

DATES: Closed to the public Tuesday, March 3, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Wednesday, March 4, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The closed meeting will be held at The Pentagon, 2000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Monica Bachelier, (703) 571-9234 (Voice), 703-697-8606 (Facsimile), monica.t.bachelier.civ@mail.mil (Email). Mailing address is 2000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-2000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Due to circumstances beyond the control of the Department of Defense (DoD) and the Designated Federal Officer, the Defense Policy Board was unable to provide public notification required by 41 CFR 102-3.150(a) concerning the meeting on March 3 through 4, 2020 of the Defense Policy Board. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.150(b), waives the 15-calendar day notification requirement.

This meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C., App.), the Government in the Sunshine Act ("the Sunshine Act") (5 U.S.C. 552b), and 41 CFR 102-3.140 and 102-3.150.

Purpose of the Meeting: To obtain, review, and evaluate classified information related to the DPB's mission to advise on (a) issues central to strategic DoD planning; (b) policy implications of U.S. force structure and force modernization and on DoD's ability to execute U.S. defense strategy; (c) U.S. regional defense policies; and (d) other research and analysis of topics raised by the Secretary of Defense, the Deputy Secretary of Defense, or the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

Agenda: On March 3-4, 2020 the DPB will have classified discussions on national security implications related to Sino-Russian alignment. Topics and speakers include (1) an intel community baseline from National Intelligence Officers for Military Issues, East Asia, and Russia and Eurasia; (2) policy perspectives from the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for China and the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Russia, Ukraine, and Eurasia offices within the Office of the Secretary of Defense for Policy; (3) perspectives from the Russia Strategic Initiative and the China Strategic Focus Group; (4) perspectives from Mr. Jim Dobbins, RAND and Mr. Richard Weitz, the Hudson Institute; (5) insights from the Office of the Director for Net Assessment; (6) representatives from the United States Departments of Commerce and Treasury; (7) Defense Policy Board

member deliberations on Sino-Russian; and (8) a Defense Policy Board member outbrief to the Secretary of Defense on their recommendations regarding Sino-Russian alignment.

Meeting Accessibility: In accordance with section 10(d) of the FACA and 41 CFR 102-3.155, the DoD has determined that this meeting shall be closed to the public. The Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), in consultation with the DoD FACA Attorney, has determined in writing that this meeting be closed to the public because the discussions fall under the purview of Section 552b(c)(1) of the Sunshine Act and are so inextricably intertwined with unclassified material that they cannot reasonably be segregated into separate discussions without disclosing classified material.

Written Statements: In accordance with Section 10(a)(3) of the FACA and 41 CFR 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140(c), the public or interested organizations may submit written statements to the membership of the DPB at any time regarding its mission or in response to the stated agenda of a planned meeting. Written statements should be submitted to the DPB's Designated Federal Officer (DFO), which is listed in this notice or can be obtained from the GSA's FACA Database—<http://www.facadatabase.gov/>. Written statements that do not pertain to a scheduled meeting of the DPB may be submitted at any time. However, if individual comments pertain to a specific topic being discussed at a planned meeting, then these statements must be submitted no later than two business days prior to the meeting in question. The DFO will review all submitted written statements and provide copies to all members.

Dated: February 20, 2020.

Aaron T. Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DoD-2019-OS-0123]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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

ACTION: 30-Day information collection notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by March 27, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be emailed to Ms. Jasmeet Seehra, DoD Desk Officer, at oir_submission@omb.eop.gov. Please identify the proposed information collection by DoD Desk Officer, Docket ID number, and title of the information collection.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Angela James, 571-372-7574, or whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB

Number: Automated Repatriation Reporting System; DD Form 2585; OMB Control Number 0704-0334.

Type of Request: Extension.

Number of Respondents: 100.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 100.

Average Burden per Response: 20 Minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 33 Hours.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary for personnel accountability of all evacuees, regardless of nationality, who are processed through designated Repatriation Centers throughout the United States. The information obtained from DD Form 2585 is entered into an automated system; a series of reports is accessible to DoD Components, Federal and State agencies and the Red Cross, as required.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Ms. Jasmeet Seehra.

You may also submit comments and recommendations, identified by Docket ID 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 ID 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.

DOD Clearance Officer: Ms. Angela James.

Requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Ms. James at whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil.

Dated: February 21, 2020.

Aaron T. Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Guidance Portal

AGENCY: Office of the General Counsel, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Through this notice, the Department announces the existence and location of its guidance portal. This guidance portal is meant to make it easy for the public and our stakeholders to locate the Department's guidance documents through the links within the guidance portal.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Levon Schlichter, U.S. Department of Education, Office of the General Counsel, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, room 6E235, Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: (202) 453-6387. Email: Levon.Schlichter@ed.gov.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Executive Order 13891 and the Office of Management and Budget's implementing guidance at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/M-20-02-Guidance-Memo.pdf>, the Department publishes this notice of the existence of its guidance portal at <https://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/types-of-guidance-documents.html>. The Department initially developed this guidance portal in July 2019 to implement recommendation number two from the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee's Majority Staff Report recommendation.¹ As mentioned within the guidance portal, guidance documents lack the force and effect of law, except as authorized by law or as incorporated into a contract. In accordance with E.O. 13891, the Department will not retain in effect any guidance document without including it

in this guidance portal, nor shall the Department, in the future, issue a guidance document without including it in this guidance portal.

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.

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Principal Deputy General Counsel, delegated the Authority and Duties of the General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No. ED-2019-ICCD-0151]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; GEPA Section 427 Guidance for All Grant Applications

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing an extension of an existing information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 27, 2020.

ADDRESSES: To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED-2019-ICCD-0151. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be

submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. If the regulations.gov site is not available to the public for any reason, ED will temporarily accept comments at ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Please include the docket ID number and the title of the information collection request when requesting documents or submitting comments. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Strategic Collections and Clearance Governance and Strategy Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave., SW, LBJ, Room 6W-208B, Washington, DC 20202-4537.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Alfreida Pettiford, 202-245-6110.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: GEPA Section 427 Guidance for All Grant Applications.

OMB Control Number: 1894-0005.

¹ <https://republicans-oversight.house.gov/report/committee-report-scrutinizes-federal-regulatory-guidance-practices/>.