

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary**

[Docket ID DOD–2016–OS–0078]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, DoD.

ACTION: Information collection notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by May 14, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Department of Defense, Office of the Chief Management Officer, Directorate for Oversight and Compliance, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Mailbox #24, Suite 08D09B, Alexandria, VA 22350–1700.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number, and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other 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.

Any associated form(s) for this collection may be located within this same electronic docket and downloaded for review/testing. Follow the instructions at <http://www.regulations.gov> for submitting comments. Please submit comments on any given form

identified by docket number, form number, and title.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) at: ATTN: Joint Personnel Adjudication System (JPAS), Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC); Suite 04E25, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22350–3100, or fax at 571–372–1059.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Joint Personnel Adjudication System (JPAS); OMB Control Number 0704–0496.

Needs and Uses: This information collection is necessary as the JPAS system requires personal data collection to facilitate the initiation, investigation and adjudication of information relevant to DoD security clearances and employment suitability determinations for active duty military, civilian employees and contractors requiring such credentials. As a Personnel Security System it is the authoritative source for clearance information resulting in access determinations to sensitive/classified information and facilities.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Annual Burden Hours: 333,375.

Number of Respondents: 22,225.

Responses per Respondent: 45.

Annual Responses: 1,000,125.

Average Burden per Response: 20 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

The Joint Personnel Adjudication System (JPAS) is a DoD personnel security system and is the authoritative source for clearance information resulting in access determinations to sensitive/classified information and facilities. Collection and maintenance of personal data in JPAS is required to facilitate the initiation, investigation and adjudication of information relevant to DoD security clearances and employment suitability determinations for active duty military, civilian employees, and contractors requiring such credentials. Facility Security Officers (FSOs) working in private companies that contract with DoD and who need access to the JPAS system to update security-related information about their company's employees must complete DD Form 2962. Specific uses include: Facilitation for DoD Adjudicators and Security Managers to obtain accurate up-to-date eligibility and access information on all personnel

(military, civilian and contractor personnel) adjudicated by the DoD. The DoD Adjudicators and Security Managers are also able to update eligibility and access levels of military, civilian and contractor personnel nominated for access to sensitive DoD information. Once granted access, the FSOs maintain employee personal information, submit requests for investigations, and submit other relevant personnel security information into JPAS on over 1,000,000 contract employees annually.

Dated: March 9, 2018.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket ID ED–2017–IES–0082]

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Institute of Education Sciences, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of a new system of records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (Privacy Act), the Department of Education (the Department) publishes this notice of a new system of records entitled “Impact Study of Feedback for Teachers based on Classroom Videos (18–13–40).” This system contains individually identifying information provided by individuals and school districts who participate in the impact study. The information contained in the records maintained in this system will be used to conduct a rigorous study of the effectiveness of support to teachers based on their teaching practices within their classroom.

DATES: Submit your comments on this new system of records notice on or before April 13, 2018.

This new system of records will become applicable upon publication in the **Federal Register** on March 14, 2018, unless the new system of records notice needs to be changed as a result of public comment. The routine uses listed under “ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND PURPOSES OF SUCH USES” will become applicable on April 13, 2018, unless the new system of records notice needs to be changed as a result of public comment. The Department will publish any significant changes to the system of

records or routine uses that result from public comment.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. We will not accept comments submitted by fax or by email or those submitted after the comment period. To ensure that we do 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 accessing agency documents, submitting comments, and viewing the docket, is available on the site under the “help” tab.

- *Postal Mail, Commercial Delivery, or Hand Delivery:* If you mail or deliver your comments about this new system of records, address them to: Teresa Cahalan, SORN Coordinator, Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education, Potomac Center Plaza, 550 12th Street SW, Room 4126, Washington, DC 20202.

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.

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. If you want to schedule an appointment for this type of accommodation or auxiliary aid, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Teresa Cahalan, SORN Coordinator, Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education, Potomac Center Plaza, 550 12th Street SW, Room 4126, Washington, DC 20202 or by email at IES_SORN@ed.gov.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction: The information contained in the records maintained in

this system will be used to conduct a rigorous study of the effectiveness of feedback for teachers based on classroom videos to inform effective teacher preparation and professional development.

The study will address the following central research questions: What is the impact on teaching practices and student achievement of providing novice teachers with feedback on their teaching using multiple videos of their classroom practices? What is the impact on teaching practices and student achievement of providing early career teachers (those in their second, third, or fourth year of teaching) with feedback on their teaching using multiple videos of their classroom practices? Secondary research questions for the study are: Is intensive feedback more effective for certain types of teachers or students? On which teaching practices should feedback interventions focus?

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 person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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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: March 8, 2018.

Thomas Brock,

Commissioner, National Center for Education Research, Delegated the Duties of the Director of the Institute of Education Sciences.

