project was received by Public Law 109–359, making Appropriations for the Department of Defense for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2006, and for Other Purposes (December 18, 2005). The original Final EIS was reviewed and any new conditions that were not addressed in the 1989 Final EIS were evaluated as part of the Final Supplemental EIS to ensure compliance with all environmental laws and regulations.

2. Alternative scenarios to be considered in the DEIS include the “No action” alternative and an array of 50-foot wide incremental alternatives to widen the Federal Lower Pascagoula Channel and Bayou Casotte Channel up to a total width of 150 feet on either one side or both sides of the Channel(s). In addition, an array of disposal options are also being evaluated for the new work as well as for the maintenance material including upland disposal site(s), littoral zone disposal, beneficial use, disposal in the existing Pascagoula ODMDS, and disposal in existing open-water disposal sites.

3. Scoping: a. The Corps invites full public participation to promote open communication on the issues surrounding the proposal. All Federal, State, and local agencies, and other persons or organizations that have an interest are urged to participate in the NEPA scoping process. Public meetings will be held to help identify significant issues and to receive public input and comment.

b. The DEIS will analyze the potential social, economic, and environmental impacts to the local area resulting from improvements to the Federal Pascagoula Harbor Navigation Project. Specifically, the following major issues will be analyzed in depth in the DEIS: Hydrologic and hydraulic regimes, threatened and endangered species, essential fish habitat and other marine habitat, air quality, cultural resources, transportation systems, alternatives, socioeconomic impacts, environmental justice (effect on minorities and low-income groups) (Executive Order 12898), and protection of children (Executive Order 13045).

c. The Corps will serve as the lead Federal agency in the preparation of the DEIS. It is anticipated that the following agencies will be invited and will accept cooperating agency status for the preparation of the DEIS: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, Jackson County Port Authority, Mississippi Secretary of State, National Park Service, Minerals Management Service, Mississippi Museum of Natural Science, and Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

4. A public scoping meeting will be held (see DATES AND ADDRESSES). Actual time(s) and place(s) for subsequent meetings or workshops will be announced by the Corps by issuance of a public notice and/or notices in the local media.

5. It is anticipated that the DEIS will be made available for public review in November 2012.

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DePARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Inland Waterways Users Board;
Request for Nominations

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Section 302 of Public Law 99–662 established the Inland Waterways Users Board. The Board is an independent Federal advisory committee. The Secretary of the Army appoints its 11 members. This notice is to solicit nominations for appointments or reappointments to two-year terms that will begin after July 1, 2010.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The selection, service, and appointment of Board members are covered by provisions of Section 302 of Public Law 99–662. The substance of those provisions is as follows:

a. Selection. Members are to be selected from the spectrum of commercial carriers and shippers using the inland and intracoastal waterways, to represent geographical regions, and to be representative of waterborne commerce as determined by commodity ton-miles statistics.

b. Service. The Board is required to meet at least semi-annually to develop and make recommendations to the Secretary of the Army on waterways construction and rehabilitation priorities and spending levels for commercial navigation improvements, and report its recommendations annually to the Secretary and Congress.

c. Appointment. The operation of the Board and appointment of its members are subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended) and departmental implementing regulations. Members serve without compensation, but their expenses due to Board activities are reimbursable. The considerations specified in Section 302 for the selection of the Board members, and certain terms used therein, have been interpreted, supplemented, or otherwise clarified as follows:

(1) Carriers and Shippers. The law uses the terms “primary users and shippers.” Primary users have been interpreted to mean the providers of transportation services on inland waterways such as barge or towboat operators. Shippers have been interpreted to mean the purchasers of such services for the movement of commodities they own or control.

Individuals are appointed to the Board, but they must be either a carrier or shipper, or represent a firm that is a carrier or shipper. For that purpose a trade or regional association is neither a shipper nor primary user.

(2) Geographical Representation. The law specifies “various” regions. For the purpose of selecting Board members, the waterways subjected to fuel taxes and described in Public Law 95–502, as amended, have been aggregated into six regions. They are (1) the Upper Mississippi River and its tributaries above the mouth of the Ohio; (2) the Lower Mississippi River and its tributaries below the mouth of the Ohio and above Baton Rouge; (3) the Ohio River and its tributaries; (4) the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway in Louisiana and Texas; (5) the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway east of New Orleans and associated fuel-taxed waterways including the Tennessee-Tombigbee, plus the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway below Norfolk; and (6) the Columbia-Snake Rivers System and Upper Willamette. The intent is that each region shall be represented by at least one Board member, with that representation determined by the regional concentration of the individual’s traffic on the waterways.

(3) Commodity Representation. Waterway commerce has been aggregated into six commodity categories based on “inland” ton-miles shown in Waterborne Commerce of the
United States. These categories are (1) Farm and Food Products; (2) Coal and Coke; (3) Petroleum, Crude and Products; (4) Minerals, Ores, and Primary Metals and Mineral Products; (5) Chemicals and Allied Products; and (6) All Other. A consideration in the selection of Board members will be that the commodities carried or shipped by those individuals or their firms will be reasonably representative of the above commodity categories.

d. Nomination. Reflecting preceding selection criteria, the current representation by the one (1) Board member whose term has expired is Region 1 and a shipper.

Nominations to replace Board members whose terms expire may be made by individuals, firms or associations. Nominations will:

(1) State the region(s) to be represented.
(2) State whether the nominee is representing carriers, shippers or both.
(3) Provide information on the nominee's personal qualifications, such as a bio or a resume.
(4) Include the commercial operations of the carrier and/or shipper with whom the nominee is affiliated. This commercial operations information will show the actual or estimated ton-miles of each commodity carried or shipped on the inland waterways system in a recent year (or years) using the waterway regions and commodity categories previously listed.

Nominations received in response to Federal Register notices published on February 17, 2006 (71 FR 8568), on July 7, 2006 (71 FR 38629), on February 16, 2007 (72 FR 7620), on February 24, 2007 (72 FR 7620), and the notice published on February 11, 2008 (73 FR 39052) and the notice published on February 24, 2009 (74 FR 8236) have been retained for consideration. Renomination is not required but highly encouraged to indicate continued interest and provide updated information.

e. Deadline for Nominations. All nominations must be received at the address shown above no later than March 15, 2010.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 5, 2010.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

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.

Dated: February 1, 2010.

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Institute of Education Sciences

Type of Review: New.

Title: Evaluation of Response to Intervention Practices for Elementary School Reading (Site Recruitment).

Frequency: On Occasion.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Gov’t; SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 515.

Burden Hours: 333.

Abstract: The Evaluation of Response to Intervention (RtI) Practices for Elementary School Reading will inform the National Assessment of IDEA 2004, and the choices of districts and schools, by studying the implementation and impact of practices to identify and intervene early with struggling readers and, when needed, determine students’ eligibility for special education. The Department seeks clearance for the site recruitment materials. A subsequent OMB package will seek approval for instruments to collect data for an in-depth study of RtI design, implementation, and impact in sites operating mature RtI programs.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from http://edicsweb.ed.gov, by selecting the “Browse Pending Collections” link and by clicking on link number 4223. When you access the information collection, click on “Download Attachments” to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202–4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to ICDOcketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202–401–0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202–4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to ICDOcketMgr@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required