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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

38 CFR Part 17

Confidentiality of Certain Medical Records Under the MISSION Act

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notification of change to agency practice.

SUMMARY: This Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) document provides an update to VA's requirements for obtaining a signed release of information for third party billing practices from VA beneficiaries with a sensitive diagnosis under the United States Code to align with the amendments made by the VA MISSION Act of 2018.

DATES: Effective January 28, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Adams, Office of Community Care (10D), Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, *Jennifer.Adams26@va.gov,* (615) 355–1539. This is not a toll free number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 6, 2018, section 132 of Public Law 115–182, the John S. McCain III, Daniel K. Akaka, and Samuel R. Johnson VA Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks Act of 2018 (MISSION Act), amended 38 U.S.C. 7332, *Confidentiality of certain medical records,* which protects certain sensitive diagnoses (*i.e.,* drug abuse, alcoholism or alcohol abuse, infection with the human immunodeficiency virus, or sickle cell anemia) from being disclosed unless expressly authorized by the patient. The VA Mission Act of 2018 amended section 7332 by providing a new exception to the requriment that a patient must expressely authorize VA to disclose medical records containing a sensitive diagnosis. The exception removed VA's requirement when VA is billing a third-party for medical care cost recovery.

In addition to this document, VA will announce these changes on Veteran-facing websites to reach as many VA beneficiaires as possible. VA will also conduct a briefing with Veteran Service Organizations to ensure they are informed of the changes. For any VA beneficiary who has previously signed a release of information declining to allow VA to bill encounters containing a sensitive diagnosis, VA will provide a one-time notification prior to submitting claims with a sensitive diagnosis to a third-party health insurer. The written notification will include a summary of the new law, how the change affects the patient, and a description of the types of services affected by the change.

After all of the aforementioned notifications are complete, VA will begin submitting claims to health insurance companies for encounters with dates of service on or after the publication date of this document in the **Federal Register** that contain a sensitive diagnosis without a signed release of information. While VA's billing authorities allow for a window of up to 6 years to bill a health insurance company for services provided, VA will not pursue any back billing for these services unless a signed Request For and Authorization to Release Medical Records or Health Information (VHA–10–5345) form for such release has been received from the patient. All required payer policies still apply to any services submitted for reimbursement.

Signing Authority

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or designee, approved this document and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Robert L. Wilkie, Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs, approved this document on December 21, 2018, for publication.

Dated: December 21, 2018.

Luvenia Potts,

Program Specialist, Office of Regulation Policy & Management, Office of the Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 622

[Docket No. 101206604–1758–02]

RIN 0648–XG732

Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Region; Commercial Trip Limit Reduction for Spanish Mackerel in the Atlantic Southern Zone

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Temporary rule; trip limit reduction.

SUMMARY: NMFS reduces the commercial trip limit of Atlantic migratory group Spanish mackerel in or from the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) in the southern zone to 500 lb (227 kg) per day. This trip limit reduction is necessary to maximize the socioeconomic benefits of the commercial quota for the southern zone.

DATES: This rule is effective from 6 a.m., local time, January 27, 2019, until 12:01 a.m., local time, March 1, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Vara, NMFS Southeast Regional Office, telephone: 727–824–5305, or email: *mary.vara@noaa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The fishery for coastal migratory pelagic fish includes king mackerel, Spanish mackerel, and cobia, and is managed under the Fishery Management Plan for the Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic (FMP). The FMP was prepared by the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Fishery Management Councils and is implemented under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) by regulations at 50 CFR part 622. All weights in this temporary rule apply as either round or gutted weight.

Framework Amendment 1 to the FMP (79 FR 69058; November 20, 2014) implemented a commercial annual catch limit (equal to the commercial quota) of 3.33 million lb (1.51 million kg) for the Atlantic migratory group of

Spanish mackerel. Atlantic migratory group Spanish mackerel (Spanish mackerel) are divided into a northern and southern zone for management purposes. The southern zone consists of Federal waters off South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. The northern boundary for the southern zone for Spanish mackerel extends from the state border of North Carolina and South Carolina along a line beginning at 33°51′07.9″ N lat. and 78°32′32.6″ W long. and extending in a direction of 135°34′55″ from true north to the intersection point with the outward boundary of the EEZ. The southern boundary for the southern zone is 25°20′24″ N lat., which is the boundary between Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties, Florida.

The southern zone commercial quota for Spanish mackerel is 2,667,330 lb (1,209,881 kg). Seasonally variable commercial trip limits are based on an adjusted commercial quota of 2,417,330 lb (1,096,482 kg). The adjusted commercial quota is calculated to allow continued harvest in the southern zone at a set rate for the remainder of the current fishing year, through February 28, 2019, in accordance with 50 CFR 622.385(b)(2).

On December 27, 2018, NMFS published a temporary rule in the **Federal Register** to reduce the commercial trip limit for Spanish mackerel in or from the Atlantic EEZ in the southern zone to 1,500 lb (680 kg) (83 FR 66635). The temporary rule was effective at 6 a.m., local time, December 26, 2018, until 12:01 a.m., local time, March 1, 2019, or until the commercial trip limit is reduced to 500 lb (227 kg) when 100 percent of the adjusted quota is reached or projected to be reached, whichever occurs first.

As specified at 50 CFR 622.385(b)(1)(ii)(C), after 100 percent of the adjusted commercial quota of Spanish mackerel is reached or projected to be reached, Spanish mackerel in or from the EEZ in the southern zone may not be possessed on board or landed from a vessel with a Federal commercial permit for Spanish mackerel in amounts exceeding 500 lb (227 kg) per day.

NMFS has determined that 100 percent of the adjusted commercial quota for Spanish mackerel has been reached. Accordingly, the commercial trip limit of 500 lb (227 kg) per day applies to Spanish mackerel in or from the EEZ in the southern zone effective at 6 a.m., local time January 27, 2019, until 12:01 a.m., local time, March 1, 2019, unless changed by subsequent notification in the **Federal Register**.

Classification

The Regional Administrator for the NMFS Southeast Region has determined this temporary rule is necessary for the conservation and management of Spanish mackerel and is consistent with the Magnuson-Stevens Act and other applicable laws.

This action is taken under 50 CFR 622.385(b)(1)(ii)(C) and is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

These measures are exempt from the procedures of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, because the temporary rule is issued without opportunity for prior notice and opportunity for comment.

This action responds to the best scientific information available. The NOAA Assistant Administrator for Fisheries (AA) finds that the need to immediately reduce the trip limit for the commercial sector for Spanish mackerel constitutes good cause to waive the requirements to provide prior notice and the opportunity for public comment pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) as such procedures are unnecessary and contrary to the public interest. Such procedures are unnecessary because the rules implementing the commercial quotas and trip limits have already been subject to notice and comment, and all that remains is to notify the public of the trip limit reduction.

Prior notice and opportunity for public comment is contrary to the public interest, because any delay in the trip limit reduction for the commercial harvest of Spanish mackerel could result in the commercial quota being exceeded. There is a need to immediately implement this action to protect the Spanish mackerel resource, because the capacity of the fishing fleet allows for rapid harvest of the commercial quota. Prior notice and opportunity for public comment would require additional time and could potentially result in a harvest well in excess of the established commercial quota.

For the aforementioned reasons, the AA also finds good cause to waive the 30-day delay in effectiveness of this action under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3).

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: January 23, 2019.

Samuel D. Rauch III,

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

34 CFR Part 106

RIN 1870–AA14

[Docket ID ED–2018–OCR–0064]

Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance

AGENCY: Office for Civil Rights, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On November 29, 2018, the Department published in the **Federal Register** a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend the Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance regulations. That NPRM established a 60-day comment period from November 29, 2018, through January 28, 2019. The Department is extending the public comment period for two days, until January 30, 2019.

DATES: The comment period for the proposed rule published November 29, 2018, at 83 FR 61462, is extended. Comments must be submitted to the Department on or before January 30, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. The Department will not accept comments submitted by fax or by email or those submitted after the comment period. To ensure that the Department does not receive duplicate copies, please submit your comments only once. In addition, please include the Docket ID at the top of your comments.

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to *www.regulations.gov* to submit your comments electronically. Information on using *Regulations.gov*, including instructions for finding a rule on the site and submitting comments, is available on the site under ''How to use *Regulations.gov*'' in the Help section.
- *Postal Mail, Commercial Delivery, or Hand Delivery:* The Department strongly encourages commenters to submit their comments electronically. If, however, you mail or deliver your comments about the proposed regulations, address them to Brittany Bull, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Room 6E310, Washington, DC 20202–5900.

Privacy Note: The Department's policy is to make all comments received from members of the public available for public viewing in their entirety on the Federal eRulemaking Portal at *www.regulations.gov.* Therefore, commenters should be careful to include in their comments only information that they wish to make publicly available.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brittany Bull, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Room 6E310, Washington, DC 20202–5900. Telephone: 202–453–7100. You may also email your questions to *TitleIXNPRM@ed.gov,* but, as described above, comments must be submitted via the Federal eRulemaking Portal, postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery.

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf or a text telephone, call the Federal Relay Service, toll free, at 1–800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: On November 29, 2018, the Department published an NPRM in the **Federal Register** (83 FR 61462), to amend the Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance regulations to provide appropriate standards for how recipients must respond to incidents of sexual harassment. The NPRM established a 60-day comment period through January 28, 2019. However, the Federal eRulemaking Portal was temporarily unavailable for a portion of January 16 and 17, 2019, due to technical issues. To ensure that the public will have had 60 days in total to submit comments on the Department's NPRM using the Federal eRulemaking Portal, the Department is extending the public comment period for an additional two days. The Department must now receive your comments submitted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal on or before 11:59 p.m. EST January 30, 2019, hand delivered on or before 5 p.m. EST January 30, 2019, or postmarked on or before January 30, 2019, if delivered by postal mail or commercial delivery.

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Dated: January 23, 2019.

Betsy DeVos,

Secretary of Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

43 CFR Part 2

[Docket No. DOI–2018–0017]

RIN 1093–AA26

Freedom of Information Act Regulations

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Department of Interior (Department) extends the comment period for its December 28, 2018, notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM)

concerning the regulations the Department follows in processing records under the Freedom of Information Act. Due to a technical glitch on *www.regulations.gov* in mid-January, the Department believes it is appropriate to extend the comment period an additional day to ensure interested parties have the full 30 days to submit their responses to the NPRM. Therefore, the Department extends the deadline for the submission of comments from January 28, 2019, to January 29, 2019.

DATES: The comment period for the NPRM published December 28, 2019, at 83 FR 67175, is extended. Comments must be received on or before January 29, 2019.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on the rulemaking by either of the methods listed below. Please use Docket No. DOI–2018–0017 in your message.

1. *Federal eRulemaking Portal: https://www.regulations.gov.* Follow the instructions on the website for submitting comments.

2. *U.S. mail, courier, or hand delivery:* Executive Secretariat—FOIA regulations, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cindy Cafaro, Office of Executive Secretariat and Regulatory Affairs, 202–208–5342.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Participation and Request for Comments

The Department encourages you to participate by submitting comments and related materials. The Department will consider all comments and material received during the comment period and may change the proposed rule based on your comments.

Background

The December 28, 2018, NPRM (83 FR 67175) asked for public comment on the regulations that the Department follows in processing records under the Freedom of Information Act. The revisions clarify and update procedures for requesting information from the Department and procedures that the Department follows in responding to requests from the public.

Extension of the Public Comment Period

The comment period for the NPRM was set to expire on January 28, 2019 (83 FR 67175). Due to a technical glitch on *www.regulations.gov* in mid-January, the Department believes it is appropriate to extend the comment period an additional day to ensure interested parties have the full 30 days to submit their responses to the NPRM. Accordingly, the Department extends the comment period for all comments on the NPRM to January 29, 2019.

James Cason,

Associate Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No.: PTO–P–2018–0066]

Extension of the Cancer Immunotherapy Pilot Program

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On June 29, 2016, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) implemented the Cancer Immunotherapy Pilot Program, which permits patent applications pertaining to cancer immunotherapy to be advanced out of turn for examination and reviewed earlier (accorded special status). To date, over 300 petitions requesting participation in the pilot program have been filed, and over 100 patents have been granted under the pilot program. In view of the continued interest in the pilot program, the USPTO has extended the pilot program until June 30, 2020. All pilot parameters remain the same as the original pilot.

DATES: *Duration:* The Cancer Immunotherapy Pilot Program will continue to run until June 30, 2020. Therefore, petitions to make special under the Cancer Immunotherapy Pilot Program must be filed on or before June 30, 2020. In addition, any petition to make special under the Cancer Immunotherapy Pilot Program filed between December 31, 2018, and the publication date of this notice will be considered timely. The USPTO may further extend the pilot program (with or without modifications) or terminate it depending on feedback received, continued interest and the effectiveness of the pilot program.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pinchus M. Laufer, Patent Attorney (telephone (571) 272–7726; electronic mail at *pinchus.laufer@uspto.gov*) or Susy Tsang-Foster, Senior Legal Advisor (telephone (571) 272–7711; electronic mail at *susy.tsang-foster@uspto.gov*), of the Office of Patent Legal Administration, Office of the Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy.

