadly knowledgeable about higher education and accreditation.

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text or Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF). To use PDF, you must have Adobe Acrobat Reader, which is available free at the site.

You may also access documents of the Department published in the **Federal Register** by using the article search feature at: www.federalregister.gov. Specifically, through the advanced search feature at this site, you can limit your search to documents published by the Department.

Diane Auer Jones,

Principal Deputy Under Secretary Delegated to Perform the Duties of the Under Secretary and Assistant Secretary for the Office of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2018-ICCD-0131]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS 2021) Field Test Recruitment

AGENCY: National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing a reinstatement of a previously approved information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 11, 2019.

ADDRESSES: To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED-2018-ICCD-0131. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 550 12th Street, SW PCP, Room 9086, Washington, DC 20202-0023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Kashka Kubzdela, 202-502-7411 or email NCES.Information.Collections@ed.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. 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. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS 2021) Field Test Recruitment.

OMB Control Number: 1850-0645.

Type of Review: A reinstatement of a previously approved information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individual or Households.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 1,515.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 295.

Abstract: The Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS) is an international assessment of fourth-grade students' achievement in reading. PIRLS reports on four benchmarks in reading achievement at grade 4 and on a variety of issues related to the education context for the students in the sample, including instructional practices, school resources, curriculum implementation, and learning supports outside of school. Since its inception in 2001, PIRLS has continued to assess students every 5 years (2001, 2006,

2011, and 2016), with the next PIRLS assessment, PIRLS 2021, being the fifth iteration of the study. Participation in this study by the United States at regular intervals provides data on student achievement and on current and past education policies and a comparison of U.S. education policies and student performance with those of the U.S. international counterparts. In PIRLS 2016, 58 education systems participated. The United States will participate in PIRLS 2021 to continue to monitor the progress of its students compared to that of other nations and to provide data on factors that may influence student achievement. PIRLS is coordinated by the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), an international collective of research organizations and government agencies that create the assessment framework, the assessment instrument, and background questionnaires. The IEA decides and agrees upon a common set of standards and procedures for collecting and reporting PIRLS data, and defines the studies' timeline, all of which must be followed by all participating countries. As a result, PIRLS is able to provide a reliable and comparable measure of student skills in participating countries. In the U.S., the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) conducts this study. In preparation for the PIRLS 2021 main study, all countries are asked to implement a field test in 2020. The purpose of the PIRLS field test is to evaluate new assessment items and background questions, to ensure practices that promote low exclusion rates, and to ensure that classroom and student sampling procedures proposed for the main study are successful. Data collection for the field test in the U.S. will occur from March through April 2020 and for the main study from March through June 2021. This submission describes the overarching plan for all phases of the data collection, including the 2021 main study and requests approval for all activities, materials, and response burden related to the field test recruitment, scheduled to begin in May 2019.

Dated: December 7, 2018.

Kate Mullan,

Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Management.

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