

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**National Assessment Governing Board; Meeting**

AGENCY: National Assessment Governing Board; Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of closed teleconference meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming closed teleconference meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Assessment Governing Board. This notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

DATES: April 14, 2006.

Time: 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. (closed).

Location: National Assessment Governing Board, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Suite #825, Washington, DC 20001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Munira Mwalimu, Operation Officer, National Assessment Governing Board, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Suite #825, Washington, DC 20002-4233; telephone: (202) 357-6938.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Assessment Governing Board is established under section 412 of the National Education Statistics Act of 1994, as amended. The Board is established to formulate policy guidelines for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). The Board's responsibilities include selecting subject areas to be assessed, developing assessment objectives, developing appropriate student achievement levels for each grade and subject tested, developing guidelines for reporting and disseminating results, and developing standards and procedures for interstate and national comparisons. On April 14, 2006 the Executive Committee will hold a closed teleconference meeting from 11 a.m.–11:45 a.m. to discuss independent government cost estimates developed for modifications to current National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) contracts. These modifications, proposed by the National Center for Education Statistics, have direct implications for current NAEP contracts and future NAEP operations.

At the March 2–4, 2006 Board meeting, the National Assessment Governing Board delegated authority to the Executive Committee to take action on the proposed contract modifications, which requires consideration of independent government cost estimates.

This delegation of authority was necessary due to the urgent requirement to make contract modification decisions to ensure that the assessment operations are conducted in a timely manner. These decisions need to be made prior to the next Board meeting scheduled to take place in May 2006. The discussion of independent government cost estimates prior to the execution of contract modifications is necessary for ensuring that NAEP contracts meet congressionally mandated goals and adhere to Board policies on NAEP assessment.

This teleconference meeting must be conducted in closed session because public disclosure of this information would likely have an adverse financial effect on the NAEP program and will provide an advantage to the affected contractors. The discussion of this information would be likely to significantly impede implementation of a proposed agency action if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemption 9(B) of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

A summary of the activities of the closed teleconference, and other related matters which are informative to the public and consistent with the policy of the section 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), will be available to the public within 14 days after meeting. Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite #825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dated: March 27, 2006.

Charles Smith,

Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability****Public Scoping Meeting on Study of Energy Rights-of-Way on Tribal Lands**

AGENCY: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Public Scoping Meeting and Request for Public Comment.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Department of Energy (“DOE”) and Department of the Interior (“DOI”) (collectively referred to as the

“Departments”) intend to jointly hold a three-day public scoping meeting in connection with the Department’s ongoing study of energy rights-of-way on tribal land pursuant to section 1813 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Through these meetings, the Departments invite the public to provide additional oral or written comments about how to proceed with the implementation of section 1813.

DATES: A three-day meeting will be held April 18, 19 and 20, 2006, at the Hyatt Regency Denver, 650 15th Street, Denver Colorado, 80202; Tel. (303) 486-4402. We have reserved a block of rooms at the hotel for the meeting on a first-come first-served basis. Please inform the hotel that you are attending the “Energy Policy Act—Section 1813 Meeting.” If you are representing a 638 Tribe, you can request the government rate, which we have obtained for some of the rooms in the reserved block. All written comments should be submitted to the contacts below before May 1, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Please send written comments by regular mail to Attention: Section 1813 ROW Study, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, 1849 C St., NW., Mail Stop 2749–MIB, Washington, DC, 20240 or by e-mail to IEED@bia.edu.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Darryl Francois, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, 1849 C St., NW., Mail Stop 2749–MIB, Washington, DC, 20240. He can also be reached by telephone at (202) 219-0740 or by electronic mail at darryl.francois@mms.gov. Please contact Mr. David Meyer via mail at, Department of Energy, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585, via phone at (202) 586-3118, or via electronic mail at david.meyer@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 1813 of Energy Policy Act of 2005 requires the Secretaries of the Departments of the Interior and Energy to jointly conduct a study of energy rights-of-way on tribal land. Specifically, section 1813 requires the Departments submit to Congress a report on the findings of the study, including:

(1) An analysis of historic rates of compensation paid for energy rights-of-way on tribal land;

(2) recommendations for appropriate standards and procedures for determining fair and appropriate compensation to Indian tribes for grants, expansions, and renewals for energy rights-of-way on tribal land;