

2001, the U.S. Government has increased security requirements at its military installations. Chief of Naval Operations Instruction (OPNAVINST) 5530.14C, Navy Physical Security Manual, establishes requirements for security at naval bases, including NBK-Bangor. OPNAVINST 5530.14C requires waterside security measures be implemented to protect the DON's assets. The proposed SISS is needed to provide additional waterside security at NBK-Bangor to counter threats from surface and submerged swimmers. SSC San Diego is the Action Proponent.

Other than the preferred alternative, the most effective alternatives would be use of Combat Swimmers and Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROVs). Under the Combat Swimmers alternative, specially trained personnel would be used to interdict underwater intruders. The combat swimmers would be aboard Harbor Security Boats (HSB) and would be deployed into the water to respond to security alerts by finding, identifying, and marking the location of underwater objects or initiating interdiction of intruders. Under the ROV alternative, ROVs would be deployed from HSBs to respond to security alerts by finding, identifying, and marking the location of underwater objects or initiating interdiction of intruders. A No Action alternative will also be evaluated. Under this alternative, no SISS would be implemented.

**DATES AND ADDRESSES:** Public scoping meetings will be held in Keyport, Kitsap County, Washington, and Seattle, King County, Washington, to receive oral and written comments on environmental concerns that should be addressed in the EIS. Public scoping meetings will be held on: March 27, 2007, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at the Naval Undersea Museum, Highway 308 at Garnet Way, Keyport, WA 98345, and on March 28, 2007, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at the Holiday Inn, 211 Dexter Avenue North, Seattle, WA 98109.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The DON conducted a literature review and held discussions with subject matter experts to identify alternatives for implementing the SISS. Nine action alternatives and a No Action alternative have been identified. The highest rated and preferred alternative would be composed of human/marine mammal teams that would support DON operations and respond rapidly to security alerts. The system would involve stationing California sea lions and Atlantic Bottlenose dolphins at the site (combined total of no more than 30 animals). In-water enclosures housing SISS mammals would be placed

adjacent to an existing pier/wharf on a floating dock at NBK-Bangor. The enclosures for the sea lions would be of the open-mesh type, while the dolphins would be housed in environmentally controlled enclosures. Additional support facilities, including on-shore pools for veterinary purposes and trailers for staff, laboratory, food preparation, and storage would be installed at an upland location at NBK-Bangor. The marine mammals would be deployed along the waterfront in conjunction with humans aboard small power boats; the mammals would respond to security alerts by finding, identifying, and marking the location of underwater objects, or initiating interdiction of intruders.

The marine mammals used in this system would come from the DON's marine mammal program in San Diego, and would undergo extensive health screening before and after transport to NBK-Bangor. The SISS facilities would operate in conformance with standards for animal care established by the Department of Defense, the Department of Agriculture, the Animal Welfare Act, and the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care, and a veterinarian would remain on site to meet animal health care needs. The DON is committed to protecting its marine mammals, and makes every effort to ensure the operational capability they provide is maintained by ensuring the animals remain healthy and safe while performing their duties. To this end, several studies have been conducted looking at the affects of cold water and air on the health and behavior of dolphins. Studies have been conducted in both artificial environments, such as an arctic research facility (Chun and Harris, 1978), and in naturally cold environments, such as off the coast of Connecticut (Scronce and Bowers, 1983). Other studies have been conducted in San Diego and Hawaii to determine the impact of cold water on the dolphin's ability to preserve its body temperature (Costa *et al.*, Williams *et al.*, 1991, Heath and Miller, 1998). Another study is currently being conducted to determine the exact temperature limits under which the dolphins can perform their tasking. These studies have helped the DON develop safe operational guidelines for the use of marine mammal systems under thermally challenging conditions. In addition, the DON has deployed dolphins to numerous cold water environments (e.g., Canada, Alaska, Norway, and Germany). It has developed facilities and procedures for

mitigating any impact of cold exposure on the dolphins during these deployments. These will be further analyzed and reviewed during this EIS process. Analysis will include water quality, air quality, biological communities, fish, marine mammals, land and sea birds, threatened and endangered species, land and water use, geology and soils/sediments, cultural resources, socioeconomics, noise, public safety, aesthetics, energy, and, in the case of the preferred alternative, effects of the site environment on the deployed mammals.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Members of the public may provide comments orally or in writing at the scoping meeting, or by mail, fax, or email sent to the following address: Commanding Officer, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center, ATTN: Mike Rothe 235, 53560 Hull St., San Diego, CA 92152, phone: 888-510-5476, fax: 619-221-5251, e-mail: [NBKEIS@spawar.navy.mil](mailto:NBKEIS@spawar.navy.mil). The deadline for submitting comments is April 11, 2007.

Dated: February 5, 2007.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.  
**SUMMARY:** The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 14, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Education Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10222, Washington, DC 20503. Commenters are encouraged to submit responses electronically by e-mail to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov) or via fax to (202) 395-6974. Commenters should include the following subject line in their response Comment: [insert OMB number], [insert abbreviated collection name, e.g., "Upward Bound Evaluation"]. Persons submitting

comments electronically should not submit paper copies.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

Dated: February 6, 2007.

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#### **Institute of Education Sciences**

*Type of Review:* New Collection.

*Title:* Northwest Regional Educational Needs Assessment Survey.

*Frequency:* Other: 1 time Project Yr 2.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or household (primary); State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

*Responses:* 2,825.

*Burden Hours:* 942.

*Abstract:* In July and August 2006, the Regional Educational Laboratory Northwest (REL-NW) hosted a series of forums with educators in the five states REL-NW serves to discuss the types of evidence educators need to improve student achievement. This project is a follow-up survey with teachers, principals, and district superintendents in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Alaska to prioritize the evidentiary needs for improving student learning. Findings from the study will aid in setting the research agenda for REL-NW.

Requests for copies of the information collection submission for OMB review

may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 3237. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Potomac Center, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20202-4700. Requests may also be electronically mailed to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-245-6623. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

[CFDA Number: 84.017A]

#### **Office of Postsecondary Education; Overview Information; International Research and Studies Program**

**ACTION:** Correction; Notice correcting the dates.

**SUMMARY:** We correct the *Applications Available* and *Deadline for Transmittal of Applications* dates in the notice published on January 24, 2007 (72 FR 3123).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On January 24, 2007, we published a notice in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 3123-3127) inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2007 for the International Research and Studies program. The *Applications Available* date (as published on pages 3123 and 3124) is corrected to February 12, 2007 and the *Deadline for Transmittal of Applications* date (as published on pages 3123 and 3124) is corrected to March 29, 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ed McDermott, International Education Programs Service, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., suite 6082, Washington, DC 20006-8521. Telephone: (202) 502-7636 or by e-mail: [ed.mcdermott@ed.gov](mailto:ed.mcdermott@ed.gov).

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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#### **Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program**

**AGENCY:** Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to fund down the grant slate for the Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary intends to use the grant slate developed for the Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program in Fiscal Year (FY) 2006 to make new grant awards in FY 2007. The Secretary takes this action because a significant number of high-quality applications remain on last year's slate, and limited funding is available for new grant awards in FY 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Bernadette Hence, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., 6th Floor, room 6071, Washington, DC 20006-8513. Telephone: (202) 219-7038, by fax (202) 502-7861 or e-mail: [Bernadette.Hence@ed.gov](mailto:Bernadette.Hence@ed.gov).