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Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before March 19, 2012 to Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB Desk Officer, via email to Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov, or by fax to 202-395-5167, marked to the attention of Nicholas A. Fraser.

Dated: February 13, 2012.

Susan K. Fawcett,

Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

National Security Education Board Members Meeting

AGENCY: Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of a forthcoming meeting of the National Security Education Board. The purpose of the meeting is to review and make recommendations to the Secretary of Defense concerning requirements established by the David L. Boren National Security Education Act, Title VII of Public Law 102-183, as amended.

DATES: March 15, 2012, from 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Defense Language and National Security Education Office, 1101 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1210, Arlington, VA 22209.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Alison Patz, Program Analyst, Defense Language and National Security Education Office (DLNSEO), 1101 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1210, Rosslyn, Virginia 22209-2248; (703) 696-1991. Electronic mail address: Alison.patz@wso.whs.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Security Education Board Members meeting is open to the public. The public is afforded the opportunity to submit written statements associated with DLNSEO.

Dated: February 13, 2012.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Acquisition Regulations System

[Docket No. DARS-2011-0071-0002]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

The Defense Acquisition Regulations System has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Dates: Consideration will be given to all comments received by March 19, 2012.

Title, Associated Forms and OMB Number: Information Collection in Support of the DoD Acquisition Process (Various Miscellaneous Requirements), Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) parts 208, 209, and 235 and associated clauses in part 252, OMB Control Number 0704-0187.

Type of Request: Extension.

Number of Respondents: 573.

Responses per Respondent:

Approximately 2.

Annual Responses: 1,144.

Average Burden per Response: Approximately 1.5 hours.

Annual Burden Hours: 1,628.

Needs and Uses: This information collection requirement pertains to information required in DFARS parts 208, 209, 235, and associated clauses in part 252 that an offeror must submit to DoD in response to a request for proposals, an invitation for bids, or a contract requirement. DoD uses this information to—

- Determine whether to provide precious metals as Government-furnished material;
- Determine an entity's eligibility for award of a contract due to ownership or control by the government of a terrorist country;
- Determine an entity's eligibility for award of a contract under a national security program due to ownership or control by a foreign government;
- Determine whether there is a compelling reason for a contractor to enter into a subcontract in excess of \$30,000 with a firm, or subsidiary of a firm, that is identified in the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement as being ineligible for award of Defense subcontracts because it is owned or controlled by the government of a terrorist country;
- Evaluate claims of indemnification for losses or damages occurring under a research and development contract; and

- Keep track of radio frequencies on electronic equipment under research and development contracts so that the user does not override or interfere with the use of that frequency by another user.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or maintain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Ms. Jasmeet Seehra.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Ms. Seehra at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

You may also submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by the following method:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number, and title for the **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other public submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information provided. To confirm receipt of your comment(s), please check <http://www.regulations.gov> approximately two to three days after submission to verify posting (except allow 30 days for posting of comments submitted by mail).

DoD Clearance Officer: Ms. Patricia Toppings.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Ms. Toppings at WHS/ESD/Information Management Division, 4800 Mark Center Drive, 2nd Floor, East Tower, Suite 02G09, Alexandria, VA 22350-3100.

Ynette R. Shelkin,

Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations System.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Waiver and Extension of Project Period for the Native Hawaiian Career and Technical Education Program

AGENCY: Office of Vocational and Adult Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: For 36-month projects funded in fiscal year (FY) 2009 under the Native Hawaiian Career and Technical Education Program (NHCTEP), CFDA Number: 84.259A, the Secretary proposes to waive the regulation that restricts project period extensions involving the obligation of additional Federal funds. The Secretary also proposes to extend the project period of these grants for an additional 12 months. This would enable the eight current NHCTEP grantees to seek FY 2012 continuation awards for project periods through FY 2013. Further, the waiver and extension, as proposed, would mean that we would not announce new awards in FY 2012.

DATES: We must receive your comments on or before March 19, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Submit all comments on this notice to Linda Mayo, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., Room 11075, Potomac Center Plaza, Washington, DC 20202-7241.

