

Laboratory (REL) Midwest research study, Teacher Preparation Program Completion: What Factors Play a Role? The study, scheduled for the 2024/25 school year, will focus on understanding factors influencing the completion of traditional undergraduate teacher preparation programs. This is crucial as traditional teacher preparation programs are the main sources of new teachers, yet the number of bachelor's degrees in education has declined by 18 percent between 2010 and 2020.

This study aims to address two main research questions: (1) How do the demographic and academic characteristics of students in traditional undergraduate teacher preparation programs differ between completers and noncompleters? and (2) How do personal and contextual factors relate to students' completion of traditional teacher preparation programs?

The study will collect quantitative survey data and qualitative interview data from students who completed and did not complete traditional undergraduate teacher preparation programs, supplemented by administrative data from teacher preparation programs. This approach will allow the study to gather information on personal and contextual factors not captured in administrative data, such as the ability to complete unpaid student teaching, perceptions of the teaching profession, and other intrinsic motivations and external conditions that influence completion.

The urgency to improve teacher candidate retention and graduation rates is driven by long-standing teacher shortages and a desire to increase racial/ethnic and gender diversity in the teacher workforce to mirror the composition of K–12 students in the United States. Findings from this study aim to inform program and policy-level solutions to support teaching candidates, particularly those from diverse backgrounds, ensuring they persist through their teacher preparation programs.

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**ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION**

**Sunshine Act Meetings**

**AGENCY:** Election Assistance Commission.

**ACTION:** Sunshine Act notice; Notice of public meeting agenda.

**SUMMARY:** Public Meeting; U.S. Election Assistance Commission Technical Guidelines Development Committee Meeting.

**DATES:** Tuesday, January 14th, 2025, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. ET.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in person at the National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence, 9700 Great Seneca Highway, Rockville, MD 20850. Pre-registration is required.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose:* In accordance with the Government in the Sunshine Act (Sunshine Act), Public Law 94–409, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552b), the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) will conduct annual meeting of the EAC Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC) to discuss regular business of the board.

*Agenda:* The EAC and TGDC members will hold an annual meeting to discuss program updates for EAC Testing and Certification and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Voting Program, and more. The full agenda will be posted in advance on the EAC website: <https://www.eac.gov/events/2025/01/14/eac-technical-guidelines-development-committee-2024-annual-meeting>. Registration is required to attend. Please register by January 6, 2025.

The EAC will accept written comments and questions from members of the public. If you would like to participate, please email [clearinghouse@eac.gov](mailto:clearinghouse@eac.gov) with your full name and question or comment no later than 9:00 a.m. E.T. on January 14, 2025.

*Background:* Section 221 of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 20971(b)) requires that the EAC adopt voluntary voting system guidelines, and provide for the testing, certification, decertification, and recertification of voting system hardware and software.

The TGDC was established in accordance with the requirements of Section 221 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107–252, codified at 52 U.S.C. 20961), to act in the public interest to assist the Executive Director of the EAC in the development of voluntary voting system guidelines.

*Status:* This meeting will be open to the public.

**Camden Kelliher,**

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**ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION**

**Sunshine Act Meetings**

**AGENCY:** Election Assistance Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice, request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the EAC announces an information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. The EAC intends to submit this proposed information collection (National Mail Voter Registration Form) to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget for approval. Section 9(a) of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (“NVRA”) and Section 802 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (“HAVA”) requires the responsible agency to maintain a national mail voter registration form for U.S. citizens that want to register to vote, to update registration information due to a change of name, make a change of address or to register with a political party by returning the form to their state election office.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by 5 p.m. Eastern on Monday, February 17, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the proposed information collection should be submitted electronically via <https://www.regulations.gov> (docket ID: EAC–2024–0004) or by email at [research@eac.gov](mailto:research@eac.gov). Written comments on the proposed information collection can also be sent to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 633 3rd Street NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20001, Attn: NVRA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Raymond Williams at 202–924–0794, or email [research@eac.gov](mailto:research@eac.gov); U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 633 3rd Street NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20001.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Comments:* Public comments are invited on: (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c)

ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) 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.