For questions relating to a specific petition, please contact Gary B. Nickol, Supervisory Patent Examiner (telephone (571) 272–0835; electronic mail at *gary.nickol@uspto.gov*) or Brandon J. Fetterolf, Supervisory Patent Examiner (telephone (571) 272–2919; electronic mail at *brandon.fetterolf@uspto.gov*), of Technology Center 1600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The USPTO published a notice for the implementation of the Cancer Immunotherapy Pilot Program on June 29, 2016. *See Cancer Immunotherapy Pilot Program,* 81 FR 42328 (June 29, 2016), 1428 *Off. Gaz. Pat. Office* 253 (July 26, 2016) (Cancer Immunotherapy Notice). The pilot program was designed to support the global fight against cancer. The Cancer Immunotherapy Notice indicated that an applicant may have an application advanced out of turn (accorded special status) for examination without meeting all of the current requirements of the accelerated examination program set forth in item VIII of MPEP section 708.02(a), if the application contained at least one claim to a method of treating cancer using immunotherapy and met other requirements specified in the Cancer Immunotherapy Notice.

The Cancer Immunotherapy Notice established that the pilot program would run for twelve months from June 29, 2016. The USPTO extended the pilot program to December 31, 2018, through a notice published in the **Federal Register**. *See Extension of the Cancer Immunotherapy Pilot Program,* 82 FR 28645 (June 23, 2017), 1440 *Off. Gaz. Pat. Office* 256 (July 25, 2017). In view of the continued interest in the pilot program, the USPTO has extended the pilot program through June 30, 2020. The extension also will allow the USPTO to continue its evaluation of the pilot program. The requirements of the pilot program have not been modified.

Various stakeholders from around the world have filed petitions to participate in the pilot program—they are independent inventors, universities, research institutions, hospitals, medical centers, government agencies, and large and small companies. To date, over 300 petitions requesting participation in the pilot program have been filed, and over 100 patents have been granted under the pilot program. The USPTO may again extend the pilot program (with or without modifications) depending on the feedback from the participants, continued interest, and the effectiveness of the pilot program.

Dated: January 18, 2019.

Andrei Iancu,

Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No.: PTO–P–2018–0070]

Expiration of the Extended Missing Parts Pilot Program

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) implemented a pilot program (Extended Missing Parts Pilot Program) in which an applicant, under certain conditions, can request a 12-month time period to pay the search fee, the examination fee, any excess claim fees, and the surcharge (for the late submission of the search fee and the examination fee) in a nonprovisional application. Based on the limited number of grantable requests and the administrative burden on the USPTO in processing improper requests, the USPTO decided not to extend the Extended Missing Parts Pilot Program beyond January 2, 2019.

DATES: The USPTO decided not to extend the Extended Missing Parts Pilot Program beyond January 2, 2019. Therefore, any certification and request to participate in the Extended Missing Parts Pilot Program must have been filed on or before January 2, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eugenia A. Jones, Senior Legal Advisor, Office of Patent Legal Administration, Office of the Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy, by telephone at (571) 272–7727, or Erin M. Harriman,

Senior Legal Advisor, Office of Patent Legal Administration, Office of the Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy, by telephone at (571) 272–7747.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 8, 2010, after considering written comments from the public, the USPTO changed the missing parts examination procedures in certain nonprovisional applications by implementing a pilot program (*i.e.,* Extended Missing Parts Pilot Program). *See Pilot Program for Extended Time Period To Reply to a Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application,* 75 FR 76401 (Dec. 8, 2010), 1362 *Off. Gaz. Pat. Office* 44 (Jan. 4, 2011). The USPTO has extended the pilot program through notices published in the **Federal Register**. On September 6, 2016, the USPTO sought public comment on whether the Extended Missing Parts Pilot Program offers sufficient benefits to the patent community for it to be made permanent or whether the USPTO should permit the pilot program to expire. *See Request for Comments on the Extended Missing Parts Pilot Program,* 81 FR 61195 (Sept. 6, 2016), 1430 *Off. Gaz. Pat. Office* 269 (Sept. 27, 2016). The USPTO received only two comments. The two comments are available via the USPTO's internet website at *https://www.uspto.gov/patent/laws-and-regulations/comments-public/comments-extended-missing-parts-pilot-program.* On January 10, 2018, the USPTO extended the pilot program until January 2, 2019, and indicated that it intended to make a decision before January 2, 2019, on whether the program should be made permanent or permitted to expire. *See Extension of Extended Missing Parts Pilot Program,* 83 FR 1243 (Jan. 10, 2018), 1447 *Off. Gaz. Pat. Office* 47 (Feb. 6, 2018).

Since the inception of the Extended Missing Parts Pilot Program, the USPTO has received fewer than 200 grantable requests per year. In addition, the number of grantable requests has decreased over the past year. In view of the low usage of the pilot program, the limited number of written comments received from the public in response to the 2016 request for comments, and the administrative burden on the USPTO in processing improper requests, the USPTO decided to permit the Extended Missing Parts Pilot Program to expire on January 2, 2019.

Any certification and request must have been filed on or before January 2, 2019, in order to participate in the Extended Missing Parts Pilot Program. The USPTO will review any certification and request filed on or before January 2, 2019, for compliance with the requirements of the program. Any certification and request filed after January 2, 2019, will not be granted.

Dated: January 18, 2019.

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Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Applications for Selection as a Performance Partnership Pilot; Performance Partnership Pilots for Disconnected Youth

AGENCY: Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Education (ED or Department) is issuing a notice inviting applications for selection of up to 10 performance partnership pilots for fiscal year (FY) 2018 and up to 10 performance partnership pilots for FY 2019 under the Performance Partnership Pilots for Disconnected Youth authority.

DATES:

Deadline for Notice of Intent to Apply: March 14, 2019.

Note: Submission of a notice of intent to apply is optional.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: April 29, 2019.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: June 27, 2019.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Full Text of Announcement

I. Pilot Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: Performance Partnership Pilots for Disconnected Youth (P3) was first authorized by Congress in FY 2014 by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014 (2014 Act), and the authority has been included by Congress in appropriations acts each year since FY 2014. The P3 authority enables pilot sites to blend FY 2018 and FY 2019 Federal funds and obtain waivers of program requirements, including statutory, regulatory, and administrative requirements that are barriers to achieving improved outcomes for youth-serving programs included in the authority. Under P3, pilots can test innovative, outcome-focused strategies to achieve significant improvements in educational, employment, and other key outcomes for disconnected youth using the flexibility provided by P3.

Background: P3 aligns with the Administration's priorities of relieving burden, breaking down ''silos,'' increasing flexibility, and providing State, local, and Tribal governments greater freedom to innovate. P3 gives ED; the Departments of Labor (DOL), Health and Human Services (HHS), Housing and Urban Development (HUD),[1] and Justice (DOJ);[2] the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS); and the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) (collectively, the Agencies) authority, provided certain conditions and requirements are met, to waive Federal statutory and regulatory requirements that inhibit effective service delivery for disconnected youth. The authority also advances the

[1] HUD was first authorized to enter into performance agreements with respect to Homeless Assistance Grants by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016.

[2] DOJ's Office of Justice Programs was first authorized to enter into performance agreements by the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015.

Principles of Economic Mobility articulated in Executive Order 13828, Reducing Poverty in America by Promoting Opportunity and Economic Mobility. These principles include: Balancing flexibility and accountability in Federal poverty programs; addressing the challenges of high-need special populations; reducing the size of bureaucracy and streamlining services; and empowering the private sector and local communities to develop and apply locally based solutions to poverty.[3]

P3 authorizes the Agencies to enter into Performance Partnership Agreements (performance agreements) with State, local, or Tribal governments. The performance agreements provide pilots with additional flexibility in the use of certain of the Agencies' discretionary funds,[4] including competitive and formula grant funds. Pilots must include two or more Federal programs (at least one of which is administered in whole or in part by a State, local, or Tribal government) that are targeted on disconnected youth, or designed to prevent youth from disconnecting from school or work, and that provide education, training, employment, and other related social services. Entities that seek to participate in these pilots will be required to commit to achieving significant improvements in outcomes for disconnected youth in exchange for flexibility permitted under P3. The authorizing statute states that '' '[t]o improve outcomes for disconnected youth' means to increase the rate at which individuals between the ages of 14 and 24 (who are low-income and either homeless, in foster care, involved in the juvenile justice system, unemployed, or not enrolled in or at risk of dropping out of an educational institution) achieve success in meeting educational, employment, or other key goals.''

This notice invites applications for selection as FY 2018 and 2019 pilots. Unlike previous rounds, ED will not award start-up funds to selected pilots, because the Agencies want to encourage potential pilots to create cost-neutral innovations in service delivery. However, the flexibilities available under P3 can generate significant cost savings for pilots by relieving them of some burdensome requirements, as well as enabling them to use Federal dollars more effectively to serve disconnected youth.

Flexibilities Available Under P3

P3 provides important opportunities for flexibility and burden reduction. The Agencies have published on *Youth.gov* a list of the waivers previously granted to pilots under the prior three rounds of P3.[5] These waivers were helpful to the pilots that received them, and, in this fourth round, the Agencies hope that applicants propose even more ambitious and bold efforts to remove Federal constraints on effective and innovative service delivery for disconnected youth. We provide several examples below.

We note that these examples are provided for illustrative purposes only, and that the allowability of specific proposals will depend on the unique circumstances of individual applicants. Any waivers must be consistent with the statutory safeguards that apply to P3, discussed below, and the Agencies will consider whether the inclusion of a program in a specific pilot is consistent with, or conflicts with, other significant legal or policy considerations. Also, the Agencies will review the blending of competitive grants on a case-by-case basis in order to consider how the scope, objectives, and target populations of the existing award align with the proposed pilot. Any changes in terms and conditions of the existing competitive grant awards required for pilot purposes must be justified by the applicant. In addition, the Agencies can only waive Federal statutory or regulatory requirements. The Agencies encourage applicants to analyze whether their request also requires State or local rule changes to implement as those rules are not under the jurisdiction of the Agencies to waive for P3.

Example A: P3 waivers can help a State, local, or Tribal government use funds from multiple competitive and formula grants more cohesively and effectively and relieve some of the paperwork or reporting requirements associated with these grants. For example, an Alaska Native village that is the recipient of a Social and Economic Development Strategies grant from the Administration for Native Americans in HHS, an Alaska Native Education program grant and a Native American Career and Technical Education grant from ED, and an Indian and Native American Program Employment and Training Grant from DOL, might obtain P3 waivers and other flexibilities that would enable it to blend these funds to carry out an apprenticeship program for Alaska Native youth. Through P3, it also might replace the reporting requirements associated with each of these grants with a single set of outcome goals that the village deems most critical for its youth.

Example B: A number of Federal grant programs that award funds by formula to States, such as Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants (SSAE) under Title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 and Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), require or allow States to set aside funds for State-level activities. In most cases, program statutes specify through a list of authorized or required activities how States may or must use funds reserved for State-level activities. A State might request a waiver that would allow it to use State-level funds to support an activity that goes beyond the required and permissive activities set out in the relevant program statute. More specifically, a State might propose to use funds for an activity that, while not clearly included as an allowable use of funds under the relevant statutory list of authorized activities, is designed to improve outcomes for disconnected youth and is consistent with the statutory purposes of the program. For example, section 611(e)(2)(C) of Part B of the IDEA contains a list of allowable activities that States may use State-level set-aside funds to support. Through P3, a State might seek a waiver to allow it to use State-level IDEA Part B set-aside funds to support an activity that is designed to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of special education and related services offered to disconnected youth with disabilities, even though that activity is not specifically included as an authorized activity under section 611(e)(2)(C). To expand educational options through a school choice initiative, a State could, for example, propose to use State-level IDEA Part B funds to provide additional IDEA Part B funds beyond the minimum required proportionate share that must be expended by local educational agencies on the provision of special education and related services (*i.e.,* equitable services) to eligible parentally-placed private school children with disabilities, to cover the cost of equitable services for disconnected youth who are parentally

[3] E.O. 13828 of Apr 10, 2018, **Federal Register**, April 13, 2018, 83 FR 15941.

[4] For the purposes of P3, discretionary funds are funds that Congress appropriates on an annual basis, rather than through a standing authorization. They exclude ''entitlement'' (or mandatory) programs such as Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, most Foster Care IV–E programs, Vocational Rehabilitation State Grants, and Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF). Discretionary programs administered by the Agencies support a broad set of public services, including education, job training, health and mental health, and other low-income assistance programs.

[5] The list of previously granted waivers is available at *https://youth.gov/youth-topics/reconnecting-youth/performance-partnership-pilots.*

placed private school children with disabilities. These funds could be blended with, and supplemented by, State-level SSAE funds.

Example C: Many Federal programs contain statutory or regulatory requirements that limit eligibility to individuals based on age or other requirements. A P3 applicant could seek flexibility to waive eligibility requirements to broaden the target population. For example, the WIOA Title I Youth program limits eligibility for services to out-of-school youth between the ages of 16 and 24, while the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA), Title II of WIOA, limits eligibility to individuals age 16 and older who are not enrolled or required to be enrolled in secondary school under State law. A State could seek a waiver of these eligibility requirements to create an education and employment program for disconnected youth as young as age 14 and use the P3 authority to blend WIOA Title I Youth and AEFLA State-level funds to implement the program.

Example D: P3 authority can also be used by applicants to propose changes to projects funded under multiple Federal grants that are each, separately, intended to support programs designed to help disconnected youth achieve greater success in meeting their educational and employment goals. A public college or university that is considered a unit of State or local government might obtain waivers to blend discretionary, non-entitlement student aid funds under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, dollars received through various Federal formula programs, and competitive grant funds in ways that would achieve better outcomes for disconnected youth. For example, a public college or university might propose to increase the share of the Federal Work Study (FWS) program funds available for Job Location and Development programs and waive the 25 percent cap on the amount of the school's allocation that may be used to pay wages to students employed with private, for-profit organizations so that it could use all or more than 25 percent of its FWS funds to provide students who are at risk of dropping out subsidized career internships in the private sector that are aligned with students' educational and career goals. If the public college or university receives a Federal TRIO or Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs grant, it might also propose to blend funds available under these competitive grant programs (*e.g.,* TRIO Student Support Services) to provide career counseling and mentoring to the students participating in these career internships. Similarly, a community college might obtain waivers to blend and use a portion of a TRIO Educational Opportunity Center grant and its WIOA Title II AEFLA program subgrant to implement an intensive integrated education and training program for young adults who lack a high school credential.

