

Perkins (Perkins) Loans; 84.063) Federal Pell Grant (Pell) Program; 84.069 Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (LEAP) Programs; and 84.268 William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Programs)

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance; Meeting

**AGENCY:** Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of upcoming teleconference meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming teleconference meeting of the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance. Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (*i.e.*, interpreting services, assistive listening devices, and/or materials in alternative format) should notify Ms. Hope M. Gray at (202) 219-2099 or via e-mail at [hope.gray@ed.gov](mailto:hope.gray@ed.gov) no later than 2 p.m. on Thursday, September 23, 2004. We will attempt to meet requests after this date but cannot guarantee availability of the requested accommodation. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. This notice also describes the functions of the Committee. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public.

**DATE AND TIME:** Monday, September 27, 2004, beginning at 1 p.m. and ending at approximately 3 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** 80 F Street, NW., Suite 412, Washington, DC 20001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Brian K. Fitzgerald, Staff Director, Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, 80 F Street, NW., Suite 413, Washington, DC 20202-7582; (202) 219-2099.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance is established under Section 491 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 as amended by Public Law 100-50 (20 U.S.C. 1098). The Advisory Committee serves as an independent source of advice and counsel to the Congress and the Secretary of Education on student financial aid policy. Since its inception,

the congressional mandate requires the Advisory Committee to conduct objective, nonpartisan, and independent analyses on important aspects of the student assistance programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act. In addition, Congress expanded the Advisory Committee's agenda in the Higher Education Amendments of 1998 in several important areas: Access, Title IV modernization, distance education, and early information and needs assessment. Specifically, the Advisory Committee is to review, monitor and evaluate the Department of Education's progress in these areas and report recommended improvements to Congress and the Secretary.

The FY2004 Consolidated Appropriations Act (H.R. 2673), which was signed into law on January 23, 2004, directs the Advisory Committee to examine the federal financial aid formula and application forms in order to simplify and streamline the programs to make the system easier, more responsive, and fairer for students and families. The Advisory Committee is well suited to conduct this study, drawing upon the expertise of its eleven members and its experience conducting other broad studies on financial aid issues. The Advisory Committee also has the particular mission of examining the impact of these issues on low- and moderate-income students, a specific goal of the study.

The proposed agenda includes: (a) A discussion of the plan and direction for Phase II of the simplification study, and (b) election of officers. Space is limited, and you are encouraged to contact the Advisory Committee staff through the Internet at [ADV\\_COMSFA@ed.gov](mailto:ADV_COMSFA@ed.gov) no later than Thursday, September 23, 2004, if you wish to participate. Also, you may contact the Advisory Committee staff at (202) 219-2099. The Advisory Committee will meet in Washington, DC via teleconference on Monday, September 27, 2004, from 1 p.m. until approximately 3 p.m.

Space is limited and you are encouraged to register early if you plan to participate. You may register through the Internet by e-mailing the Advisory Committee at [ADV\\_COMSFA@ed.gov](mailto:ADV_COMSFA@ed.gov) or at [Tracy.Deanna.Jones@ed.gov](mailto:Tracy.Deanna.Jones@ed.gov). Please include your name, title, affiliation, complete address (including Internet and e-mail—if available), and telephone and fax numbers. If you are unable to register electronically, you may mail or fax your registration information to the Advisory Committee staff office at (202) 219-3032. Also, you may contact the Advisory Committee staff at (202) 219-2099. **The registration deadline is Thursday, September 23, 2004.**

Records are kept of all Committee proceedings, and are available for public inspection at the Office of the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, Capitol Place, 80 F Street, NW., Suite 413, Washington, DC from the hours of 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Information regarding the simplification study will also be made available on the Advisory Committee's Web site <http://www.ed.gov/ACSFA>.

**Dr. Brian K. Fitzgerald,**

*Staff Director, Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Northern New Mexico

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Northern New Mexico. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Wednesday, September 29, 2004, 1 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Cities of Gold Hotel, Pojoaque, NM.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Menice Manzanares, Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board (NNMCAB), 1660 Old Pecos Trail, Suite B, Santa Fe, NM 87505. Phone (505) 995-0393; fax (505) 989-1752 or e-mail: [mmanzanares@doeal.gov](mailto:mmanzanares@doeal.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

### Tentative Agenda

*Wednesday, September 29, 2004*

1 p.m.

Call to Order by Ted Taylor, Deputy Designated Federal Officer (DDFO); Establishment of a Quorum; Welcome and Introductions by Chair; Approval of Agenda; Approval of Minutes of July 28, 2004

1:15 p.m.

Public Comment