

Consumer Focus Groups—(OMB Control Number 3041–0136—Extension).

The Commission is authorized, under section 5(a) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (“CPSA”), 15 U.S.C. 2054(a), to collect information, conduct research, and perform studies and investigations relating to the causes and prevention of deaths, accidents, injuries, illnesses, other health impairments, and economic losses associated with consumer products. Section 5(b) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2054(b), further provides that the Commission may conduct research, studies and investigations on the safety of consumer products or test consumer products and develop product safety test methods and testing devices.

To better identify and evaluate the risks of product-related incidents, the Commission staff invites and obtains direct feedback from consumers on issues related to product safety such as recall effectiveness, product use, and perceptions regarding safety issues. Through participation in certain focus groups, consumers answer questions and provide information regarding their actual experiences, opinions and/or perceptions on the use or pattern of use of a specific product or type of product, including recalled products. The information collected from the Consumer Focus Groups will help inform the Commission’s evaluation of consumer products and product use by providing insight and information into consumer perceptions and usage patterns. Such information also may assist the Commission’s efforts to support voluntary standards activities and help identify areas regarding consumer safety issues that need additional research. In addition, the information will assist with forming new ways of providing user friendly data to consumers through CPSC’s Web site and information and education campaigns.

If this information is not collected, the Commission may not have available certain useful information regarding consumer experiences, opinions, and perceptions related to specific product use in its ongoing efforts to improve the safety of consumer products and safety information on behalf of consumers. Currently, the Commission staff relies on its expert judgment about consumer behavior, perceptions, and similar information related to consumer products and product use. Not conducting the information collection activity, therefore, could reduce the quality of assessments currently completed by Commission staff. The information collection activity would likely provide the Commission staff with information that would focus the

staff’s assessments, or could provide insight into consumer perceptions and usage patterns that could not be anticipated by Commission staff.

In the **Federal Register** of June 7, 2010 (75 FR 32161), the CPSC published a 60-day notice requesting public comment on the proposed collection of information. No comments were received.

We estimate the burden of this collection of information as follows. We anticipate that, over the three year period of this request, we will conduct 40 focus groups and 20 one-on-one interviews for a variety of projects. The total hours of burden to the respondents are: (4 hours per person × 400 participants) + (30 minutes per person × 20 participants) = 1,610 hours (537 hours budgeted per year for three years). The total annual cost is: 1,610 × \$29.40 (U.S. Department of Labor, Employer costs for Employee Compensation, September 2009) = \$47,334 (\$15,778 budgeted per year for three years).

The estimated annual cost of the information collection requirements to the Federal government is approximately \$140,000 per year for three years. Salary and benefits costs for government personnel assigned to this study are estimated at \$127,573 based on 9 months of staff time at an average level of GS–14 step 5 (((\$119,238 ÷ .701) ÷ 12 months) × 21 months), using a 70.1 percent ratio of wages and salary to total compensation from Table 1 of the December 2009 Employer Costs for Employee Compensation, published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. This sum also includes travel costs expended for meeting with contractors (\$40,000, estimated at \$1,000 per focus group), and contracts for conducting focus groups and/or one-on-one interviews (\$250,000, estimated at \$5,000 per focus group and \$2,500 per one-on-one interview).

Dated: September 14, 2010.

Todd A. Stevenson,
Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board

AGENCY: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the membership of the Defense Nuclear

Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) Senior Executive Service (SES) Performance Review Board (PRB).

DATES: *Effective Date:* September 17, 2010.

ADDRESS: Send comments concerning this notice to: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue, NW., Suite 700, Washington, DC 20004–2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah Bisciegia by telephone at (202) 694–7041 or by e-mail at debbieb@dnfsb.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 5 U.S.C. 4314 (c)(1) through (5) requires each agency to establish, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Office of Personnel Management, one or more performance review boards. The PRB shall review and evaluate the initial summary rating of the senior executive’s performance, the executive’s response, and the higher level official’s comments on the initial summary rating. In addition, the PRB will review and recommend executive performance bonuses and pay increases.

The DNFSB is a small, independent Federal agency; therefore, the members of the DNFSB SES Performance Review Board listed in this notice are drawn from the SES ranks of other agencies. The following persons comprise a standing roster to serve as members of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board SES Performance Review Board: Christopher E. Aiello, Director of Human Resources, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
David M. Capozzi, Director of Technical and Information Services, United States Access Board
DeDe Greene, Executive Officer, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice
Christopher W. Warner, General Counsel, U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board

Dated: September 10, 2010.

Brian Grosner,
Chairman, Executive Resources Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Meeting of the Independent Panel To Review the Judge Advocate Requirements of the Department of the Navy

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Open Meetings.