Although the P3 authority provides broad waiver authority to increase flexibility and relieve burden in order to improve the effectiveness of Federal funding for disconnected youth, it is important to note that there are some limitations on the waivers. In particular, as stated in the original statutory authority for P3, the P3 waivers—

- May not involve any requirement related to nondiscrimination, wage and labor standards, or the allocation of funds to State and sub-State levels;
- Must be consistent with the statutory purposes of the Federal program for which such discretionary funds were appropriated;
- May not result in denying or restricting the eligibility of any individual for any of the services that (in whole or in part) are funded by the agency's programs and Federal discretionary funds that are involved in the pilot;
- Based on the best available information, may not otherwise adversely affect vulnerable populations that are the recipients of such services;
- Must be necessary to achieve the outcomes of the pilot as specified in the performance agreement, and no broader in scope than is necessary to achieve such outcomes; and
- Must result in either (a) realizing efficiencies by simplifying reporting burdens or reducing administrative barriers with respect to such discretionary funds; or (b) increasing the ability of individuals to obtain access to services that are provided by the discretionary funds.

FY 2018 and FY 2019

P3 was reauthorized for FY 2018 for programs administered by all of the seven Agencies, and the Agencies may select up to ten pilots. As of the date of this notice, P3 has been reauthorized for FY 2019 for programs administered by ED, HHS, DOL, CNCS, and IMLS, and these five agencies may select up to ten pilots involving programs they administer. Legislation pending in Congress would authorize the inclusion of FY 2019 funds for HUD Homeless Assistance Grants and programs administered by DOJ's Office of Justice programs. We are inviting applications for pilots under both the FY 2018 and FY 2019 authorities. Applicants must indicate in their applications whether they are applying as a FY 2018 or a FY 2019 pilot.

FY 2018 Pilots: An applicant applying as a FY 2018 pilot must propose to include FY 2018 funds from at least one of the seven Federal Agencies, and may choose to include FY 2019 funds from ED, HHS, DOL, CNCS, and IMLS programs. If the pending legislation described above is enacted before the application deadline announced by this notice, applicants may also propose to include FY 2019 Homeless Assistance Grants and Office of Justice Programs in their applications.[6]

FY 2019 Pilots: An applicant applying as a FY 2019 pilot must propose to include only FY 2019 funds from ED, HHS, DOL, CNCS, or IMLS programs. If the pending legislation described above is enacted before the application deadline announced by this notice, applicants may also propose to include FY 2019 Homeless Assistance Grants and Office of Justice Programs in their applications in addition to or instead of funds from ED, HHS, DOL, CNCS, and IMLS.

If Congress extends the P3 authority in future years, pilots selected under either authority may propose to expand the number of Federal programs supporting pilot activities using future funding appropriated. However, authority for pilots to expand in future years is subject to Congressional action as well as agency discretion.

Absolute Priorities

For the purposes of this competition, absolute priorities create separate categories for scoring and considering applications. Applicants must address one of two absolute priorities.

As in the third round of P3, the statutory authorities for FY 2018 and FY 2019 direct the Agencies to include communities that have experienced civil unrest among the P3 pilots that are designated for FY 2018 and FY 2019. Consequently, we are including an absolute priority for pilots involving such communities (Absolute Priority 1). Some communities struggle with high youth unemployment, low graduation rates, drug abuse, and crime. These and other continuing challenges can manifest in different instances of civil unrest, such as violent protests, increases in interpersonal violence in concentrated areas, or civil disorder. We believe that P3 flexibilities, including waivers and the blending of funds, will help empower communities to improve

[6] Regular updates on the status of this legislation will be posted on *Youth.gov*.

educational and employment outcomes for disconnected youth in these communities. The second absolute priority we have included (Absolute Priority 2) in this round is for all other proposed pilots that serve disconnected youth.

Competitive Preference Priority

This competition includes one competitive preference priority under which we will award up to 15 points to an application, depending on how well that application proposes to align Federal, State, or local funding streams to promote the economic mobility of low-income individuals (as defined under section 312(g) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended). We believe the flexibilities available through P3 hold great potential for improving economic opportunity and mobility in economically distressed communities, such as communities with one or more Qualified Opportunity Zones established under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (Pub. L. 115–97). Created to spur long-term private investment in low-income urban and rural areas of the country, Qualified Opportunity Zones are low-income communities that have been nominated by the governor of each State and Chief Executive Officer of United States territories and the District of Columbia and that have been certified by the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury. Disconnected youth are highly concentrated in impoverished communities like those designated as Qualified Opportunity Zones; in high-poverty neighborhoods with a poverty rate above 21 percent, one in five young people are disconnected.[7] Effectively addressing the education and skill needs of these youth is central to improving the economic circumstances of these communities and promoting economic mobility among their residents. Skill-building also is essential to maximizing the impact of the new investment that will be flowing into these communities and ensuring that Qualified Opportunity Zone residents are trained and ready to assume the new jobs that will be created by the infusion of capital. Without complementary actions to boost the education and skills of youth and adults in Qualified Opportunity Zones, many of the new jobs will be filled by individuals who reside elsewhere—or they will go unfilled altogether, throttling economic growth. P3 can make possible bold and creative interventions by State, local, and tribal governments to help disconnected youth, such as those in Qualified Opportunity Zones reengage, succeed in education and training, and prosper in the job market.

Priorities: This competition includes two absolute priorities and one competitive preference priority. Absolute Priority 1 is from the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Pub. L. 115–141) and the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Acts, 2019 (Pub. L. 115–245) and Absolute Priority 2 is from the notice of final priorities, requirements, definitions, and selection criteria for this program published on April 28, 2016, in the **Federal Register** (81 FR 25339) (P3 NFP) The competitive preference priority is from the Secretary's Final Supplemental Priorities and Definitions for Discretionary Grant Programs, published in the **Federal Register** on March 2, 2018 (83 FR 9096).

Absolute Priorities: For this competition and any subsequent year in which we make pilot designations from the list of applications from this competition, these priorities are absolute priorities. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) we consider only applications that meet Absolute Priority 1 or 2.

Note: Applicants must indicate whether they are applying under Absolute Priority 1 or Absolute Priority 2. An applicant that applies under Absolute Priority 1, but is not eligible under that absolute priority, will be considered under Absolute Priority 2.

These priorities are:

Absolute Priority 1—Improving Outcomes for Disconnected Youth in Communities That Have Experienced Civil Unrest.

To meet this priority, an applicant must propose a pilot that is designed to improve outcomes for disconnected youth in one or more communities that have experienced civil unrest. In response to the priority, an applicant should describe the instance(s) of civil unrest, including (1) a description of the civil unrest that occurred or is occurring in the community or communities it intends to serve; and (2) the date or dates of the civil unrest.

Absolute Priority 2—Improving Outcomes for Disconnected Youth.

To meet this priority, an applicant must propose a pilot that is designed to improve outcomes for disconnected youth.

Competitive Preference Priority: For this competition and any subsequent year in which we make pilot designations from the list of applications from this competition, this priority is a competitive preference priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i), we will award up to an additional 15 points to an application, depending on how well the application meets this priority. This priority is:

Promoting Economic Opportunity

Projects designed to increase educational opportunities by reducing academic or nonacademic barriers to economic mobility by aligning Federal, State, or local funding streams to promote economic mobility of low-income individuals (as defined under section 312(g) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended).

Application Requirements:

The application requirements for this competition are from the P3 NFP and are as follows:

(a) *Executive summary.* The applicant must provide an executive summary that briefly describes the proposed pilot, the flexibilities being sought, and the interventions or systems changes that would be implemented by the applicant and its partners to improve outcomes for disconnected youth.

(b) *Target population.* The applicant must complete Table 1, specifying the target population(s) for the pilot, including the age range of youth who will be served and the estimated number of youth who will be served over the course of the pilot.

[7] Burd-Sharp, S. and Lewis, K. (2017) Promising Gains, Persistent Gaps: Youth Disconnection in America. Brooklyn, NY: Measure of America of the Social Science Research Council.

TABLE 1—TARGET POPULATION

Target population	Age range	Estimated number of youth served over the course of the pilot

(c) *Flexibility, including waivers:*

(1) *Federal requests for flexibility, including waivers.* For each program to be included in a pilot, the applicant must complete Table 2, Requested Flexibility. The applicant must identify two or more discretionary Federal programs that will be included in the pilot,[8] at least one of which must be administered (in whole or in part) by a State, local, or Tribal government.[9] In Table 2, the applicant must identify one or more program requirements that would inhibit implementation of the pilot and request that the requirement(s) be waived in whole or in part. Examples of potential waiver requests and other requests for flexibility include, but are not limited to: Blending of funds and changes to align eligibility requirements, allowable uses of funds, and performance reporting.

TABLE 2—REQUESTED FLEXIBILITY

Program name	Federal agency	Program requirements to be waived in whole or in part	Statutory or regulatory citation	Name of program grantee	Blending funds? (yes/no)

Note: Please note in "Name of Program Grantee" if the grantee is a State, local, or Tribal government, or non-governmental entity.

(2) *Non-Federal flexibility, including waivers.* The applicant must provide written assurance that—

(i) The State, local, or Tribal government(s) with authority to grant any needed non-Federal flexibility, including waivers, has approved or will approve such flexibility within 60 days of an applicant's designation as a pilot finalist; [10] or

(ii) Non-Federal flexibility, including waivers, is not needed in order to successfully implement the pilot.[11]

(d) *Budget and budget narrative.*

(1) The applicant must complete Table 3 to provide the following budget information:

(i) For each Federal program, the grantee, the amount of funds to be blended or braided (as defined in this notice), the percentage of total program funding received by the grantee that the amount to be blended or braided represents, the Federal fiscal year of the award, and whether the grant has already been awarded; and

(ii) The total amount of funds from all Federal programs that would be blended or braided, as defined in this notice, under the pilot.

TABLE 3—FEDERAL FUNDS [12]

Program name	Grantee	Amount of funds to be blended	Blended funds as a percentage of grantee's total award	Federal fiscal year of award	Grant already awarded? (y/n)
TOTAL BLENDED					

[8] Applicants are encouraged to consult the list of examples of programs that are potentially eligible for inclusion in pilots at *https://youth.gov/youth-topics/reconnecting-youth/performance-partnership-pilots.*

[9] Local governments that are requesting waivers of requirements in State-administered programs are strongly encouraged to consult with the State agencies that administer the programs in preparing their applications.

[10] This includes, for example, for local governments, instances in which a waiver must be agreed upon by a State. It also includes instances in which waivers may only be requested by the State on the local government's behalf, such as waivers of the performance accountability requirements for local areas established in Title I of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

[11] Only top-scoring applicants notified by ED must submit this written assurance. The assurance must be transmitted to *disconnectedyouth@ed.gov* by no later than 21 calendar days of the applicant's notification by ED that is a top-scoring applicant.

TABLE 3—FEDERAL FUNDS [12]—CONTINUED

Program name	Grantee	Amount of funds to be braided	Braided funds as a percentage of grantee's total award	Federal fiscal year of award	Grant already awarded? (y/n)
TOTAL BRAIDED					

Note: Applicants may propose to expand the number of Federal programs supporting pilot activities using future funding appropriated after FY 2018, which may be included in pilots if Congress extends the P3 authority.

(e) *Partnership capacity and management.* The applicant must identify the proposed partners, including any and all State, local, and Tribal entities and non-governmental organizations that would be involved in implementation of the pilot, and describe their roles in the pilot's implementation using Table 4. Partnerships that cross programs and funding sources but are under the jurisdiction of a single agency or entity must identify the different sub-organizational units involved.

TABLE 4—PILOT PARTNERS

Partner	Type of organization (state agency, local agency, community-based organization, business)	Description of partner's role in the pilot

Note: Any grantees mentioned in Table 3 that are not the lead applicant must be included in Table 4.

Program Requirements:

The program requirement for this competition is from the P3 NFP.

Performance agreement. Each P3 pilot, along with other non-Federal government entities involved in the partnership, must enter into a performance agreement that will include, at a minimum, the following (as required by section 526(c)(2) of Division H of the 2014 Act):

(a) The length of the agreement;

(b) The Federal programs and federally funded services that are involved in the pilot;

(c) The Federal discretionary funds that are being used in the pilot;

(d) The non-Federal funds that are involved in the pilot, by source (which may include private funds as well as governmental funds) and by amount;

(e) The State, local, or Tribal programs that are involved in the pilot;

(f) The populations to be served by the pilot;

(g) The cost-effective Federal oversight procedures that will be used for the purpose of maintaining the necessary level of accountability for the use of the Federal discretionary funds;

(h) The cost-effective State, local, or Tribal oversight procedures that will be used for the purpose of maintaining the necessary level of accountability for the use of the Federal discretionary funds;

(i) The outcome (or outcomes) that the pilot is designed to achieve;

(j) The appropriate, reliable, and objective outcome-measurement methodology that will be used to determine whether the pilot is achieving, and has achieved, specified outcomes;

(k) The statutory, regulatory, or administrative requirements related to Federal mandatory programs that are barriers to achieving improved outcomes of the pilot; and

(l) Criteria for determining when a pilot is not achieving the specified outcomes that it is designed to achieve and subsequent steps, including:

(1) The consequences that will result; and

(2) The corrective actions that will be taken in order to increase the likelihood that the pilot will achieve such specified outcomes.

