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(iv) *Military Department: Army (SP-B-WBS)*

(v) *Prior Related Cases, if any: SP-B-WBM*

(vi) *Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None*

(vii) *Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: See Attached Annex*

(viii) *Date Report Delivered to Congress: October 4, 2023*

\* As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

#### **POLICY JUSTIFICATION**

*Spain—Patriot Configuration-3+ Modernized Fire Units*

The Government of Spain has requested to buy four (4) Patriot Configuration-3+ Modernized Fire Units consisting of: fifty-one (51) Patriot Advanced Capability (PAC) 3 Missile Segment Enhanced (MSE) missiles (includes one (1) Fly-to-Buy missile); twenty-four (24) Patriot M903 launch stations; four (4) AN/MPQ-65 radar sets; four (4) AN/MSQ-132 Engagement Control Stations; two (2) Information Coordination Central (ICC); eight (8) Antenna Mast Groups; four (4) Electrical Power Plants; and four (4) Energy Power Units. Also included is communications equipment; tools and test equipment; range and test programs; support equipment and services comprising Skids kits, telemetry kits, generators, publications, and technical documentation; training equipment; spare and repair parts; Repair and Return; personnel training; New Equipment Training (NET); Technical Assistance Field Team (TAFT) support; Flight Test Support and Targets; U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance, engineering, and logistics support services; Systems Integration and Checkout (SICO) and Battalion Demonstration; field office support; and other related elements of logistics and

program support. The estimated total cost is \$2.8 billion.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security of the U.S. by improving the security of a NATO ally which is an important force for political stability and economic progress in Europe.

The proposed sale of the Patriot missile system will improve Spain's missile defense capability, increase the defensive capabilities of its military, and support its goal of improving national and territorial defense and interoperability with U.S. and NATO forces. Spain will use the Patriot to defend its territorial integrity and for regional stability. Spain will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The prime contractors will be Raytheon Corporation, Tewksbury, MA, and Lockheed Martin, Dallas, TX. There are no known offset agreements in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require U.S. Government and contractor representatives to travel to Spain for an extended period for system checkout, training, and technical and logistics support.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

Transmittal No. 23-58

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act

Annex

Item No. vii

(vii) *Sensitivity of Technology:*

1. The Patriot Advanced Capability (PAC) 3 Missile Segment Enhanced missile is a small, highly agile, kinetic kill interceptor for defense against tactical ballistic missiles, cruise missiles, and air-breathing threats. The MSE variant of the PAC-3 missile represents the next generation in hit-to-kill interceptors and provides expanded battlespace against evolving threats. The PAC-3 MSE improves upon the original PAC-3 capability with a higher performance solid rocket motor, modified lethality enhancer, more responsive control surfaces, upgraded guidance software, and insensitive munitions improvements.

2. M903 launcher stations are capable of launching the entire family of Patriot missiles. All new U.S. launchers are M903 configuration.

3. The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and

services included in this potential sale is SECRET.

4. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures that might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

5. A determination has been made that the Government of Spain can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

6. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to Spain.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

[Docket No.: ED-2024-SCC-0109]

### **Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; High School and Beyond 2022 (HS&B:22) First Follow-Up Field Test Data Collection**

**AGENCY:** National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing a revision of a currently approved information collection request (ICR).

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 12, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice. Click on this link [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain) to access the site. Find this information collection request (ICR) by selecting "Department of Education" under "Currently Under Review," then check the "Only Show ICR for Public Comment" checkbox. *Reginfo.gov* provides two links to view documents related to this information collection request. Information collection forms and instructions may be found by clicking on the "View Information

Collection (IC) List” link. Supporting statements and other supporting documentation may be found by clicking on the “View Supporting Statement and Other Documents” link.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Carrie Clarady, (202) 245-6347.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department 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:* High School and Beyond 2022 (HS&B:22) First Follow-up Field Test Data Collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 1850-0944.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved ICR.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 16,167.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 32,891.

*Abstract:* The High School and Beyond Longitudinal Study of 2022 (HS&B:22) is the sixth in a series of longitudinal studies at the high school level conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), within the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) of the U.S. Department of Education. HS&B:22 is following a nationally representative sample of ninth grade students from the start of high school in the fall of 2022 to the spring of 2026 when most will be in twelfth grade. The sample will be freshened in 2026 to create a nationally representative sample of twelfth-grade students. A high school transcript collection and additional follow-up data collections beyond high school are also planned.

A field test was conducted in fall 2019 and the first follow-up field test (F1FT) is planned for spring 2024 in preparation for the spring 2026 first follow-up full-scale study (F1FS). This submission is to request approval to conduct the HS&B:22 F1FT collection in the spring of 2024. OMB provided approval for F1FT sampling, tracking, and recruitment in March 2021 (OMB# 1850-0944 v.9).

Part A of this submission presents information on the basic design of HS&B:22. Part B discusses the statistical methods employed. Part C presents justification for the questionnaire content. Appendix A provides the communication materials to be used during state, school district, school, student, and parent F1FT recruitment and data collection activities. Appendix B provides the first follow-up field test data collection instruments.

Dated: November 6, 2024.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Applications for New Awards; Research Training Programs in the Education Sciences

**AGENCY:** Institute of Education Sciences, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Education (Department) is issuing a notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2025 for the Research Training Programs in the Education Sciences Grant Program.

**DATES:**

*Application Package Available:* November 14, 2024.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* March 7, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** For the addresses for obtaining and submitting an application, please refer to our Common Instructions for Applicants to Department of Education Discretionary Grant Programs, published in the **Federal Register** on December 7, 2022 (87 FR 75045) and available at [www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/12/07/2022-26554/common-instructions-for-applicants-to-department-of-education-discretionary-grant-programs](http://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/12/07/2022-26554/common-instructions-for-applicants-to-department-of-education-discretionary-grant-programs).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Schellinger. Telephone: 202-987-0765.

*Email:* [Jennifer.Schellinger@ed.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Schellinger@ed.gov).

If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability and wish to access telecommunications relay services, please dial 7-1-1.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## Full Text of Announcement

### I. Funding Opportunity Description

*Purpose of Program:* Through the Research Training Programs in the Education Sciences Grant Program, IES aims to prepare individuals to conduct rigorous and relevant education research that advances knowledge within the field and addresses issues important to education policymakers and practitioners.

*Assistance Listing Number:* 84.305B.

*OMB Control Number:* 4040-0001.

### Competition

The IES National Center for Education Research (NCER) is announcing one competition:

*Research Training Programs in the Education Sciences (ALN 84.305B).*

Under this competition, NCER will consider only applications that address one of the following topics:

- Early Career Development and Mentoring Program for Education Research
- Pathways to the Education Sciences Training Program
  - IES will not accept FY 2025 Pathways Training Program applications that include institutions that received an FY 2021 Pathways Training grant award or served as a partner institution on an FY 2021 Pathways Training grant award.
- Predoctoral Interdisciplinary Research Training Program in the Education Sciences
  - IES will not accept FY 2025 Predoctoral Training Program applications from institutions that received an FY 2020 Predoctoral Training grant award.
- Methods Training for Education Researchers

### Application Submission

You may submit one or more than one application to the IES FY 2025 Research Training Programs in the Education Sciences competition so long as you meet the following requirements.

- An institution may submit multiple applications to the Early Career Development and Mentoring Program so long as the Principal Investigator (PI) is different for each application and there is no overlap in mentors.
- An institution may not be the applicant or the partner on more than one application to the Pathways Training Program.
- An institution may not submit an application to the Pathways Training Program, or be a partner on an application, if it is the grantee or partner on an FY 2021 Pathways Training grant award.