SUMMARY: The Independent Panel to Review the Judge Advocate

Requirements of the Department of the Navy (DoN) (hereinafter referred to as the Panel) will hold two open meetings on two separate dates. The Panel will meet in order to hear testimony from civilian and military witnesses and to conduct deliberations concerning the judge advocate requirements of the DoN. These sessions will be open to the public, subject to the availability of space. In keeping with the spirit of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), the Panel welcomes written comments concerning its work from the public at any time. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend the sessions.

DATES: The meetings will be held on Wednesday, October 6, 2010, from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and on Wednesday, October 13, 2010, from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Both meetings will be held at the Residence Inn Arlington Pentagon City, 550 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public wishing further information concerning these meetings or wishing to submit written comments may contact: Mr. Frank A. Putzu, Designated Federal Official, Department of the Navy, Office of the General Counsel, Naval Sea Systems Command, Office of Counsel, 1333 Isaac Hull Avenue, SE., Washington Navy Yard, Building 197, Room 4W-3153, Washington, DC 20376, via telephone: 202-781-3097; Fax: 202-781-4628; or e-mail: frank.putzu@navy.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the provisions of section 506 of Public Law 111-84, FACA of 1972, (5 U.S.C. Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.50, this is a public meeting and interested citizens are encouraged to attend the sessions.

Interested persons may submit a written statement for consideration by the Panel at any time prior to October 1, 2010, for the meeting on October 6, 2010, and prior to October 8, 2010, for the meeting on October 13, 2010.

Dated: September 10, 2010.

D.J. Werner,

Lieutenant Commander, Office of the Judge Advocate General, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Postsecondary Education; Overview Information; Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (DDRA) Fellowship Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.022A.

Dates:

Applications Available: September 17, 2010.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: November 2, 2010.

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: The Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (DDRA) Fellowship Program provides opportunities to doctoral candidates to engage in full-time dissertation research abroad in modern foreign languages and area studies. The program is designed to contribute to the development and improvement of the study of modern foreign languages and area studies in the United States.

Priorities: This notice contains one absolute priority, and two competitive preference priorities, which are explained in the following paragraphs. In accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(ii), the absolute priority and the competitive preference priorities are from the regulations for this program (34 CFR 662.21(d)).

Absolute Priority: For FY 2011, this priority is an absolute priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) we consider only applications that meet this priority.

This priority is:

A research project that focuses on one or more of the following geographic areas: Africa, East Asia, Southeast Asia and the Pacific Islands, South Asia, the Near East, Central and Eastern Europe and Eurasia, and the Western Hemisphere (excluding the United States and its territories). Please note that applications that propose projects focused on the following countries are not eligible: Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Vatican City.

Within this absolute priority, we give competitive preference to applications that address the following priorities.

For FY 2011, these priorities are competitive preference priorities. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i) and 34 CFR 662.21(d)(2)(iv), we award an additional

five (5) points to an application for each competitive preference priority it meets (up to 10 additional points).

These priorities are:

Competitive Preference Priority 1: A research project that focuses on any of the seventy-eight (78) languages selected from the U.S. Department of Education's list of Less Commonly Taught Languages (LCTLs):

Akan (Twi-Fante), Albanian, Amharic, Arabic (all dialects), Armenian, Azeri (Azerbaijani), Balochi, Bamanakan (Bamana, Bambara, Mandikan, Mandingo, Maninka, Dyula), Belarusian, Bengali (Bangla), Berber (all languages), Bosnian, Bulgarian, Burmese, Cebuano (Visayan), Chechen, Chinese (Cantonese), Chinese (Gan), Chinese (Mandarin), Chinese (Min), Chinese (Wu), Croatian, Dari, Dinka, Georgian, Gujarati, Hausa, Hebrew (Modern), Hindi, Igbo, Indonesian, Japanese, Javanese, Kannada, Kashmiri, Kazakh, Khmer (Cambodian), Kirghiz, Korean, Kurdish (Kurmanji), Kurdish (Sorani), Lao, Malay (Bahasa Melayu or Malaysian), Malayalam, Marathi, Mongolian, Nepali, Oromo, Panjabi, Pashto, Persian (Farsi), Polish, Portuguese (all varieties), Quechua, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Sinhala (Sinhalese), Somali, Swahili, Tagalog, Tajik, Tamil, Telugu, Thai, Tibetan, Tigrigna, Turkish, Turkmen, Ukrainian, Urdu, Uyghur/Uigur, Uzbek, Vietnamese, Wolof, Xhosa, Yoruba, and Zulu.

Competitive Preference Priority 2: Research projects that are proposed by applicants using advanced language proficiency in one of the 78 languages selected from the U.S. Department of Education's list of LCTLs, which are also listed in competitive preference priority 1, in their research and focus on one of the following fields or topics: Environmental Science, Economics, Public Health, Education, or Political Science.

Note: An applicant will receive an additional five points for each competitive preference priority the applicant meets in his or her application (up to 10 points).

Program Authority: 22 U.S.C. 2452(b)(6).

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 81, 82, 84, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99. (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR part 662.

Note: The regulations in 34 CFR part 86 apply to institutions of higher education (IHEs) only.