Definitions: The following definitions are from the P3 NFP.

Blended funding is a funding and resource allocation strategy that uses multiple existing funding streams to support a single initiative or strategy. Blended funding merges two or more funding streams, or portions of multiple funding streams, to produce greater efficiency and/or effectiveness. Funds from each individual stream lose their award-specific identity, and the blended funds together become subject to a single set of reporting and other requirements, consistent with the underlying purposes of the programs for which the funds were appropriated.

Braided funding is a funding and resource allocation strategy in which entities use existing funding streams to support unified initiatives in as flexible and integrated a manner as possible while still tracking and maintaining separate accountability for each funding stream. One or more entities may coordinate several funding sources, but each individual funding stream maintains its award-specific identity. Whereas blending funds typically requires one or more waivers of associated program requirements, braiding does not. However, waivers may be used to support more effective or efficient braiding of funds.

An *interim indicator* is a marker of achievement that demonstrates progress

[12] Applicants are encouraged to consult the list of examples of programs that are potentially eligible for inclusion in pilots available at *https://youth.gov/youth-topics/reconnecting-youth/performance-partnership-pilots.*

toward an outcome and is measured at least annually.

Outcomes are the intended results of a program, or intervention. They are what applicants expect their projects to achieve. An outcome can be measured at the participant level (for example, changes in employment retention or earnings of disconnected youth) or at the system level (for example, improved efficiency in program operations or administration).

A *waiver* provides flexibility in the form of relief, in whole or in part, from specific statutory, regulatory, or administrative requirements that have hindered the ability of a State, locality, or Tribe to organize its programs and systems or provide services in ways that best meet the needs of its target populations. Under P3, waivers provide flexibility in exchange for a pilot's commitment to improve programmatic outcomes for disconnected youth consistent with underlying statutory authorities and purposes.

Program Authority: (a) Section 217 of Division B, section 525 of Division H, and section 231 of Division L of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Pub. L. 115–141). (b) Section 524 of Division B of the Department of Defense and Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Acts, 2019 and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019 (Pub. L. 115–245).

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations in 34 CFR parts 75, 77, 79, 81, 82, 86, 97, 98, and 99, and such other regulations as the Agencies may apply based on the programs included in a particular pilot. (b) The Office of Management and Budget Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) in 2 CFR part 180, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 2 CFR part 3485. (c) The Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards in 2 CFR part 200, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 2 CFR part 3474. (d) The P3 NFP.

II. Performance Pilot Designation Information

Type of Award: Flexibility.

Estimated Available Funds: None.

Estimated Number of Designations: 10 pilots under the FY 2018 authority, and 10 pilots under the FY 2019 authority.

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

Project Period: FY 2018 pilots may operate for as long as FY 2018 appropriated funds remain available to pilots to obligate to support project activities, but not past September 30, 2022. FY 2018 pilots may use FY 2019 appropriated funds from ED, HHS, DOL, CNCS, and IMLS programs as well, but would still be required to end by September 30, 2022 FY 2019 pilots may operate for as long as FY 2019 appropriated funds remain available to them, but not past September 30, 2023.

III. Eligibility Information

1. *Eligible Applicants:* The lead applicant must be a State, local, or Tribal government entity, represented by a chief executive, such as a governor, mayor, or other elected leader, or the head of a State, local, or Tribal agency.

2. *Cost-Sharing or Matching:* This program does not require cost-sharing or matching.

IV. Application and Submission Information

1. *Application Submission Instructions:* Applicants must submit completed applications to *DisconnectedYouth@ed.gov.*

2. *Submission of Proprietary Information:* Given the types of projects that may be proposed in applications for the P3 competition, your application may include business information that you consider proprietary. In 34 CFR 5.11 we define ''business information'' and describe the process we use in determining whether any of that information is proprietary and, thus, protected from disclosure under Exemption 4 of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552, as amended).

Because we plan to make successful applications available to the public, including performance agreements, and may make all applications available, you may wish to request confidentiality of business information.

Consistent with Executive Order 12600, please designate in your application any information that you believe is exempt from disclosure under Exemption 4. In the appropriate Appendix section of your application, under ''Other Attachments Form,'' please list the page number or numbers on which we can find this information. For additional information please see 34 CFR 5.11(c).

3. *Intergovernmental Review:* This program is subject to Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79.

4. *Recommended Page Limit:* The application narrative is where you, the applicant, provide the information specified in the application requirements and address the selection criteria that reviewers use to evaluate your application. We recommend that you (1) limit the application narrative to no more than 15 pages and (2) use the following standards:

- A ''page'' is 8.5″ x 11″, on one side only, with 1″ margins at the top, bottom, and both sides.
- Double space (no more than three lines per vertical inch) all text in the application narrative, including titles, headings, footnotes, quotations, references, and captions.
- Use a font that is either 12 point or larger.
- Use one of the following fonts: Times New Roman, Courier, Courier New, or Arial.

5. *Notice of Intent To Apply:* The Department will be able to review applications more efficiently if we know the approximate number of applicants that intend to apply. Therefore, we strongly encourage each potential applicant to notify us of its intent to submit an application. To do so, please email *DisconnectedYouth@ed.gov* with the subject line ''Intent to Apply,'' and include the applicant's name and a contact person's name and email address. Applicants that do not submit a notice of intent to apply may still apply for designation as a pilot; applicants that do submit a notice of intent to apply are not bound to apply or bound by the information provided.

6. *Other Submission Requirements:* Applications under this competition must be submitted electronically unless you qualify for an exception to this requirement in accordance with the instructions in this section.

a. *Electronic Submission of Applications.*

Applications for pilots under the P3 competition must be submitted via email to *DisconnectedYouth@ed.gov.*

Please note the following:

- The Department is not publishing an application package for this program. To submit an application, follow the instructions listed above to provide all of the information specified in the application requirements, absolute priorities, and selection criteria. Additionally, complete and submit Standard Form 424B, Assurances for Non-Construction Programs (available at *www2.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/appforms/appforms.htmlwww2.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/appforms/appforms.html*) with your application.
- The Department must receive your application by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on April 29, 2019. We will notify you if we are rejecting your application because it was received after the application deadline date.
- We may request that you provide us original signatures on forms at a later date.

V. Application Review Information

1. *Selection Criteria:* The selection criteria for this competition and any subsequent year for which we make pilot designations from the list of applications from this competition are from the P3 NFP.

The points assigned to each criterion are indicated in the parentheses next to the criterion. An applicant may earn up to 100 points based on the selection criteria.

(a) *Need for Project.* In determining the need for the proposed project, we will consider the magnitude of the need of the target population, as evidenced by the applicant's analysis of data, including data from a comprehensive needs assessment conducted or updated in the past three years, using representative data on youth from the jurisdiction(s) proposing the pilot, that demonstrates how the target population lags behind other groups in achieving positive outcomes and the specific risk factors for this population (35 points).

Note: Applicants are encouraged to disaggregate these data according to relevant demographic factors such as race, ethnicity, gender, age, disability status, involvement in systems such as foster care or juvenile justice, status as pregnant or parenting, and other key factors selected by the applicant. If disaggregated data specific to the local population are not available, applicants may refer to disaggregated data available through research, studies, or other sources that describe similarly situated populations as the one the applicant is targeting with its pilot.

Note: Applicants do not need to include a copy of the needs assessment but should identify when it was conducted or updated.

(b) *Need for Requested Flexibility, Including Blending of Funds and Other Waivers.* In determining the need for the requested flexibility, including blending of funds and other waivers, we will consider:

(1) The strength and clarity of the applicant's justification that each of the specified Federal requirements identified in Table 2 for which the applicant is seeking flexibility hinders implementation of the proposed pilot (30 points); and

(2) The strength and quality of the applicant's justification of how each request for flexibility identified in Table 2 (*i.e.,* blending funds and waivers) will increase efficiency or access to services and produce significantly better outcomes for the target population(s) (35 points).

2. *Review and Selection Process:*

The Department will screen applications that are submitted in accordance with the requirements in this notice and will determine which applications are eligible to be read based on whether they have met the eligibility and application requirements established by this notice.

The Department will use reviewers with knowledge and expertise on issues related to improving outcomes for disconnected youth to score the selection criteria. The Department will thoroughly screen all reviewers for conflicts of interest to ensure a fair and competitive review.

Reviewers will read, prepare a written evaluation of, and score the assigned applications, based on the selection criteria.

The Secretary of Education (Secretary) will also consider compliance with assurances including those applicable to Federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance (such as, for ED programs, 34 CFR 100.4, 104.5, 106.4, 108.8, and 110.23).

Technical scoring. Reviewers will read, prepare a written evaluation, and assign a technical score to the applications assigned for their review, using the selection criteria.

ED will then prepare a rank order of applications based on their technical scores.

Flexibility, including blending of funds and other waivers. Using this rank order, representatives of the Agencies that administer programs under which flexibility in Federal requirements is sought will evaluate whether the flexibility, including blending of funds and other waivers, requested by top-scoring applicants meets the statutory requirements for P3 and is otherwise appropriate. For example, if an applicant is seeking flexibility under programs administered by HHS and DOL, its requests for flexibility will be reviewed by HHS and DOL officials. Applicants may be asked to participate in telephone calls at this point in the process in order to clarify requests for flexibility and other aspects of their proposals.

If 25 or fewer eligible applications are received, the technical scoring and reviews of flexibility requests may be conducted concurrently.

Selecting finalists. Agency officials may recommend the selection of up to 20 projects as Performance Partnership Pilots (up to 10 projects under the FY 2018 authority, and up to 10 under the FY 2019 authority). In consultation with the other Agencies, the Secretary will select finalists after considering the rank ordering, the recommendations of the Agencies that administer the programs for which the applicants are seeking flexibility, and other information including an applicant's performance and use of funds and compliance history under a previous award under any agency program. In selecting pilots, the Secretary may consider high-ranking applications meeting Absolute Priority 1 and Absolute Priority 2 separately to address the statutory requirement that designated pilots include communities that have experienced civil unrest. In addition, as required by appropriations acts authorizing P3, each pilot must meet all statutory criteria.

Consistent with Application Requirement (f) in the P3 NFP, each finalist must propose to ED and any other Agencies implicated in the pilot a performance agreement that includes outcome measures and interim indicators to gauge pilot performance. At least one outcome measure must be in the domain of education, and at least one outcome measure must be in the domain of employment. Finalists may specify additional employment and education outcome measures, as well as outcome measures in other domains of well-being, such as criminal justice, physical and mental health, and housing. Regardless of the outcome domain, finalists must identify at least one interim indicator for each proposed outcome measure. Finalists may apply one interim indicator to multiple outcome measures, if appropriate.

Examples of outcome measures and interim indicators follow. Pilots may choose from this menu or may propose alternative indicators and outcome measures if they describe why their alternatives are more appropriate for their proposed projects.

EDUCATION DOMAIN

Outcome measure	Interim indicator
High school diploma or equivalency attainment	• High school enrollment. • Reduction in chronic absenteeism. • Grade promotion. • Performance on standardized assessments.

EDUCATION DOMAIN—Continued

Outcome measure	Interim indicator
College completion	• Grade point average. • Credit accumulation. • Enrollment. • Course attendance. • Credit accumulation. • Retention.

EMPLOYMENT DOMAIN

Outcome measure	Interim indicator
Sustained Employment	• Unsubsidized employment at time periods after exit from the program. • Median earnings at time periods after exit from the program.

For each finalist, ED and any other Agencies implicated in the pilot will negotiate the performance agreement. If a performance agreement cannot be finalized for an applicant, an alternative applicant may be selected as a finalist instead. The recommended projects will be considered finalists until performance agreements are signed by all parties, and pilot designation will be awarded only after finalization and approval of each finalist's performance agreement.

VI. Designation Administration Information

1. *Designation Notices:* If your application is successful, we notify your U.S. Representative(s) and U.S. Senators and send you a letter notification of your selection as a pilot. We may notify you informally, also.

If your application is not evaluated or not selected as a pilot, we notify you.

2. *Performance Measures:* As described earlier in this notice, the performance agreement for each pilot will include outcome measures, interim indicators, and targets.

VII. Other Information

Accessible Format: Individuals with disabilities can obtain this document in an accessible format (*e.g.,* braille, large print, audiotape, or compact disc) on request to the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Electronic Access to This Document: The official version of this document is the document published in the **Federal Register**. You may access the official edition of the **Federal Register** and the Code of Federal Regulations at: *www.govinfo.gov.* At this site you can view this document, as well as all other documents of this Department published in the **Federal Register**, in text or 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.

Dated: January 22, 2019.

Scott Stump,

Assistant Secretary for Career, Technical, and Adult Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Applications for New Awards; Competitive Grants for State Assessments Program

AGENCY: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Education is issuing a notice inviting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2019 for the Competitive Grants for State Assessments program, Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number 84.368A.

DATES:

Applications Available: January 28, 2019.

Deadline for Notice of Intent To Apply: February 27, 2019.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: March 29, 2019.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: May 28, 2019.

ADDRESSES: For the addresses for obtaining and submitting an application, please refer to our Common Instructions for Applicants to Department of Education Discretionary Grant Programs, published in the **Federal Register** on February 12, 2018 (83 FR 6003) and available at *www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-02-12/pdf/2018-02558.pdf.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald Peasley, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Room 3E124, Washington, DC 20202–6132. Telephone: (202) 453–7982. Email: *Donald.Peasley@ed.gov.*

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) or a text telephone (TTY), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1–800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: The purpose of the Competitive Grants for State Assessments program is to enhance the quality of assessment instruments and assessment systems used by States for measuring the academic achievement of elementary and secondary school students.