**Obtaining a Copy of the National Mail Voter Registration Form:** To obtain a free copy of the registration form: (1) Download a copy at <https://www.eac.gov/voters/national-mail-voter-registration-form>; or (2) write to the EAC (including your address and phone number) at U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 633 3rd Street NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20001, Attn: National Mail Voter Registration Form.

**Title and OMB Number:** National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) Regulations for Voter Registration Application; OMB Number 3265-0015.

**Purpose:** Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), Federal Agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. "Collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes Agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, the EAC is publishing notice of the proposed collection of information set forth in this document.

**Background:** Persons wishing to register to vote may use the National Mail Voter Registration form ("Federal form" or "form") to apply for voter registration. After completing the form, an applicant submits her/his form to their respective state election office for processing. States covered by the NVRA process the information from the form to register an applicant to vote. Neither EAC nor any other Federal agency processes or collects any information from the Federal form that a registration applicant submits to a state. Rather, EAC prescribes the Federal form, and states collect and record the information applicants submit. The Federal form is composed of the registration application, instructions for completing the application (General Instructions and Application Instructions), and state-specific instructions that identify each state's particular requirements. A copy

of the current form in English and 17 additional translated languages is available on EAC's website, at <https://www.eac.gov/voters/national-mail-voter-registration-form>.

**Public Comments:** Public 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.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your submitted comments, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

**Affected Public (Respondents):** U.S. citizens eligible to vote in jurisdictions that accept and use the National Mail Voter Registration form.

**Number of Respondents:** 2,500,000.

**Responses per Respondent:** 1.

**Estimated Burden per Response:** 0.12 hours per response.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 291,667 hours annualized.

**Frequency:** Annually.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Notice of Early Public and Governmental Engagement for Potential Designation of Tribal Energy Access, Southwestern Grid Connector, and Lake Erie-Canada National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors

**AGENCY:** Grid Deployment Office, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of early public and governmental engagement and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is issuing this Notice of Early Public and Governmental Engagement to invite input and comment from Federal and State

agencies, regional entities, Tribal and local governments, the public, and other interested parties on DOE's consideration of three potential National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors (NIETCs). This notice also provides date, time, and registration information for informational webinars regarding the potential NIETCs. DOE is seeking input and comments on the possible scope of analysis, including environmental, cultural, or socioeconomic effects should DOE designate any of the potential NIETCs, and the contents of DOE's engagement framework, including appropriate methods and locations of future NIETC-specific meetings. DOE also invites any other relevant feedback. Following consideration of comments and suggestions, DOE intends to refine geographic boundaries of the three potential NIETCs identified in this notice and determine its obligations under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other environmental review requirements for each potential NIETC designation identified in this notice. If DOE determines that NIETC designation is a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment, DOE will subsequently begin any necessary NEPA process. If DOE determines that NIETC designation is not a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment, then DOE expects that NEPA would not apply.

**DATES:** Comments and information are requested on or before February 14, 2025. Comments received or postmarked after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. There are three informational webinars scheduled during the comment period, one for each potential NIETC designation: the potential Tribal Energy Access Corridor on January 14, 2025, at 3 p.m. eastern; the potential Southwestern Grid Connector Corridor on January 15, 2025, at 3 p.m. eastern; and the potential Lake Erie-Canada Corridor on January 16, 2025, at 3 p.m. eastern. Information on how to register for these webinars can be found on DOE's NIETC website, at <https://www.energy.gov/gdo/national-interest-electric-transmission-corridor-designation-process>. These webinars will be recorded, and the recordings will be available at the same website when ready.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties are encouraged to submit comments using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), under the relevant docket number(s). Alternatively,