ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by February 16, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) (Force Management Policy) (Military Personnel Policy) /Accession Policy, ATTN: LTC Michael Ostroski, Room 2B271, 4000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301–4000.

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 above address or call (703) 695–5529.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: ''Report of Medical History,'' DD Form X376, OMB Control Number 0704–[To be Determined].

Needs and Uses: Title 10, USC Chapter 31: Section 504 and 505, and Chapter 33: Section 532, requires applicants to meet accession medical standards prior to enlistment into the Armed Forces (including the Coast Guard). If applicants' medical history reveals a medical condition that does not meet the accession medical standards, they are medically disqualified for military entrance. This form also will be used by all Service members not only in their initial medical examination but also for required periodic medical examinations.

Affected Public: Individuals or households

Annual Burden Hours: 256,659

Number of Respondents: 330,000

Responses Per Respondent: 1

Average Burden Per Response: .66 hours per respondent.

Frequency: One time.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

The new form associated with this information collection will replace the form currently used by the Department, ''SF 93—Report of Medical History.'' This new form is needed in order to obtain the medical information which affects entrance physical examinations, routine in-service physical examinations, separation physical examinations, and other medical examinations, as required.

The respondents are all applicants for enlistment, induction or commissioning. The applicant(s) completes the medical history information recorded on the form. This information collected provides the Armed Services with the medical history of applicants. The DD Form X376 is the method of collecting and verifying medical data on applicants applying for entrance. This DD Form X376 will be the official DoD medical document used by the Services through which historical medical information is collected, reviewed, and maintained.

Dated: December 9, 1998.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary of Defense

Department of Defense Wage Committee; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to the provisions of section 10 of Public Law 92–463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given that closed meetings of the Department of Defense Wage Committee will be held on January 5, 1999, January 12, 1999, January 19, 1999, and January 26, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. in Room A105, The Nash Building, 1400 Key Boulevard, Rosslyn, Virginia.

Under the provisions of section 10(d) of Public Law 92–463, the Department of Defense has determined that the meetings meet the criteria to close meetings to the public because the matters to be considered are related to internal rules and practices of the Department of Defense and the detailed wage data to be considered were obtained from officials of private establishments with a guarantee that the data will be held in confidence.

However, members of the public who may wish to do so are invited to submit material in writing to the chairman concerning matters believed to be deserving of the Committee's attention.

Additional information concerning the meetings may be obtained by writing to the Chairman, Department of Defense Wage Committee, 4000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301–4000.

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L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register, Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No.: 84.250H]

Vocational Rehabilitation Service Projects for American Indians With Disabilities; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1999

Purpose of Program: To provide vocational rehabilitation services to American Indians with disabilities who reside on or near Federal or State reservations, consistent with their individual strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, capabilities, and informed choice, so that they may prepare for and engage in gainful employment, including self-employment, telecommuting, or business ownership.

Eligible Applicants: Applications may be submitted only by the governing bodies of Indian tribes and consortia of those governing bodies located on Federal or State reservations.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: June 1, 1999.

Applications Available: December 15, 1998.

Available Funds: $3,800,000.

Estimated Range of Awards: $250,000—$350,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: $300,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 12.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Project Period: Up to 60 months.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 75, 77, 80, 81, and 82; and (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR parts 369 and 371.

Priority

Under section 121(b)(4) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Secretary gives preference to applications that meet the following competitive priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i) the Secretary awards 10 points to an application that meets this competitive priority. These points are in addition to any points the application earns under the selection criteria for the program:

Competitive Preference Priority—Continuation of Previously Funded Tribal Programs

Section 121(b)(4) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, provides that in making new awards under this program the Secretary gives priority consideration to applications for the continuation of tribal programs that

have been funded under this program. For this competition in fiscal year 1999, the Secretary implements this priority by giving a competitive preference of 10 bonus points, in accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i), to applications that meet this priority.

Selection Criteria: In evaluating an application for a new grant under this competition, the Secretary uses selection criteria chosen from the general selection criteria in 34 CFR 75.210 of EDGAR. The selection criteria to be used for this competition will be provided in the application package for this competition. For Applications Contact: The Grants and Contracts Service Team (GCST), U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Room 3317, Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202–2550. Telephone: (202) 205–8351. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday. The preferred method for requesting applications is to FAX your request to (202) 205–8717.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain a copy of the application package in an alternate format by contacting the GCST. However, the Department is not able to reproduce in an alternate format the standard forms included in the application package.

For Further Information Contact: Pamela Martin, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Room 3314, Switzer Building, Washington, D.C., 20202–2650. Telephone: (202) 205–8494. Individuals who use a telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

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Note: The official version of a document is the document published in the **Federal Register**.

Program Authority: 29 U.S.C. 711(c) and 750.

Dated: December 9, 1998.

Judith E. Heumann,

Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Great Lakes Regional Biomass Energy Program Management Project; Notice of Solicitation for Financial Assistance Applications

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Solicitation for financial assistance applications number DE–PS45–99R530403.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the DOE Financial Assistance Rules, 10 CFR 600.8, is announcing its intention to solicit applications for the Great Lakes Regional Biomass EnergyProgram (GLRBEP) Management Project. The selected applicant will receive financial assistance to manage GLRBEP under a financial assistance agreement with DOE.

DATES: The solicitation will be issued on or about December 7, 1998.

AVAILABILITY: To obtain a copy of the Solicitation once it is issued, interested parties must access the Golden Field Office Application, Award and Solicitation page at http://www.eren.doe.gov/golden/solicit.htm, click on ''solicitations'' and then locate the solicitation number identified above. DOE does not intend to issue written copies of the solicitation.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The major goals of the DOE GLRBEP are: to promote biomass energy by creating awareness, a positive image, and confidence in biomass energy technologies within the region; to develop a climate supportive of biomass energy among the general public and relevant government agencies; to assist both the public and private sectors in the responsible development, commercialization, and utilization of biomass energy technologies so that the region achieves full realization of associated energy, economic, and environmental benefits; and to select and perform activities that provide for responsible development of biomass energy within the region. The Great Lakes Region includes the following states: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin.

Applications must address each of the following activities in order to be considered for award. The activities are (1) management and planning, (2) information and outreach, and (3) project oversight and evaluation.

1. Management and Planning includes a plan for the overall management of the project at the state level, including coordination with the DOE Chicago Regional Support Office (CRSO) and GLRBEP ad hoc steering committees. The responsibility also includes development of resource plans and the provision of technical input to DOE for development of annual operating plans for the GLRBEP.

The GLRBEP Annual Operating Plan (AOP) is a document which will be prepared each year by the CRSO, with appropriate committee input, which provides guidance and direction to the program for the following Fiscal Year.

The draft FY '99 AOP will be made an attachment to the solicitation. It will be the responsibility of the recipient to guide the Program in meeting AOP objectives, recommend and implement changes to the AOP as necessary, and assist the CRSO in the preparation and completion of future AOP's.

2. Information and Outreach includes responding to inquiries about the program from interested parties, developing biotech briefs, collecting and contributing articles to support biomass publications, and preparing regional biomass energy program reports. The recipient also will coordinate and publish a regional newsletter at least quarterly and will establish and maintain a GLRBEP Internet site which provides relevant biomass program information and project summaries.

3. Project Oversight and Evaluation includes the award and administration of subgrants to organizations in the region. The recipient will solicit applications for projects in support of program objectives through a competitive solicitation. Administration of the individual subgrants, including financial commitments, performance tracking, and the provision of periodic reports to DOE, will be the