requirements outlined in Section IV of this Notice (e.g., number and duration of training events and number of participants; number of technical assistance visits; number and type of consultations; curricular modules and other materials, etc.).

b. Detailed work plan for accomplishing the objectives to include a timeline for implementing each objective.

c. A plan for regularly evaluating performance and reporting findings and proposed improvements to the Corporation.

3. A narrative of no more than four double-spaced, single-sided, typed pages in no smaller than 12-point font describing the organization's capacity to provide training and technical assistance services nationwide, including descriptions of recent work similar to that being proposed, references that can be contacted related to that work, organizational structure and staff strengths and backgrounds (lists and resumes, along with anticipated rates of pay, of proposed staff and expert consultants shall be included in an appendix; this information is not subject to the page limits that are otherwise applicable).

4. A detailed, line-item budget with hours and costs organized by personnel, task and sub-task and related to the activities and deliverables outlined in the introductory narrative.

a. Include staff and expert-consultant hours and pay rates being proposed by task and sub-task, and indicate by task and sub-task the types and quantities of other direct costs being proposed (for example, amounts of travel; volumes of other task-related resources, such as communications, postage, etc.). Costs in proposed budgets must consist solely of costs allowable under applicable cost principles found in OMB Circulars.

b. Provide a budget narrative that includes an explanation of the basis for the cost estimates. The organization of the budget narrative should parallel that of the line-item budget. Each of the elements and sub-elements that comprise the totals of the individual budget lines must be fully explained in the narrative. The narrative should show how each cost was derived, using equations to reflect all factors considered. The anticipated unit cost (with derivation) of the various deliverables (such as training events and technical assistance interventions) should be provided.

c. Identify other funding sources, if any, which will be used to support the proposed training and technical assistance services. Applicants should be mindful that a demonstrated commitment to providing services in the most cost-effective manner possible will be a major consideration in the evaluation of proposals. (Provider match is not required.)

B. Selection Criteria

The Corporation will assess applications based on the criteria listed below.

1. Quality (30%)

The Corporation will consider the quality of the proposed activities based on:

a. Demonstrated understanding of the needs of state commissions, Corporation-funded programs, and the Corporation itself.

b. Descriptions of proposed training and technical assistance techniques, including procedures for testing new curricula and training activities before offering them on a large scale.

c. The degree to which the objectives outlined in the proposal's introductory narrative are addressed through the work plan.

2. Organizational and Personnel Capacity (30%)

The Corporation will consider the organizational capacity of the applicant to deliver the proposed services based on:

a. Demonstrated organizational experience in delivering high-quality training and technical assistance, particularly in the area(s) under consideration, in a flexible, responsive, collaborative and creative manner.

b. Background of the organization's leadership and staff/consultants proposed for the project.

c. Demonstrated ability to manage a federal grant or apply sound fiscal management principles to grants and cost accounting.

d. Demonstrated ability to provide training and technical assistance services nationwide on a cost-effective basis.

3. Evaluation (10%)

The Corporation will consider how the applicant:

a. Proposes to assess its services and products delivered under the award.

b. Plans to use assessments of its services and products to modify and improve subsequent services and products.

4. Budget (30%)

The Corporation will consider the budget based on:

a. Scope of the proposed training and technical assistance activity (e.g., the number of states, programs and individuals the proposed activities are intended to reach);

b. Cost-effectiveness of the proposed activity, in part, in consideration of the scale and comprehensiveness of the services proposed for the funding requested.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 12653(e).

CFDA No. 94.009 Training and Technical Assistance.

Dated: July 20, 1999.

William H. Bentley,

Director, Department of Evaluation and Effective Practices, Corporation for National and Community Service.

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DEPARTMMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Officer of the Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness).

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with section 3506(c)(2) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) announced the following proposed renewal of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. 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 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.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by September 27, 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/Compensation), ATTN: Lt Col Joseph L. Brown, 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) 693–1068.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Control Number: Validation of Public or Community Service Employment Performed by retired Personnel Retired Under the Temporary Early Retirement Authority (TERA) for Increased Retirement Compensation, DD Form 2676, 0704–0357.

Needs and Uses: This information collection requirement is necessary to validate and credit increased retirement compensation for qualifying public or community service employment performed by retired personnel of the Armed Forces who retired under the early retirement program.

Affected Public: Individuals and households; not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government; State, local or Tribal Government.

Annual Budget Hours: 333.

Number of Respondents: 2,000.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 10 minutes.

Frequency: Upon employment, annually, and at the end of employment.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

Retired personnel employed by a public or community service employer, listed on the Registry of Public and Community Service Organizations, receive military service credit for all qualifying periods of employment during the enhanced retirement qualification period. This is the period beginning on the date of retirement and ending on the date the retired person would have attained 20 years of creditable service for retired pay purposes. Employers certify full-time, paid employment (full-time employment is defined by the organization concerned, but is typically at least 33 hours per week or 143 hours per month, including paid holidays and paid periods of leave or vacation). Retired personnel then mail the validation form to the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) for review and processing in a data base designed for this purpose. For each qualifying period of employment, the amount of military service credit shall be computed by subtracting the date of the first day of employment or the first day of the enhanced retirement qualification period, whichever is later, from the date of the last day of employment or the last day of the enhanced retirement qualification period, whichever is earlier, and adding 1 day to account for inclusive dates. DMDC will then send retired personnel blank forms for future certification.

Dated: July 21, 1999.

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

Ballistic Missile Defense Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of Advisory Committee Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) Advisory Committee will meet in closed session at the Consolidated Support Facility, 1901 North Moore Street, Suite 750, Arlington, Virginia, on August 5, 1999.

The mission of the BMD Advisory Committee is to advise the Secretary of Defense and Deputy Secretary of Defense, through the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology), on all matters relating to BMD acquisition, system development, and technology.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. No. 92–463, as amended by 5 U.S.C., Appendix II, it is hereby determined that this BMD Advisory Committee meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C., 552b(c)(1), and that accordingly this meeting will be closed to the public.

Dated: July 21, 1999.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program, Scientific Advisory Board

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), announcement is made of the following Committee meeting:

Date of Meeting: August 11, 1999 from 0830 to 1700 and August 12, 1999 from 0830 to 1300.

Place: Holiday Inn Arlington at Ballston, 4610 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203.

Matters to be Considered: Research and Development proposals and continuing projects requesting Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program funds in excess of $1M will be reviewed.

This meeting is open to the public. Any interested person may attend, appear before, or file statements with the Scientific Advisory Board at the time and in the manner permitted by the Board.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Amy Kelly, SERDP Program Office, 901 North Stuart Street, Suite 303, Arlington, VA or by telephone at (703) 696–2124.

Dated: July 21, 1999.

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 Pub. L. 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 August 3, 1999, August 10, 1999, August 17, 1999, August 24, 1999, and August 31, 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 the Pub. L. 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