Priorities: This competition includes six absolute priorities and two invitational priorities. The absolute priorities are from section 1203(b)(1) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESEA). The invitational priorities are from the Secretary's Final Supplemental Priorities and Definitions for Discretionary Grant Programs (Supplemental Priorities), published in the **Federal Register** on March 2, 2018 (83 FR 9096).

Absolute Priorities: For FY 2019 and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded

applications from this competition, these priorities are absolute priorities. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) we consider only applications that meet one or more of these priorities. Eligible applicants must specify which absolute priority(ies) they are applying under.

These priorities are:

Absolute Priority 1: Developing or improving assessments for English learners, including assessments of English language proficiency as required under section 1111(b)(2)(G) of the ESEA and academic assessments in languages other than English to meet the State's obligations under section 1111(b)(2)(F) of the ESEA.

Absolute Priority 2: Developing or improving models to measure and assess student progress or student growth on State assessments under section 1111(b)(2) of the ESEA and other assessments not required under section 1111(b)(2) of the ESEA.

Absolute Priority 3: Developing or improving assessments for children with disabilities, including alternate assessments aligned to alternate academic achievement standards for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities described in section 1111(b)(2)(D) of the ESEA, and using the principles of universal design for learning.

Absolute Priority 4: Allowing for collaboration with institutions of higher education, other research institutions, or other organizations to improve the quality, validity, and reliability of State academic assessments beyond the requirements for such assessments described in section 1111(b)(2) of the ESEA.

Absolute Priority 5: Measuring student academic achievement using multiple measures of student academic achievement from multiple sources.

Absolute Priority 6: Evaluating student academic achievement through the development of comprehensive academic assessment instruments (such as performance and technology-based academic assessments, computer adaptive assessments, projects, or extended performance task assessments) that emphasize the mastery of standards and aligned competencies in a competency-based education model.

Invitational Priorities

For FY 2019 and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applications from this competition, these priorities are invitational priorities. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1) we do not give an application that meets an invitational priority any preference over other applications.

The priorities are:

Promoting Literacy. Projects that are designed to address facilitating the accurate and timely use of data by educators to improve reading instruction and make informed decisions about how to help children or students build literacy skills while protecting student and family privacy.

Promoting Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math (STEM) Education, With a Particular Focus on Computer Science. Projects designed to improve student achievement or other educational outcomes in one or more of the following areas: Science, technology, engineering, math, or computer science (as defined in this notice).

Definitions: For FY 2019 and any subsequent year in which we make awards from the list of unfunded applications from this competition, the following definitions apply. The definitions of ''English Learner'', ''Child with a Disability'' and ''Universal Design for Learning'' are from section 8101 of the ESEA (20 U.S.C. 7801). The definitions of ''Demonstrates a rationale,'' ''Logic model,'' ''Project component,'' and ''Relevant outcome'' are from 34 CFR 77.1. The definition of ''computer science'' is from the Supplemental Priorities.

Child with a disability, as defined in section 602 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, means—

(A) A child—

(i) With intellectual disabilities, hearing impairments (including deafness), speech or language impairments, visual impairments (including blindness), serious emotional disturbance (referred to in the IDEA as ''emotional disturbance''), orthopedic impairments, autism, traumatic brain injury, other health impairments, or specific learning disabilities; and

(ii) Who, by reason thereof, needs special education and related services.

(B) The term ''child with a disability'' for a child aged 3 through 9 (or any subset of that age range, including ages three through five), may, at the discretion of the State and the local educational agency, include a child—

(i) Experiencing developmental delays, as defined by the State and as measured by appropriate diagnostic instruments and procedures, in 1 or more of the following areas: Physical development; cognitive development; communication development; social or emotional development; or adaptive development; and

(ii) Who, by reason thereof, needs special education and related services.

Computer science means the study of computers and algorithmic processes and includes the study of computing principles and theories, computational thinking, computer hardware, software design, coding, analytics, and computer applications.

Computer science often includes computer programming or coding as a tool to create software, including applications, games, websites, and tools to manage or manipulate data; or development and management of computer hardware and the other electronics related to sharing, securing, and using digital information.

In addition to coding, the expanding field of computer science emphasizes computational thinking and interdisciplinary problem-solving to equip students with the skills and abilities necessary to apply computation in our digital world.

Computer science does not include using a computer for everyday activities, such as browsing the internet; use of tools like word processing, spreadsheets, or presentation software; or using computers in the study and exploration of unrelated subjects.

Demonstrates a rationale means a key project component included in the project's logic model is informed by research or evaluation findings that suggest the project component is likely to improve relevant outcomes.

English Learner, when used with respect to an individual, means an individual—

(A) Who is aged 3 through 21;

(B) Who is enrolled or preparing to enroll in an elementary school or secondary school;

(C)(i) Who was not born in the United States or whose native language is a language other than English;

(ii)(I) Who is a Native American or Alaska Native, or a native resident of the outlying areas; and

(II) Who comes from an environment where a language other than English has had a significant impact on the individual's level of English language proficiency; or

(iii) Who is migratory, whose native language is a language other than English, and who comes from an environment where a language other than English is dominant; and

(D) Whose difficulties in speaking, reading, writing, or understanding the English language may be sufficient to deny the individual—

(i) The ability to meet the challenging State academic standards;

(ii) The ability to successfully achieve in classrooms where the language of instruction is English; or

(iii) The opportunity to participate fully in society.

Logic model (also referred to as a theory of action) means a framework

that identifies key project components of the proposed project (*i.e.,* the active ''ingredients'' that are hypothesized to be critical to achieving the relevant outcomes) and describes the theoretical and operational relationships among the key project components and relevant outcomes.

Project component means an activity, strategy, intervention, process, product, practice, or policy included in a project. Evidence may pertain to an individual project component or to a combination of project components (*e.g.,* training teachers on instructional practices for English learners and follow-on coaching for these teachers).

Relevant outcome means the student outcome(s) or other outcome(s) the key project component is designed to improve, consistent with the specific goals of the program.

Universal Design for Learning, as defined under section 103 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, means a scientifically valid framework for guiding educational practice that—

(a) Provides flexibility in the ways information is presented, in the ways students respond or demonstrate knowledge and skills, and in the ways students are engaged; and

(b) Reduces barriers in instruction, provides appropriate accommodations, supports, and challenges, and maintains high achievement expectations for all students, including students with disabilities and students who are limited English proficient.[1]

Program Authority: Section 1203(b)(1) of the ESEA (20 U.S.C. 6363(b)(1)).

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations in 34 CFR parts 75, 77, 79, 81, 82, 84, 86, 97, 98, and 99. (b) The Office of Management and Budget Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) in 2 CFR part 180, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 2 CFR part 3485. (c) The Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards in 2 CFR part 200, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 2 CFR part 3474. (d) The Supplemental Priorities.

II. Award Information

Type of Award: Discretionary grants.

Estimated Available Funds: $17,622,000.

Contingent upon the availability of funds and the quality of applications, we may make additional awards in subsequent years from the list of unfunded applications from this competition.

Estimated Range of Awards: $1,000,000 to $4,000,000 total over a 48-month project period.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: $2,500,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 4–8.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice. The Department will not make an award for less than the amount specified in section 1203(b)(1)(C) of the ESEA.

Project Period: Up to 48 months.

III. Eligibility Information

1. *Eligible Applicants:* State educational agencies (SEAs), as defined in section 8101(49) of the ESEA, of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and consortia of such SEAs.

2. *Cost Sharing or Matching:* This competition does not require cost sharing or matching.

3. *Subgrantees:* A grantee under this competition may not award subgrants to entities to directly carry out project activities described in its application.

4. *Other:* An application from a consortium of SEAs must designate one SEA as the fiscal agent.

IV. Application and Submission Information

1. *Application Submission Instructions:* For information on how to submit an application please refer to our Common Instructions for Applicants to Department of Education Discretionary Grant Programs, published in the **Federal Register** on February 12, 2018 (83 FR 6003) and available at *www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-02-12/pdf/2018-02558.pdf.*

2. *Submission of Proprietary Information:* Given the types of projects that may be proposed in applications for the Competitive Grants for State Assessment, your application may include business information that you consider proprietary. In 34 CFR 5.11 we define ''business information'' and describe the process we use in determining whether any of that information is proprietary and, thus, protected from disclosure under Exemption 4 of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552, as amended). Because we plan to make all application materials public, you may wish to request confidentiality of business information.

Consistent with Executive Order 12600, please designate in your application any information that you believe is exempt from disclosure under Exemption 4. In the appropriate Appendix section of your application, under ''Other Attachments Form,'' please list the page number or numbers on which we can find this information. For additional information please see 34 CFR 5.11(c).

3. *Intergovernmental Review:* This competition is subject to Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79. Information about Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs under Executive Order 12372 is in the application package for this competition.

4. *Funding Restrictions:* We reference regulations outlining funding restrictions in the *Applicable Regulations* section of this notice.

5. *Recommended Page Limit:* The project narrative is where you, the applicant, address the selection criteria that reviewers use to evaluate your application. We recommend that you (1) limit the application narrative to the equivalent of no more than 65 pages and (2) use the following standards:

- A ''page'' is 8.5″ x 11″, on one side only, with 1″ margins at the top, bottom, and both sides.
- Double space (no more than three lines per vertical inch) all text in the application narrative, including titles, headings, footnotes, quotations, references, and captions, as well as all text in charts, tables, figures, and graphs.
- Use a font that is either 12 point or larger or no smaller than 10 pitch (characters per inch).
- Use one of the following fonts: Times New Roman, Courier, Courier New, or Arial.

The recommended page limit applies to the project narrative, including the table of contents, which must include a discussion of how the application meets one or more of the absolute priorities; and how well the application addresses each of the selection criteria. The recommended page limit also applies to any attachments to the project narrative other than the items mentioned in Part 6 of the application package, including the references/bibliography. In other words, we recommend that the entirety of the project narrative, including the aforementioned discussion and any attachments to the project narrative, be limited to the equivalent of no more than 65 pages. The only allowable attachments other than those included in the project narrative are outlined in Part 6, ''Other Attachments Forms,'' in the application package.

The recommended 65-page limit, or its equivalent, does not apply to the following sections of an application: Part 1 (including the response regarding research activities involving human

[1] For purposes of this notice, English learner and limited English proficient have the same meaning.

subjects); Part 2 (budget information); Part 3 (two-page project abstract); Part 5 (the budget narrative); Part 6 (memoranda of understanding or other binding agreement, if applicable; copy of applicant's indirect cost rate agreement; letters of commitment and support from collaborating SEAs and organizations; other attachments forms, including, if applicable, references/bibliography for the project narrative and individual résumés for project director(s) and key personnel); and Part 7 (standard assurances and certifications). Applicants are encouraged to limit each résumé to no more than five pages.

In addition, you must not use hyperlinks in an application. Reviewers will be instructed not to follow hyperlinks if included. Applicants are encouraged to submit applications that meet the page limit following the standards outlined in this section rather than submitting applications that are the equivalent of the page limit applying other standards.

6. *Notice of Intent to Apply:* We will be able to develop a more efficient process for reviewing grant applications if we have a better understanding of the number of applicants that intend to apply for funding under this competition. Therefore, we strongly encourage each potential applicant to notify us of their intent to submit an application for funding. This notification should be brief, and identify the SEA applicant and, if applicable, the SEA that it will designate as the fiscal agent for an award (in the case of consortia applicants). Submit this notification by email to *Donald.Peasley@ed.gov* with ''Intent to Apply'' in the email subject line or mail to Donald Peasley, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Room 3E124, Washington, DC 20202–6132. Applicants that do not provide this notification may still apply for funding.

V. Application Review Information

1. *Selection Criteria:* The selection criteria for this competition are from 34 CFR 75.210. We will award up to 105 points to an application under the selection criteria; the total possible points for each selection criterion are noted in parentheses.

(a) *Need for project* (up to 10 points). The Secretary considers the need for the proposed project. In determining the need for the proposed project, the Secretary considers the extent to which specific gaps or weaknesses in services, infrastructure, or opportunities have been identified and will be addressed by the proposed project, including the nature and magnitude of those gaps or weaknesses.

(b) *Significance* (up to 10 points). The Secretary considers the significance of the proposed project. In determining the significance of the proposed project, the Secretary considers the extent to which the proposed project is likely to build local capacity to provide, improve, or expand services that address the needs of the target population.

(c) *Quality of the project design* (up to 20 points). The Secretary considers the quality of the design of the proposed project. In determining the quality of the design of the proposed project, the Secretary considers the following factors:

(1) The extent to which the goals, objectives, and outcomes to be achieved by the proposed project are clearly specified and measurable. (5 points)

(2) The extent to which the proposed project will establish linkages with other appropriate agencies and organizations providing services to the target population. (5 points)

(3) The extent to which the proposed project is part of a comprehensive effort to improve teaching and learning and support rigorous academic standards for students. (5 points)

(4) The extent to which the proposed project demonstrates a rationale (as defined in this notice). (5 points)

(d) *Quality of project services* (up to 25 points). The Secretary considers the quality of the services to be provided by the proposed project. In determining the quality of the services to be provided by the proposed project, the Secretary considers the quality and sufficiency of strategies for ensuring equal access and treatment for eligible project participants who are members of groups that have traditionally been underrepresented based on race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability. (10 points)

In addition, the Secretary considers:

(1) The extent to which the services to be provided by the proposed project are appropriate to the needs of the intended recipients or beneficiaries of those services. (10 points)

(2) The extent to which the training or professional development services to be provided by the proposed project are of sufficient quality, intensity, and duration to lead to improvements in practice among the recipients of those services. (5 points)

(e) *Adequacy of resources* (up to 10 points). The Secretary considers the adequacy of resources for the proposed project. In determining the adequacy of resources for the proposed project, the Secretary considers the extent to which the costs are reasonable in relation to the number of persons to be served and to the anticipated results and benefits.

