

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 3, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Education Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10222, Washington, DC 20503. Commenters are encouraged to submit responses electronically by e-mail to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov or via fax to (202) 395-6974. Commenters should include the following subject line in their response "Comment: [insert OMB number], [insert abbreviated collection name, e.g., "Upward Bound Evaluation"]". Persons submitting comments electronically should not submit paper copies.

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 IC Clearance Official, 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.

Dated: October 28, 2008.

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IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information
Management Services, Office of Management.

Federal Student Aid

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Frequency: Weekly; Monthly; Annually.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; businesses or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 17,123,392.

Burden Hours: 8,341,867.

Abstract: The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) collects the data necessary to determine a student's eligibility for participation in the following federal student assistance programs identified in the Higher Education Act (HEA): The Federal Pell Grant Program; the Campus-Based Programs; the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program; the Federal Family Education Loan Program; the Academic Competitiveness Grant; and the National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent (SMART) Grant.

Requests for copies of the information collection submission for OMB review may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 3804. 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 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

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**Office of Postsecondary Education,
International Education Programs
Service**

ACTION: Notice Announcing the Technical Assistance Workshop for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 Title VI Institute for International Public Policy Program and FY 2010 Title VI National Resource Centers Program, Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships Program, Centers for International Business Education Program, and Language Resource Centers Program.

SUMMARY: The Department expects to hold competitions for grants under the above-referenced Title VI programs for FY 2009 and FY 2010. This notice provides information about a two-day technical assistance workshop to assist institutions of higher education interested in preparing grant applications for new awards under these programs. The International Education Programs Service staff, other Department staff, as well as guest speakers, will present information about the purpose of the Title VI programs, the selection criteria used to evaluate grant applications, data collection and performance reporting requirements, evaluation, the peer review process, submitting applications on the Grants.gov Apply site, guidance for preparing the application narrative and budget, competition priorities, if any, and other technical assistance topics.

Although the Department has not yet announced application deadline dates in the **Federal Register**, the Department is conducting this workshop to provide potential applicants with information they will need for preparing grant applications for competitions we expect to conduct for FY 2009 and FY 2010 new awards. Specific requirements for these competitions will be published in separate **Federal Register** notices. This notice announces the technical assistance workshop only.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carla White, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006-8521.
Telephone: (202) 502-7631. *E-mail:* carla.white@ed.gov.

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Individuals with disabilities may obtain this document in an alternative format (e.g., Braille, large print, audio

tape, or computer diskette) on request to the contact person listed in this section.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Technical Assistance Workshop will be held at the following location: Crystal Gateway Marriott, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202, Telephone: (800) 228-9290, Reservation Code: DOEO.

The Technical Assistance Workshop will be held February 2-3, 2009, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Registration packets will be available Sunday, February 1, from 4 p.m.-6 p.m., and on Monday, February 2, from 8 a.m.-9 a.m. A registration fee is not required for this workshop; however, space is limited. Attendees are responsible for making their own travel and hotel reservations. Please be advised that Title VI funds may not be used to attend this workshop. We encourage those who will be writing the grant application, collecting data for the application and performance reports, as well as those who will be submitting applications using the Grants.gov Apply site, to attend the workshop. We also encourage attendance from persons responsible for specific program areas such as evaluation, language assessment, outreach, and fellowships administration.

The full agenda for this workshop will be posted at a later date at the following Web site: <http://www.ed.gov/ope/iegps>.

Assistance to Individuals With Disabilities Attending the Technical Assistance Workshop

The technical assistance workshop site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. If you need an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the workshop (e.g., interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternative format), notify the contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** at least two weeks before the scheduled workshop date. Although we will attempt to meet a request received after that date, we may not be able to make available the requested auxiliary aid or service because of insufficient time to arrange it.

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To use PDF, you must have Adobe Acrobat Reader, which is available free at this site. If you have any questions about using PDF, call the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO), toll

free, at 1-888-293-6498; or, in the Washington, DC area at (202) 512-1530.

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Acting Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

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ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Federal Advisory Committee Act; Standards Board Charter Renewal

AGENCY: Election Assistance Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Charter Renewal.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the purpose of this notice is to announce that the Election Assistance Commission (EAC) has renewed the charter for the Standards Board for a two-year period through October 27, 2010. The Standards Board is a Federal advisory committee under the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

DATES: Renewed through October 27, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Election Assistance Commission, 1225 New York Avenue, NW., Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gineen Beach, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 566-3100. E-mail: havainfo@eac.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Standards Board is a Federal advisory committee created by statute whose mission is to advise the EAC through review of the voluntary voting systems guidelines; through review of voluntary guidance; and review of best practices recommendations. In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended, this

notice advises interested persons of the renewal of the Standards Board charter.

Thomas R. Wilkey,

Executive Director, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

Charter of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission Standards Board

Official Designation: Election Assistance Commission Standards Board

The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) hereby Charters the Standards Board established in title II section 211 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) [Pub. L. 107-252] pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

Objectives and Duties

1. The objective of the Standards Board (the Board) is to advise the EAC through review of the voluntary voting systems guidelines (VVSG) described in title II Part 3 of HAVA when the EAC proposes updates to the VVSG; through review of the voluntary guidance described under title III of HAVA; and through the review of the best practices recommendations contained in the report submitted under Section 242(b) of title II of HAVA.

2. The Board will function solely as an advisory body and will comply fully with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

Membership

1. The Board shall consist of 110 members. Fifty-five members shall be State election officials selected by the chief State election official of each State. Fifty-five shall be local election officials selected under a process supervised by the chief election official of the State. The two members of the Standards Board who represent the same State may not be members of the same political party (HAVA title II section 213(a)). Vacancy appointments shall be made in the same manner as the original appointments.

2. The Board shall select nine of its members as an Executive Board of whom, not more than five may be State election officials; not more than five may be local election officials; and not more than five may be members of the same political party. Members of the Executive Board shall serve two-year terms and may not serve more than three consecutive terms. Of the initial Executive Board, three members shall serve for one term; three shall serve for two consecutive terms; and three shall serve for three consecutive terms, as determined by lot at the time the members are first appointed. (HAVA title II, section 213(c).)