If you prefer to send your comments by email, use the following address: linda.mayo@ed.gov. You must include the term "Proposed Waiver and Extension for NHCTEP" in the subject line of your message.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Mayo by telephone at (202) 245-7792 or by email at: linda.mayo@ed.gov.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Invitation to Comment**

We invite you to submit comments regarding this notice. We are particularly interested in receiving comments on the potential impact that this proposed project period waiver and extension might have on NHCTEP and on potential applicants that would be eligible to apply for grant awards under any new NHCTEP notice inviting applications, should there be one.

Eligible applicants are:

(1) Community-based organizations primarily serving and representing Native Hawaiians. For purposes of NHCTEP, a community-based organization means a public or private organization that provides career and technical education, or related services, to individuals in the Native Hawaiian community.

(2) Consortia of community-based organizations primarily serving and representing Native Hawaiians (34 CFR 75.127).

During and after the comment period, you may inspect all public comments about this proposed waiver and extension in room 11075, Potomac Center Plaza, 550 12th Street SW., Washington, DC, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Washington, DC time, Monday through Friday of each week, except Federal holidays.

Assistance to Individuals with Disabilities in Reviewing the Rulemaking Record: On request we will provide an appropriate accommodation or auxiliary aid to an individual with a disability who needs assistance to review the comments or other documents in the public rulemaking record for this proposed waiver and extension. If you want to schedule an appointment for this type of aid, please contact one of the persons listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Background

NHCTEP supports grants to community-based organizations primarily serving and representing Native Hawaiians to plan, conduct, and administer career and technical education programs, as authorized by section 116(h) of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (Perkins Act or Act) (20 U.S.C. 2326(h)). The eight current NHCTEP grantees were selected based on the March 24, 2009, notice inviting applications published in the **Federal Register** (74 FR 12333) (March 24, 2009 notice).

In FY 2009, the Department funded NHCTEP projects that are scheduled to end in FY 2012. For those projects, the Secretary proposes to waive the requirement of 34 CFR 75.261(c)(2) of the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), which generally prohibits project period extensions involving the obligation of additional Federal funds. The Secretary also proposes to extend the current NHCTEP project period for 12 months. This would allow the eight current NHCTEP grantees to seek continuation awards in FY 2012 for project periods through FY 2013.

The Secretary makes these proposals because section 9 of the Perkins Act, which includes authorization for NHCTEP at section 116(h), authorizes appropriations for NHCTEP through FY 2012 (20 U.S.C. 2307). With the potential for changes in the authorizing legislation for NHCTEP beyond 2012, we do not believe it would be advisable to hold a new NHCTEP competition in FY 2012 for projects that may then operate for just one year. We are generally reluctant to announce a competition under which eligible

entities would be expected to proceed through the application preparation and submission process while lacking critical information about the future of the program, and we do not think that it would be in the public interest to do so in this case.

Rather than holding a new competition in FY 2012, we believe that it would be in the public interest and preferable for NHCTEP for us to review requests for FY 2012 continuation awards from the eight current grantees selected based on the March 24, 2009, notice and to extend currently funded projects, for one more year, through FY 2013.

The extension of the project period and waiver of 34 CFR 75.261(c)(2) we are proposing would mean that: (1) Current grantees would be authorized to request and receive NHCTEP continuation awards in FY 2012 for project periods through FY 2013, (2) we would not announce a new competition or make new awards in FY 2012, (3) the March 24, 2009, notice would continue to govern current projects during the extension year, and (4) the eight currently-approved applications selected based on the March 24, 2009, notice would govern continuation activities.

The March 24, 2009, notice: (1) Established a project period of up to 36 months and reiterated that funding for multi-year awards would be dependent on a grantee meeting the requirements of 34 CFR 75.253 (continuation of a multi-year project after the first budget period); (2) explained the requirements of the program; (3) described the evaluation and reporting requirements; and (4) established the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) indicators for NHCTEP.

With this proposed extension of the project period and waiver of 34 CFR 75.261(c)(2), we propose to extend the project period of the eight current NHCTEP grantees that received grants under the FY 2009 competition for one additional year through FY 2013 with FY 2012 funds Congress has appropriated under the current statutory authority. If the waiver of 34 CFR 75.261(c)(2) that we propose in this notice is announced by us in a final notice, the requirements applicable to continuation awards for current NHCTEP grantees and the requirements in section 75.253 of EDGAR would apply to any continuation awards sought by current NHCTEP grantees.