(f) *Quality of the management plan* (up to 20 points). The Secretary considers the quality of the management plan for the proposed project. In determining the quality of the management plan for the proposed project, the Secretary considers:

(1) The adequacy of the management plan to achieve the objectives of the proposed project on time and within budget, including clearly defined responsibilities, timelines, and milestones for accomplishing project tasks. (5 points)

(2) The extent to which the time commitments of the project director and principal investigator and other key project personnel are appropriate and adequate to meet the objectives of the proposed project. (10 points)

(g) *Quality of the project evaluation* (up to 10 points). The Secretary considers the quality of the evaluation to be conducted of the proposed project. In determining the quality of the evaluation, the Secretary considers the extent to which the methods of evaluation will provide performance feedback and permit periodic assessment of progress toward achieving intended outcomes.

2. *Review and Selection Process:* We remind potential applicants that in reviewing applications in any discretionary grant competition, the Secretary may consider, under 34 CFR 75.217(d)(3), the past performance of the applicant in carrying out a previous award, such as the applicant's use of funds, achievement of project objectives, and compliance with grant conditions. The Secretary may also consider whether the applicant failed to submit a timely performance report or submitted a report of unacceptable quality.

In addition, in making a competitive grant award, the Secretary requires various assurances, including those applicable to Federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department of Education (34 CFR 100.4, 104.5, 106.4, 108.8, and 110.23).

3. *Risk Assessment and Specific Conditions:* Consistent with 2 CFR 200.205, before awarding grants under this competition the Department conducts a review of the risks posed by applicants. Under 2 CFR 3474.10, the Secretary may impose specific conditions and, in appropriate circumstances, high-risk conditions on a grant if the applicant or grantee is not financially stable; has a history of unsatisfactory performance; has a

financial or other management system that does not meet the standards in 2 CFR part 200, subpart D; has not fulfilled the conditions of a prior grant; or is otherwise not responsible.

4. *Integrity and Performance System:* If you are selected under this competition to receive an award that over the course of the project period may exceed the simplified acquisition threshold (currently $150,000), under 2 CFR 200.205(a)(2), we must make a judgment about your integrity, business ethics, and record of performance under Federal awards—that is, the risk posed by you as an applicant—before we make an award. In doing so, we must consider any information about you that is in the integrity and performance system (currently referred to as the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS)), accessible through SAM. You may review and comment on any information about yourself that a Federal agency previously entered and that is currently in FAPIIS.

Please note that, if the total value of your currently active grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts from the Federal Government exceeds $10,000,000, the reporting requirements in 2 CFR part 200, appendix XII, require you to report certain integrity information to FAPIIS semiannually. Please review the requirements in 2 CFR part 200, appendix XII, if this grant plus all the other Federal funds you receive exceed $10,000,000.

VI. Award Administration Information

1. *Award Notices:* If your application is successful, we notify your U.S. Representative and U.S. Senators and send you a Grant Award Notification (GAN); or we may send you an email containing a link to access an electronic version of your GAN. We may notify you informally, also.

If your application is not evaluated or not selected for funding, we notify you.

2. *Administrative and National Policy Requirements:* We identify administrative and national policy requirements in the application package and reference these and other requirements in the *Applicable Regulations* section of this notice.

We reference the regulations outlining the terms and conditions of an award in the *Applicable Regulations* section of this notice and include these and other specific conditions in the GAN. The GAN also incorporates your approved application as part of your binding commitments under the grant.

3. *Open Licensing Requirements:* Unless an exception applies, if you are awarded a grant under this competition, you will be required to openly license to the public grant deliverables created in whole, or in part, with Department grant funds. When the deliverable consists of modifications to pre-existing works, the license extends only to those modifications that can be separately identified and only to the extent that open licensing is permitted under the terms of any licenses or other legal restrictions on the use of pre-existing works. Additionally, a grantee or subgrantee that is awarded competitive grant funds must have a plan to disseminate these public grant deliverables. This dissemination plan can be developed and submitted after your application has been reviewed and selected for funding. For additional information on the open licensing requirements please refer to 2 CFR 3474.20.

4. *Reporting:* (a) If you apply for a grant under this competition, you must ensure that you have in place the necessary processes and systems to comply with the reporting requirements in 2 CFR part 170 should you receive funding under the competition. This does not apply if you have an exception under 2 CFR 170.110(b).

(b) At the end of your project period, you must submit a final performance report, including financial information, as directed by the Secretary. If you receive a multiyear award, you must submit an annual performance report that provides the most current performance and financial expenditure information as directed by the Secretary under 34 CFR 75.118. The Secretary may also require more frequent performance reports under 34 CFR 75.720(c). For specific requirements on reporting, please go to *www.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/appforms/appforms.html.*

(c) Under 34 CFR 75.250(b), the Secretary may provide a grantee with additional funding for data collection analysis and reporting. In this case the Secretary establishes a data collection period.

5. *Performance Measures:* Under the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993, the Department has developed three measures to evaluate the overall effectiveness of the Competitive Assessment Grant program:

(1) The percentage of grantees, for each grant cycle, that demonstrate significant progress towards improving, developing, or implementing a new model for measuring the achievement of students.

(2) The percentage of grantees, for each grant cycle, that demonstrate collaboration with institutions of higher education, other research institutions, or other organizations to develop or improve state assessments.

(3) The percentage of grantees that, at least three times during the period of their grants, make available to SEA staff in non-participating States and to assessment researchers information on findings resulting from the Competitive Grants for State Assessments program through presentations at national conferences, publications in refereed journals, or other products disseminated to the assessment community.

Grantees will be expected to include in their interim and final performance reports information about the accomplishments of their projects.

VII. Other Information

Accessible Format: Individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an accessible format (*e.g.,* braille, large print, audiotape, or compact disc) on request to the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Electronic Access to This Document: The official version of this document is the document published in the **Federal Register**. You may access the official edition of the **Federal Register** and the Code of Federal Regulations via the Federal Digital System at: *www.gpo.gov/fdsys.* At this site you can view this document, as well as all other documents of this Department published in the **Federal Register**, in text or 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.

Dated: January 22, 2019.

Frank Brogan,

Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Amended Record of Decision for the Direct-Feed Low-Activity Waste Approach at the Hanford Site, Washington

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Amended record of decision.

SUMMARY: This is an amendment to the U.S. Department of Energy'(DOE) 2013 Record of Decision (ROD) for the *Final Tank Closure and Waste Management Environmental Impact Statement for the Hanford Site, Richland, Washington* (DOE/EIS–0391, December 2012) (TC&WM EIS) published in the **Federal Register** on December 13, 2013. In the TC&WM EIS, DOE analyzed 11 alternatives for the retrieval, treatment, storage, and disposal of tank wastes, followed by the closure of the single-shell waste storage tanks (SSTs) at the Hanford Site. The six other alternatives analyzed in the TC&WM EIS concerned waste management and Fast Flux Test Facility decommissioning, which are not the subject of this ROD. DOE prepared a supplement analysis (DOE/EIS–0391–SA–02; SA) which evaluated the Direct-Feed Low-Activity Waste (DFLAW) approach to operations of the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant (WTP), which would pre-treat and send low-activity waste (LAW) from the tank farms to the LAW Facility. This amended ROD addresses those portions of the DFLAW functions and facilities that were not addressed by the 2013 TC&WM EIS ROD.

ADDRESSES: For copies of this amended ROD, the original 2013 ROD, SAs (DOE/EIS–0391–SA–01 and –02), the TC&WM EIS, or any related NEPA documents, please contact Ms. Mary Beth Burandt, NEPA Document Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of River Protection, P.O. Box 1178, Richland, Washington 99352; telephone: (509) 372–8828; or email, *mary_e_burandt@orp.doe.gov.* This amended ROD, the original ROD, the SA, and the TC&WM EIS are also available on DOE's NEPA website at *http://www.energy.gov/nepa* and the Hanford website at *http://www.hanford.gov/index.cfm?page=1117&.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information about the TC&WM EIS, contact Ms. Burandt, as listed in **ADDRESSES**. For general information on the DOE Office of Environmental Management's NEPA process, contact Mr. Bill Ostrum, Office of Environmental Management, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585–0103; telephone: (202) 586–2513, or leave a message at (800) 472–2756; or email, *askNEPA@hq.doe.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In the 2013 TC&WM EIS ROD, DOE selected Tank Closure Alternative 2B (Expanded WTP Vitrification; Landfill Closure) and announced that it would: (1) Retrieve 99 percent of the waste from the SSTs; (2) treat tank waste, including pretreatment of tank waste with separation into LAW and high-level radioactive waste (HLW); and (3) dispose of the vitrified LAW and secondary waste and construct immobilized HLW (IHLW) interim storage modules to store the IHLW prior to disposal. (See 78 FR 75913, December 13, 2013, for a complete list of the activities covered in the 2013 ROD.) The WTP, as analyzed in the TC&WM EIS, was assumed to have all primary and supporting facilities available at startup. The tank waste was designed to be sent to the WTP Pretreatment Facility, where it would be separated into HLW and LAW. The process would then send each of these waste streams to the HLW Facility and the LAW Facility, respectively, for further treatment.

Due to technical issues with the WTP Pretreatment Facility and HLW Facility, only the LAW Facility, analytical laboratory and balance of facilities are near completion. The three facilities that are near completion could begin treating tank waste no later than 2023. DOE has developed a sequenced approach to utilize the available facilities to treat LAW before treating HLW. This is referred to as DFLAW. The sequenced approach involves using ion exchange (IX) columns to remove the cesium from the LAW tank waste stream prior to sending the waste to the LAW Facility for immobilization. The cesium-loaded IX columns would be placed on an IX Column Storage Pad until final disposition.

Supplement Analysis for DFLAW and the IX Column Storage Pad

DFLAW will operate in a different sequence than that analyzed in TC&WM EIS Alternative 2B, which was the alternative selected in the 2013 ROD. DOE prepared an SA (DOE/EIS–0391–SA–02) to determine whether supplemental or new NEPA documentation was required to address the DFLAW approach. The SA provides an analysis of the DFLAW approach relative to the analysis in the TC&WM EIS to determine if there are substantial changes to the proposal or if there are significant new circumstances or information relevant to environmental concerns. The SA was prepared in accordance with DOE's NEPA implementing procedures at 10 CFR 1021.314(c) and concluded that the DFLAW Proposed Action did not represent a substantial change to the proposal evaluated in the TC&WM EIS or significant new circumstances or information relevant to environmental concerns that would require preparation of a supplemental EIS. DOE determined that no further NEPA analysis was required.

The 2013 TC&WM EIS ROD addressed the functions necessary to implement DFLAW (effluent management, solids and cesium removal and waste transfers between facilities) with the exception of the construction and operations of the IX Column Storage Pad. The SA provides a comparative evaluation of the potential impacts associated with the IX Column Storage Pad for each of the environmental resource areas analyzed in the TC&WM EIS. Because the footprint of the IX Column Storage Pad would be within the previously disturbed Industrial-Exclusive Zone that includes the tank farms and WTP complex, impacts to land use, visual resources, noise, air quality, geology and soils, and water and ecological resources were determined to be bounded by or represent a negligible increase to those evaluated in the TC&WM EIS. The SA identified three key areas related to the IX Column Storage Pad for further evaluation: (1) Public and Occupational Health and Safety (Normal Operations), (2) Public and Occupational Health and Safety (Facility Accidents), and (3) Waste Management. In each of these key areas, the SA concluded that the potential impacts associated with the construction and operation of the IX Column Storage Pad would be within the estimated impacts presented in the TC&WM EIS.

Decision

DOE/EIS–0391–SA–02 concluded that the DFLAW facilities and functions, except for the IX Column Storage Pad, were addressed in the TC&WM 2013 ROD. The SA also concluded that the IX Column Storage Pad does not represent a substantial change to DOE's proposal or significant new circumstances or information relevant to environmental concerns. There are no additional mitigation measures required beyond those commitments in the 2013 TC&WM EIS ROD. The 2013 TC&WM EIS ROD addressed the functions necessary to implement DFLAW, with the exception of those related to the IX Column Storage Pad. DOE's decision is to amend the TC&WM EIS ROD to include construction and operation of the IX Column Storage Pad to support implementation of DFLAW.

Signed in Washington, DC, on January 17, 2019.

Anne Marie White,

Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (ABRWH or the Advisory Board), Subcommittee on Procedures Review (SPR), National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the CDC announces the following meeting for the Subcommittee for Procedure Reviews (SPR) of the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (ABRWH). This meeting is open to the public, but without a public comment period. The public is welcome to submit written comments in advance of the meeting, to the contact person below. Written comments received in advance of the meeting will be included in the official record of the meeting. The public is also welcome to listen to the meeting by joining the audio conference (information below). The audio conference line has 150 ports for callers.