SYSTEM NAME AND NUMBER:

Impact Study of Feedback for Teachers based on Classroom Videos (18-13-40).

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

Unclassified.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

The location is at Mathematica Policy Research, P.O. Box 2393, Princeton, NJ 08543-2393 (contractor).

SYSTEM MANAGER:

Project’s contracting officer representative, Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education, Potomac Center Plaza, 550 12th Street SW, Room 4114, Washington, DC 20202.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

The study is authorized under sections 171(b) and 173 of the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002 (ESRA)(20 U.S.C. 9561(b) and 9563) and section 8601 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (20 U.S.C. 7981).

PURPOSE(S) OF THE SYSTEM:

The information contained in the records maintained in this system will be used to conduct a rigorous study of the effectiveness of feedback for teachers based on classroom videos to inform effective teacher preparation and professional development.

The study will address the following central research questions: What is the impact on teaching practices and student achievement of providing novice teachers with feedback on their teaching using multiple videos of their classroom practices? What is the impact on teaching practices and student achievement of providing early career teachers (those in their second, third, or fourth year of teaching) with feedback on their teaching using multiple videos of their classroom practices? Secondary research questions for the study are: Is intensive feedback more effective for certain types of teachers or students? On which teaching practices should feedback interventions focus?

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

The system of records will include individually identifying information about teachers who participate in the study and their students. The system will contain records on approximately 500 teachers and 10,625 students from up to 12 school districts.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

For teachers, this information will include, but will not necessarily be limited to, teacher name, background characteristics, teaching experience, teacher preparation experiences, knowledge of teaching practice, experience with professional development, feedback to support their teaching practice, and videos of classroom practice and ratings of

teaching practice conducted by the study team using the videos. For students, this information will include, but will not necessarily be limited to, standardized math and English/ Language Arts test scores, age, sex, race/ ethnicity, grade, eligibility for free/ reduced-price lunches, English Learner status, and individualized education plan status.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Data will be obtained through: Human resource and student administrative records maintained by the school districts; videos of classroom practice and ratings of teaching practice conducted by the study team using the videos; and surveys of teachers administered by the study team.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

The Department may disclose information contained in a record in this system of records under the routine uses listed in this system of records without the consent of the individual if the disclosure is compatible with the purposes for which the record was collected. The Department may make these disclosures on a case-by-case basis. Any disclosure of individually identifiable information from a record in this system must also comply with the requirements of section 183 of the ESRA (20 U.S.C. 9573) providing for confidentiality standards that apply to all collection, reporting, and publication of data by the Institute of Education Sciences. Any disclosure of personally identifiable information from student education records that were obtained from school districts must also comply with the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. 1232g; 34 CFR part 99), which protects the privacy of student education records.

(1) *Teacher Identification Disclosure.* In order for the Department to link teacher data that the Department maintains as part of this study to the administrative records of that teacher's students maintained by the participating school districts for purposes consistent with the conduct of the study, the Department may disclose to each participating school district the identities of teachers from that school district who are participating in this study.

(2) *Contract Disclosure.* If the Department contracts with an entity for the purposes of performing any function that requires disclosure of records in this system to employees of the contractor, the Department may disclose

the records to those employees. As part of such a contract, the Department will require the contractor to agree to maintain safeguards to protect the security and confidentiality of the records disclosed from the system.

(3) *Research Disclosure.* The Director of the Institute of Education Sciences may disclose information from this system of records to qualified researchers solely for the purpose of carrying out specific research that is compatible with the purpose(s) of this system of records. The classroom videos will not be included in disclosures of records that are made under this routine use. The researcher must agree to maintain safeguards to protect the security and confidentiality, consistent with section 183(c) of the ESRA (20 U.S.C. 9573(c)) of the records disclosed from this system. When personally identifiable information from a student's education record will be disclosed to the researcher, under FERPA (20 U.S.C. 1232g(b)), the researcher also must agree to comply with the requirements in the applicable FERPA exception to consent.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORAGE OF RECORDS:

Records in this system of records are maintained in a secure, password-protected electronic system.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETRIEVAL OF RECORDS:

Records in this system will be indexed and retrieved by a unique number assigned to each teacher that will be cross-referenced by the individual's name on a separate list.

The contractor's employees who "maintain" (collect, maintain, use, or disseminate) data in this system must comply with the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (Privacy Act) (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the confidentiality standards in section 183 of the ESRA (20 U.S.C. 9573).

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETENTION AND DISPOSAL OF RECORDS:

The Department shall submit a retention and disposition schedule that covers the records contained in this system to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) for review. The records will not be destroyed until such time as NARA approves said schedule.

ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL, AND PHYSICAL SAFEGUARDS:

Security protocols for this system of records (Impact Study of Feedback for Teachers based on Classroom Videos) meet all required security standards

The contractor is required to ensure that information identifying individuals

is in files physically separated from other research data and electronic files identifying individuals are separated from other electronic research data files. The contractor will maintain security of the complete set of all master data files and documentation. Access to individually identifiable data will be strictly controlled. All information will be kept in locked file cabinets during nonworking hours, and work on hardcopy data will take place in a single room, except for data entry.

Physical security of electronic data also will be maintained. Security features that protect project data will include: Password-protected accounts that authorize users to use the contractor's system but to access only specific network directories and network software; user rights and directory and file attributes that limit those who can use particular directories and files and determine how they can use them; and additional security features that the network administrators will establish for projects as needed. The contractor's employees who "maintain" (collect, maintain, use, or disseminate) data in this system must comply with the requirements of the Privacy Act and the confidentiality standards in section 183 of the ESRA (20 U.S.C. 9573).

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

If you wish to request access to your records, you must contact the system manager at the address listed under SYSTEM MANAGER AND ADDRESS. Your request must provide the necessary particulars of your full name, address, telephone number, and any other identifying information requested by the Department while processing the request, to distinguish between individuals with the same name. Your request must meet the requirements of the Department's Privacy Act regulations at 34 CFR 5b.5, including proof of identity.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

If you wish to contest the content of a record regarding you in the system of records, you must contact the system manager at the address listed above. Your request must meet the requirements of the Department's Privacy Act regulations at 34 CFR 5b.7.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:

If you wish to inquire whether a record exists regarding you in this system, you must contact the system manager at the address listed above. You must provide the necessary particulars of your full name, address, telephone number, and any other

identifying information requested by the Department while processing the request, to distinguish between individuals with the same name. Your request must meet the requirements of the Department's Privacy Act regulations at 34 CFR 5b.5, including proof of identity.

EXEMPTIONS PROMULGATED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

HISTORY:

None.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14868-000]

Pioneer Valley Renewables; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On February 13, 2018, Pioneer Valley Renewables, filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of the Scotlandville Bend Project (Scotlandville Project or project) to be located on the Mississippi River, in West Baton Rouge and East Baton Rouge Parishes, Louisiana. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The proposed project would consist of the following: (1) Four underwater, carbon fiber shroud and blade design turbine-generating units, each with a diameter of 18 meters and a cross section of 4 meters; (2) each pair of units will be mounted on a riverbed secured piling, 30 meters apart; (3) flexible cables would convey power to a metering station; and (4) a transmission line would interconnect with the power grid. Each unit would have an installed capacity of 1.5 megawatts for a total generating capacity of 6 megawatts. The proposed project would have an estimated average annual generation of 40,000 megawatt-hours, which would be sold.

Applicant Contact: Mr. Mark D. Farb, Pioneer Valley Renewables, 240 Central

Avenue, 1J, Lawrence, New York 11559; phone: (631) 552-0284.

FERC Contact: Michael Spencer, (202) 502-6093, michael.spencer@ferc.gov

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-14868-000.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the eLibrary link of Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-14868) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: March 7, 2018.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Attendance at the Colorado Public Utilities Commission's Fifth Commissioner Information Meeting

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) hereby gives notice that members of its staff may attend the Colorado Public Utilities Commission's Commissioner Information Meeting (CIM) as noted below. Their attendance is part of the Commission's ongoing outreach efforts.

The CIM will be held on March 20, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Mountain Time at the Colorado Public Utilities Commission, Hearing Room A, 1560 Broadway, Suite 250, Denver, CO 80202. The phone number is (303) 894-2533.

The discussions may address matters at issue in the following proceedings:

Docket No. ER12-1179, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER15-1809, *ATX Southwest, LLC*
 Docket No. ER15-2028, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER15-2115, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER15-2236, *Midwest Power Transmission Arkansas, LLC*
 Docket No. ER15-2237, *Kanstar Transmission, LLC*
 Docket No. ER15-2324, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER15-2594, *South Central MCN LLC*
 Docket No. EL16-91, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. EL18-19, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. EL16-108, *Tilton Energy v. Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.*
 Docket No. EL16-110, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER16-204, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER16-2522, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER16-2523, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. EL17-11, *Alabama Power Co. v. Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. EL17-21, *Kansas Electric Co. v. Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. EL17-69, *Buffalo Dunes et al. v. Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. EL17-86, *Nebraska Public Power District v. Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER17-426, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER17-428, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER17-469, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER17-772, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER17-889, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER17-953, *South Central MCN LLC*
 Docket No. ER17-1092, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER17-1575, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER17-2229, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER18-171, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER18-194, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER18-195, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER18-374, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER18-381, *Southwest Power Pool, Inc.*
 Docket No. ER18-499, *Southwestern Electric Power Company*