If we announce this proposed waiver and extension as final, we will make decisions regarding annual continuation awards based on grantee program narratives, budgets and budget

narratives, and performance reports, and based on the regulations in 34 CFR 75.253. We would award continuation grants based on information provided to us by each grantee, indicating that it is making substantial progress performing its NHCTEP grant activities based on the requirements in the March 24, 2009, notice inviting applications. Any activities to be carried out during the continuation year must be consistent with, or be a logical extension of the scope, goals, and objectives of each grantee's application as approved in the 2009 NHCTEP competition. Under this proposed waiver and extension, the project period for current NHCTEP grantees would be extended through FY 2013.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

The Secretary certifies that the proposed waiver and extension and the activities required to support additional year of funding would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The small entities that would be affected by this proposed waiver and extension are the eight currently-funded NHCTEP grantees.

The Secretary certifies that the proposed waiver and extension would not have a significant economic impact on these NHCTEP entities because the proposed waiver and extension impose minimal compliance costs to extend projects already in existence, and the activities required to support the additional year of funding would not impose additional regulatory burdens or require unnecessary Federal supervision.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

This notice of proposed waiver and extension does not contain any information collection requirements.

Intergovernmental Review

The NHCTEP is not subject to Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79.

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

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other documents of this Department published in the **Federal Register**, in text or Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF). To use PDF you must have Adobe Acrobat Reader, which is available free at this 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.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2326(h).

Dated: February 13, 2012.

Brenda Dann-Messier,

Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Native American Career and Technical Education Program; Proposed Waivers and Extension of the Project Period; CFDA Number 84.101A

AGENCY: Office of Vocational and Adult Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: For 60-month projects funded in fiscal year (FY) 2007 under the Native American Career and Technical Education Program (NACTEP), the Secretary proposes to waive the regulations that generally restrict project periods to 60 months and that restrict project period extensions involving the obligation of additional Federal funds. The Secretary also proposes to extend the current NACTEP project periods through FY 2013. These proposed waivers and extension of the project period would enable the 30 current NACTEP grantees to request and continue to receive Federal funding beyond the 60-month limitation contained in the Department's regulations. Further, the waivers and extension, as proposed, would mean that we would not announce new awards in FY 2012.

DATES: We must receive your comments on or before March 19, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Submit all comments on this notice to Gwen Washington, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., room 11076, Potomac Center Plaza, Washington, DC 20202-7241; or Linda Mayo, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., Room 11075, Potomac Center Plaza, Washington, DC 20202-7241.

If you prefer to send your comments by email, use one of the following addresses: gwen.washington@ed.gov or linda.mayo@ed.gov. You must include the term "Proposed Waivers and Extension for NACTEP" in the subject line of your message.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gwen Washington, by telephone: (202) 245-7790, or by email:

gwen.washington@ed.gov; or Linda Mayo, by telephone: (202) 245-7792, or by email: linda.mayo@ed.gov.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Invitation to Comment: We invite you to submit comments regarding this notice. We are particularly interested in receiving comments on the potential impact that these proposed waivers and extension may have on NACTEP and on potential applicants that would be eligible to apply for grant awards under any new NACTEP notice inviting applications, should there be one.

Eligible applicants for NACTEP are:

- Federally-recognized Indian tribes.
- Tribal organizations.
- Alaska Native entities.
- Bureau-funded schools,¹ except for Bureau-funded schools proposing to use their awards to support secondary school career and technical education programs.

(e) Consortia of one or more eligible tribes, tribal organizations, Alaska Native entities, or eligible Bureau-funded schools.

During and after the comment period, you may inspect all public comments about these proposed waivers and extension in room 11076 or room 11075, Potomac Center Plaza, 550 12th Street SW., Washington, DC, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Washington, DC time, Monday through Friday of each week, except Federal holidays.

Assistance to Individuals with Disabilities in Reviewing the Rulemaking Record: On request, we will provide an appropriate accommodation or auxiliary aid to an individual with a disability who needs assistance to review the comments or other documents in the public rulemaking record for this notice of proposed waivers and extension. If you want to schedule an appointment for this type of aid, please contact the person listed

¹ Section 116(a)(2) of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 defines the term "Bureau-funded school" as having the meaning given the term in section 1141 of the Education Amendments of 1978 (25 U.S.C. 2021).