DATES: The meeting will be held on February 13, 2019, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: Audio Conference Call via FTS Conferencing. The USA toll-free dial-in number is 1–866–659–0537; the pass code is 9933701.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Theodore Katz, MPA, Designated Federal Officer, NIOSH, CDC, 1600 Clifton Road, Mailstop E–20, Atlanta, Georgia 30329, Telephone (513) 533–6800, Toll Free 1 (800) CDC–INFO, Email *ocas@cdc.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The Advisory Board was established under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 to advise the President on a variety of policy and technical functions required to implement and effectively manage the new compensation program. Key functions of the Advisory Board include providing advice on the development of probability of causation guidelines that have been promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as a final rule; advice on methods of dose reconstruction, which have also been promulgated by HHS as a final rule; advice on the scientific validity and quality of dose estimation and reconstruction efforts being performed for purposes of the compensation program; and advice on petitions to add classes of workers to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC).

In December 2000, the President delegated responsibility for funding, staffing, and operating the Advisory Board to HHS, which subsequently delegated this authority to CDC. NIOSH implements this responsibility for CDC. The charter was issued on August 3, 2001, renewed at appropriate intervals, rechartered on February 12, 2018, pursuant to Executive Order 13708, and will terminate on March 22, 2020.

Purpose: The Advisory Board is charged with (a) providing advice to the Secretary, HHS, on the development of guidelines under Executive Order 13179; (b) providing advice to the Secretary, HHS, on the scientific validity and quality of dose reconstruction efforts performed for this program; and (c) upon request by the Secretary, HHS, advise the Secretary on whether there is a class of employees at any Department of Energy facility who were exposed to radiation but for whom it is not feasible to estimate their radiation dose, and on whether there is reasonable likelihood that such radiation doses may have endangered the health of members of this class. SPR is responsible for overseeing, tracking, and participating in the reviews of all procedures used in the dose reconstruction process by the NIOSH Division of Compensation Analysis and Support (DCAS) and its dose reconstruction contractor (Oak Ridge Associated Universities—ORAU).

Matters to be Considered: The agenda will include discussions on the following dose reconstruction procedures: (a) Procedures associated specifically with the following sites: Aliquippa Forge, Hooker Electrochemical Co., Birdsboro Steel, Simonds Saw, Idaho National Laboratory, General Steel Industries; (b) general procedures for dose reconstructions: Internal Coworker Dosimetry Data Completeness Test, Parameters when Processing Claims for Construction Trade Workers. Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

The Chief Operating Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Sherri Berger,

Chief Operating Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (ABRWH or the Advisory Board), National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the CDC announces the following meeting of the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (ABRWH). This meeting is open to the public, but without a public comment period. The public is welcome to submit written comments in advance of the meeting, to the contact person below. Written comments received in advance of the meeting will be included in the official record of the meeting. The public is also welcome to listen to the meeting by joining the audio conference (information below). The audio conference line has 150 ports for callers.

DATES: The meeting will be held on February 27, 2019, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: Audio Conference Call via FTS Conferencing. The USA toll-free dial-in number is 1–866–659–0537; the passcode is 9933701.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Theodore Katz, MPA, Designated Federal Officer, NIOSH, CDC, 1600 Clifton Road NE, Mailstop E–20, Atlanta, Georgia 30329, Telephone (513) 533–6800, Toll Free 1 (800) CDC–INFO, Email *ocas@cdc.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The Advisory Board was established under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 to advise the President on a variety of policy and technical functions required to implement and effectively manage the new compensation program. Key functions of the Advisory Board include providing advice on the development of

probability of causation guidelines which have been promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as a final rule, advice on methods of dose reconstruction which have also been promulgated by HHS as a final rule, advice on the scientific validity and quality of dose estimation and reconstruction efforts being performed for purposes of the compensation program, and advice on petitions to add classes of workers to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC). In December 2000, the President delegated responsibility for funding, staffing, and operating the Advisory Board to HHS, which subsequently delegated this authority to the CDC. NIOSH implements this responsibility for CDC. The charter was issued on August 3, 2001, renewed at appropriate intervals, rechartered under Executive Order 13811 on February 12, 2018, and will terminate on March 22, 2020.

Purpose: This Advisory Board is charged with (a) providing advice to the Secretary, HHS, on the development of guidelines under Executive Order 13179; (b) providing advice to the Secretary, HHS, on the scientific validity and quality of dose reconstruction efforts performed for this program; and (c) upon request by the Secretary, HHS, advising the Secretary on whether there is a class of employees at any Department of Energy facility who were exposed to radiation but for whom it is not feasible to estimate their radiation dose, and on whether there is reasonable likelihood that such radiation doses may have endangered the health of members of this class.

Matters to be Considered: The agenda will include discussions on: Recording December 2018 Meeting Absentee Votes; Work Group and Subcommittee Reports; Update on the Status of SEC Petitions; Plans for the April 2019 Advisory Board Meeting; and Advisory Board Correspondence. Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

The Chief Operating Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Sherri Berger,

Chief Operating Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), announces the following meeting of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). This meeting is open to the public, limited only by room seating. The meeting room accommodates 216 for public seating. Rooms 245, 246, and 247, adjacent to the meeting room, will be available once the meeting room reaches capacity, providing up to 120 additional seats. Time will be available for public comment. The meeting will be webcast live via the World Wide Web; for instructions and more information on ACIP please visit the ACIP website: *http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/index.html.*

DATES: The meeting will be held on February 27, 2019, 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., EST, and February 28, 2019, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: CDC, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, Tom Harkin Global Communications Center, Building 19, Kent 'Oz' Nelson Auditorium, Atlanta, Georgia 30329–4027.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephanie Thomas, ACIP Committee Management Specialist, CDC, NCIRD, telephone 404–639–8836, email *ACIP@cdc.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose: The committee is charged with advising the Director, CDC, on the use of immunizing agents. In addition, under 42 U.S.C. 1396s, the committee is mandated to establish and periodically review and, as appropriate, revise the list of vaccines for administration to vaccine-eligible children through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program, along with schedules regarding dosing interval, dosage, and contraindications to administration of vaccines. Further, under provisions of the Affordable Care Act, section 2713 of the Public Health Service Act, immunization recommendations of the ACIP that have been approved by the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and appear on CDC immunization schedules must be covered by applicable health plans.

Public Comment

Oral Public Comment: This meeting will include one 75-minute session for oral public comment during which members of the public may make an in-person public comment. The oral public comment session will occur near the end of the first day's session on February 27, 2019 and before any scheduled votes including all votes relevant to the ACIP's Affordable Care Act and Vaccines for Children Program roles. Priority will be given to individuals who submit a request to make an oral public comment before the meeting according to the procedures below. On-site, in-person registration for oral public comment at the meeting will only be available if there is time remaining in the oral public comment session after all individuals who submitted a request to make an oral comment before the meeting have had an opportunity to speak. There is no guarantee there will be an opportunity for on-site, in-person registration for oral public comment, and all individuals interested in requesting to make an oral public comment are strongly encouraged to submit a request according to the instructions below.

Procedure for Oral Public Comment: All persons interested in making an oral public comment at the February ACIP meeting must submit a request at *http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/meetings/* no later than 11:59 p.m., EDT, February 13, 2019. Interested persons must include their name; the name of the group or organization the individual is representing, if applicable; and contact information, including email address, mailing address, and telephone number.

If the number of persons requesting to speak is greater than can be reasonably accommodated during the scheduled 75-minute oral public comment session, CDC will conduct a lottery to determine the speakers for the scheduled session. CDC staff will notify individuals regarding their request to speak by email by February 15, 2019. To accommodate the significant interest in participation in the oral public comment session of ACIP meetings, each speaker will be limited to 3 minutes, and each speaker may only speak once per meeting. Interested persons who are unable to make an oral public comment during this meeting are invited to submit a written comment according to the instructions below.

Written Public Comment: Written comments will be accepted up to 48 hours following the end of the ACIP Meeting. You may submit comments,

identified by Docket No. CDC–201x–xxxx using the Federal eRulemaking Portal: *http://www.regulations.gov.* Follow the instructions for submitting comments. All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket Number. All relevant comments received in conformance with the *regulations.gov* suitability policy will be posted without change to *http://regulations.gov,* including any personal information provided. For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to *http://www.regulations.gov.* Written public comments submitted by 72 hours prior to the ACIP meeting will be provided to the ACIP members before the meeting.

Matters to be Considered: The agenda will include discussions on human papillomavirus vaccines, pneumococcal vaccines, Japanese encephalitis vaccines, influenza vaccines, anthrax vaccine, hepatitis vaccines, Pertussis vaccine, herpes zoster vaccine, and meningococcal vaccines. A recommendation vote is scheduled for anthrax vaccine, Japanese encephalitis vaccines, and human papillomavirus vaccines. Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate. For more information on the meeting agenda visit *https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/meetings/meetings-info.html.*

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Sherri A. Berger,

Chief Operating Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended, and the Determination of the Chief Operating Officer, CDC, pursuant to Public Law 92–463. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy.

Name of Committee: Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel; (SEP)—PAR 15–303, Occupational Safety and Health Education and Research Centers (ERC).

Dates and Times: February 11, 2019, 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. EST, February 12–13, 2019, 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. EST.

Place: Hilton Alexandria Old Town, 1767 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, (703)837–0440.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

For Further Information Contact: Michael Goldcamp, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Office of Extramural Programs, CDC, 1095 Willowdale Road, Morgantown, West Virginia 26505, (304) 285–5951; *mgoldcamp@cdc.gov.*

The Chief Operating Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Sherri Berger,

Chief Operating Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Fogarty International Center Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Fogarty International Center Advisory Board. The meeting will be open to the public as indicated below, with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and/or contract proposals and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications and/or contract proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: Fogarty International Center Advisory Board.

Date: February 11–12, 2019.

Closed: February 11, 2019, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: Second level review of grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Lawton L. Chiles International House, Building 16, Conference Room, 16 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Open: February 12, 2019, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Agenda: Update and discussion of current and planned FIC activities.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Lawton L. Chiles International House, Building 16, Conference Room, 16 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Contact Person: Kristen Weymouth, Executive Secretary, Fogarty International Center, National Institutes of Health, 31 Center Drive, Room B2C02, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 496–1415, *weymouthk@mail.nih.gov.*

This meeting notice is being published less than 15 days in advance of the meeting due to the partial Government shutdown of December 2018.

Any interested person may file written comments with the committee by forwarding the statement to the Contact Person listed on this notice. The statement should include the name, address, telephone number and when applicable, the business or professional affiliation of the interested person.

In the interest of security, NIH has instituted stringent procedures for entrance onto the NIH campus. All visitor vehicles, including taxicabs, hotel, and airport shuttles will be inspected before being allowed on campus. Visitors will be asked to show one form of identification (for example, a government-issued photo ID, driver's license, or passport) and to state the purpose of their visit.

Information is also available on the Institute's/Center's home page: *http://www.fic.nih.gov/About/Advisory/Pages/default.aspx,* where an agenda and any additional information for the meeting will be posted when available.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.106, Minority International Research Training Grant in the Biomedical and Behavioral Sciences; 93.154, Special International Postdoctoral Research Program in Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome; 93.168, International Cooperative Biodiversity Groups Program; 93.934, Fogarty International Research Collaboration Award; 93.989, Senior International Fellowship Awards Program, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: January 22, 2019.

Natasha M. Copeland,

Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: Surgical Sciences, Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering Integrated Review Group; Bioengineering, Technology and Surgical Sciences Study Section.

Date: February 11–12, 2019.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Hyatt Regency Bethesda, One Bethesda Metro Center, 7400 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Khalid Masood, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5120, MSC 7854, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–435–2392, *masoodk@csr.nih.gov*.

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Melanie J. Pantoja,

Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

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Name of Committee: Musculoskeletal, Oral and Skin Sciences Integrated Review Group; Musculoskeletal Tissue Engineering Study Section.

Date: February 11–12, 2019.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Virginian Suites, 1500 Arlington Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22209.

Contact Person: Baljit S. Moonga, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4214, MSC 7806, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–435–1777,*moongabs@mail.nih.gov*.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Nursing Research Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

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Name of Committee: National Institute of Nursing Research Special Emphasis Panel; Fellowship Applications.

Date: February 6, 2019.

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, One Democracy Plaza 703, 6701 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Tamizchelvi Thyagarajan, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, National Institute of Nursing Research, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594–0343, *tamizchelvi.thyagarajan@nih.gov.*

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Sylvia L. Neal,

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Cancer Institute Notice of Closed Meeting

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Name of Committee: National Cancer Institute Special Emphasis Panel; SEP–1: NCI Clinical and Translational R21 and Omnibus R03.

Date: February 28–March 1, 2019.

Time: 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, 5701 Marinelli Road, North Bethesda, MD 20852.

Contact Person: Zhiqiang Zou, MD, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Special Review Branch, Division of Extramural Activities, National Cancer Institute, NIH, 9609 Medical Center Drive, Room 7W242, Bethesda, MD 20892–9750, 240–276–6372 *zouzhiq@mail.nih.gov*.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Cancer Institute Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The contract proposals and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with contract proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Cancer Institute Special Emphasis Panel; TEP–15: Microbiome and Cancer.

Date: February 27, 2019.

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate contract proposals.

Place: National Cancer Institute, Shady Grove, 9609 Medical Center Drive, Room 1E030 Rockville, MD 20850 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Jeffrey E. DeClue, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Research Technology and Contract Review Branch, Division of Extramural Activities, National Cancer Institute, NIH, 9609 Medical Center Drive, Room 7W114, Bethesda, MD 20892–9750, 240–276–6371, *decluej@mail.nih.gov*.

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Melanie J. Pantoja,

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Cancer Institute Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Cancer Institute Initial Review Group; Subcommittee F—Institutional Training and Education.

Date: February 25–26, 2019.

Time: 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Bethesda Marriott Suites, 6711 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20817.

Contact Person: Timothy Meeker, MD, Scientific Review Officer, Resources and Training Review Branch, Division of Extramural Activities, National Cancer Institute, NIH, 9609 Medical Center Drive, Room 7W606, Bethesda, MD 20892–9750, 240–276–6464, *meekert@mail.nih.gov*.

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Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Special Emphasis Panel; NIDCD Hearing and Balance Fellowship Review.

Date: February 8, 2019.

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Baltimore Marriott Waterfront, 700 Aliceanna Street, Baltimore, MD 21202.

Contact Person: Katherine Shim, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer Division of Extramural Activities NIH/NIDCD, 6001 Executive Blvd., Room 8351, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–496–8683, *katherine.shim@nih.gov*.

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Dated: January 22, 2019.

Sylvia L. Neal,

Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The contract proposals and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the contract proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; HHS–NIH–CDC–SBIR PHS 2019–1 Topic 64: Particle-Based Delivery of HIV Env Immunogens.

Date: February 19–22, 2019.

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate contract proposals.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 5601 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Cynthia L. De La Fuente, Ph.D., Scientific Review Program, DEA/NIAID/NIH/DHHS, 5601 Fishers Lane, MSC–9823, Rockville, MD 20852, 240–669–2740, *cynthia.delafuente@nih.gov.*

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(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.855, Allergy, Immunology, and Transplantation Research; 93.856, Microbiology and Infectious Diseases Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: January 18, 2019.

Natasha M. Copeland,

Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

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Name of Committee: Healthcare Delivery and Methodologies Integrated Review Group; Community-Level Health Promotion Study Section.

Date: February 11–12, 2019.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Bahia Resort Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, San Diego, CA 92109.

Contact Person: Ping Wu, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3166, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–451–8428, *wup4@csr.nih.gov.*

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Dated: January 22, 2019.

Melanie J. Pantoja,

Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Center for Complementary & Integrative Health Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the National Advisory Council for Complementary and Integrative Health.

The meeting will be open to the public as indicated below, with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Advisory Council for Complementary and Integrative Health.

Date: February 8, 2019.

Closed: 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Natcher Building, 45 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Open: 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Agenda: A report from the Center Director and Other Staff.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Natcher Building, 45 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Contact Person: Partap Singh Khalsa, Ph.D., DC, Director, Division of Extramural Activities, National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health, NIH, National Institutes of Health, 6707 Democracy Blvd., Ste. 401, Bethesda, MD 20892–5475, (301) 594–3462, *khalsap@mail.nih.gov.*

This meeting notice is being published less than 15 days in advance of the meeting due to the partial Government shutdown of December 2018.

Any interested person may file written comments with the committee by forwarding the statement to the Contact Person listed on this notice. The statement should include the name, address, telephone number and when applicable, the business or professional affiliation of the interested person.

In the interest of security, NIH has instituted stringent procedures for entrance onto the NIH campus. All visitor vehicles, including taxicabs, hotel, and airport shuttles will be inspected before being allowed on campus. Visitors will be asked to show one form of identification (for example, a government-issued photo ID, driver's license, or passport) and to state the purpose of their visit.

Information is also available on the Institute's/Center's home page: *https://nccih.nih.gov/about/naccih/,* where an agenda and any additional information for the meeting will be posted when available.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.213, Research and Training in Complementary and Integrative Health, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: January 18, 2019.

Ronald J. Livingston, Jr.,

Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meeting

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Name of Committee: Population Sciences and Epidemiology Integrated Review Group; Behavioral Genetics and Epidemiology Study Section.

Date: February 6, 2019.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Melrose Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20037.

Contact Person: Suzanne Ryan, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3139, MSC 7770, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–1712, *ryansj@csr.nih.gov.*

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Natasha M. Copeland,

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

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Name of Committee: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; B Cell Epitope Discovery and Mechanisms of Antibody Protection.

Date: February 4–5, 2019.

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate contract proposals.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 5601 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Louis A. Rosenthal, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Program, Division of Extramural Activities, Rm 3G42B, National Institutes of Health/NIAID, 5601 Fishers Lane, MSC 9834, Bethesda, MD 20892–9834, (240) 669–5070, *rosenthalla@niaid.nih.gov.*

This meeting notice is being published less than 15 days in advance of the meeting due to the partial Government shutdown of December 2018.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Novel Genomic Technology.

Date: February 13, 2019.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Joseph Thomas Peterson, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4118, MSC 7814, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–408–9694, *petersonjt@csr.nih.gov.*

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Melanie J. Pantoja,

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Mental Health Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

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Name of Committee: National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel; Neuropsychiatric Symptoms in Alzheimer's.

Date: February 15, 2019.

Time: 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20852 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: David I. Sommers, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Division of Extramural Activities, National Institute of Mental Health, National Institutes of Health, 6001 Executive Blvd., Room 6154, MSC 9606, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–443–7861, *dsommers@mail.nih.gov.*

This meeting notice is being published less than 15 days in advance of the meeting due to the partial Government shutdown of December 2018.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.242, Mental Health Research Grants, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: January 18, 2019.

Melanie J. Pantoja,

Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Mental Health; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

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Name of Committee: National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel; Early Phase Clinical Trials—Pharma/Devices.

Date: February 13, 2019.

Time: 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20852 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: David I. Sommers, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Division of Extramural Activities, National Institute of Mental Health, National Institutes of Health, 6001 Executive Blvd., Room 6154, MSC 9606, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–443–7861, *dsommers@mail.nih.gov.*

This meeting notice is being published less than 15 days in advance of the meeting due to the partial Government shutdown of December 2018.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.242, Mental Health Research Grants, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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Melanie J. Pantoja,

Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meeting

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Member Conflict: Child Psychopathology and Developmental Disabilities.

Date: January 31, 2019.

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Jane A. Doussard-Roosevelt, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3184, MSC 7848, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–4445, *doussarj@csr.nih.gov.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the National Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Advisory Council.

The meeting will be open to the public as indicated below, with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Advisory Council.

Date: February 5, 2019.

Open: 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Agenda: To discuss program policies and issues.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Natcher Building, Conference Rooms E1/E2, 45 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Closed: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Natcher Building, Conference Rooms E1/E2, 45 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Contact Person: Melinda Nelson, Acting Director, Division of Extramural Research Activities, National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, 6701 Democracy Blvd., Room 838, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–5278, *nelsonm@mail.nih.gov.*

This meeting notice is being published less than 15 days in advance of the meeting due to the partial Government shutdown of December 2018.

Any interested person may file written comments with the committee by forwarding the statement to the Contact Person listed on this notice. The statement should include the name, address, telephone number and when applicable, the business or professional affiliation of the interested person.

In the interest of security, NIH has instituted stringent procedures for entrance

onto the NIH campus. All visitor vehicles, including taxicabs, hotel, and airport shuttles will be inspected before being allowed on campus. Visitors will be asked to show one form of identification (for example, a government-issued photo ID, driver's license, or passport) and to state the purpose of their visit.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.846, Arthritis, Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: January 17, 2019.

Sylvia L. Neal,

Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meeting

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Name of Committee: Cell Biology Integrated Review Group; Development—2 Study Section.

Date: February 4–5, 2019.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Residence Inn Bethesda, 7335 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Rass M. Shayiq, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 2182, MSC 7818, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–2359, *shayiqr@csr.nih.gov.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Notice of Closed Meeting

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Name of Committee: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; Operation of a Facility for the Study of Infectious Agents, Vaccines, and Antimicrobials in Adult and Pediatric Human Subjects (N01).

Date: February 11, 2019.

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate contract proposals.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 5601 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Dharmendar Rathore, Ph.D., Senior Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Program, Division of Extramural Activities, Room 3G30, National Institutes of Health/NIAID, 5601 Fishers Lane, Drive, MSC 9834, Bethesda, MD 20892–9834, 240–669–5058, *rathored@mail.nih.gov.*

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Natasha M. Copeland,

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review Notice of Closed Meeting

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Name of Committee: Biological Chemistry and Macromolecular Biophysics Integrated Review Group; Macromolecular Structure and Function B Study Section.

Date: February 7–8, 2019.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Handlery Union Square Hotel, 351 Geary Street, San Francisco, CA 94102.

Contact Person: C–L Albert Wang, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4146, MSC 7806, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–435–1016, *wangca@csr.nih.gov.*

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Melanie J. Pantoja,

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases; Notice of Closed Meeting

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Name of Committee: Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Initial Review Group; Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Clinical Trials Review Committee.

Date: February 7, 2019.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Canopy by Hilton, 940 Rose Avenue, North Bethesda, MD 20852.

Contact Person: Nakia C. Brown, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, 6701 Democracy Blvd., RM 816, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–827–4905, *brownnac@mail.nih.gov.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review Notice of Closed Meeting

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Name of Committee: Biological Chemistry and Macromolecular Biophysics Integrated Review Group; Synthetic and Biological Chemistry A Study Section.

Date: January 31–February 1, 2019.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Hotel Spero, 405 Taylor Street, San Francisco, CA 94102.

Contact Person: Anita Szajek, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4187, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–827–6276, *anita.szajek@nih.gov.*

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Natasha M. Copeland,

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Notice of Closed Meeting

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Name of Committee: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; SBIR PHS 2019–1 Topic 070—Development of Sample Sparing Assays.

Date: February 7, 2019.

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate contract proposals.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 5601 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Julio C. Aliberti, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Immunology Review Branch, DEA/SRP RM 3G53A, National Institutes of Health, NIAID, 5601 Fishers Lane, MSC 9823, Rockville, MD 20892–9823, 301–761–7322, *julio.aliberti@nih.gov.*

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Natasha M. Copeland,

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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

U.S. Copyright Office

[Docket No. 2019–1]

Notice of Intent To Audit

AGENCY: U.S. Copyright Office, Library of Congress.

ACTION: Public notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Copyright Office is announcing receipt of five notices of intent to audit certain statements of account filed by cable operators and a satellite carrier pursuant to the section 111 and 119 statutory licenses.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Regan A. Smith, General Counsel and Associate Register of Copyrights, by email at *regans@copyright.gov,* or Anna Chauvet, Assistant General Counsel, by email at *achau@copyright.gov.* Either can be contacted by telephone by calling (202) 707–8350.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Sections 111 and 119 of the Copyright Act (''Act''), title 17 of the United States Code, establish compulsory licenses under which cable operators and satellite carriers may, by complying with the license terms, retransmit copyrighted over-the-air broadcast programming. Among other requirements, cable and satellite licensees must file statements of account and deposit royalty fees with the U.S. Copyright Office (''Office'') on a semi-annual basis.

The Satellite Television Extension and Localism Act of 2010,[1] amended the Act by directing the Register of Copyrights (''Register'') to issue regulations to allow copyright owners to audit the statements of account and royalty fees that cable operators and satellite carriers file with the Office.[2] Following a lengthy rulemaking proceeding, the Office issued such regulations, adopting the audit process now set forth in 37 CFR 201.16.[3] Section 201.16(c)(1) requires any copyright owner who intends to audit a statement of account to provide written notice to the Register no later than three years after the last day of the year in which the statement of account was filed with the Office.[4] Such notice may be submitted by an individual copyright owner or a designated agent that represents a group or multiple groups of copyright owners.[5] The notice must be received in the Office on or after December 1st and no later than December 31st.[6] Between January 1st and January 31st of the next calendar year, the Office will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the receipt of the notice of intent to audit.[7]

[1] Public Law 111–175, sec. 102(d.)(4), Stat. 1220 (2010).

[2] *See* 17 U.S.C. 111(d)(6) (directing the Register to ''issue regulations to provide for the confidential verification by copyright owners whose works were embodied in the secondary transmissions of primary transmissions pursuant to [section 111] of the information reported on the semiannual statements of account filed under this subsection for accounting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2010, in order that the auditor designated under subparagraph [111(d)(6)(A)] is able to confirm the correctness of the calculations and royalty payments reported therein''); 17 U.S.C. 119(b)(2) (directing the Register to ''issue regulations to permit interested parties to verify and audit the statements of account and royalty fees submitted by satellite carriers under this subsection'').

[3] *See* 79 FR 68623 (Nov. 18, 2014).

[4] 37 CFR 201.16(c)(1).

[5] *Id.*

[6] *Id.*

[7] *Id.*

II. Notices

On December 31, 2018, the Office received the below notices of intent to audit statements of account. The notices were submitted jointly by the Office of the Commissioner of Baseball, National Football League, National Basketball Association, Women's National Basketball Association, National Hockey League, and National Collegiate Athletics Association pursuant to 37 CFR 201.16(c):

1. Notice of intent to audit the statement of account filed by Southern New England Telephone Co. for the cable system serving Hartford, Connecticut and the surrounding area (Licensing Division No. 62793), for the accounting period July 1–December 31, 2014.

2. Notice of intent to audit the statement of account filed by Verizon Pennsylvania LLC for the cable system serving Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and the surrounding area (Licensing Division No. 62715), for the accounting period July 1–December 31, 2014.

3. Notice of intent to audit the statement of account filed by Cox Communications Louisiana, LLC for the cable system serving Baton Rouge, Louisiana and the surrounding area (Licensing Division No. 011484), for the accounting period January 1–June 30, 2016.

4. Notice of intent to audit the statement of account filed by CSC Holdings, LLC d/b/a Altice USA, Inc., for the cable system serving Avon-By-The-Sea (Avon Borough), New Jersey and the surrounding area (Licensing Division No. 007823), for the accounting period July 1–December 31, 2017.

5. Notice of intent to audit the statement of account filed by Dish Network, LLC for the accounting period January 1–June 30, 2017.

Dated: January 22, 2019.

Regan A. Smith,

General Counsel and Associate Register of Copyrights.

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