

the GA Responsibility Areas the guaranty agency or team of guaranty agencies wishes to assume, a discussion of the following:

- The specific objectives the guaranty agency or team proposes to accomplish.
- The specific activities the guaranty agency or team of guaranty agencies proposes to perform to meet those objectives.
- Where possible, summaries of and links to research providing justification for specific activities the guaranty agency or team of guaranty agencies proposes to perform. This information is particularly valuable for activities included in GA Responsibility Areas II and III.
- An implementation plan for carrying out the specific activities proposed for each GA Responsibility Area.
- A description of the expertise and accomplishments the guaranty agency or team of guaranty agencies has for the activities of each of the GA Responsibility Areas requested.
- How the proposed VFA would improve services to borrowers, lenders, schools, and the Department of Education.
- The specific performance metrics the guaranty agency or team of guaranty agencies proposes to use to measure benefits of the VFA to borrowers, lenders, students, and taxpayers.
- Plans for an evaluation scheme for the activities assigned to the guaranty agency or team of guaranty agencies, including, if feasible, plans for the evaluations to be conducted by an independent agency or organization not affiliated with the guaranty agency or agencies. As noted with some specificity under the discussions for each of the GA Responsibility Areas, evaluations should emphasize outcomes and not only outputs.
- Specific financing plans for each of the GA Responsibility Areas requested by the guaranty agency or team of guaranty agencies.
- How the proposal will create efficiencies in performing the activities of the GA Responsibility Area or Areas assumed by the guaranty agency or the team of guaranty agencies.
- An explanation of the likely impact the proposed VFA may have on the continued financial and operational viability of the guaranty agency.
- Any limitations on the expansion of the activities of the GA Responsibility Area beyond the existing portfolio and/or service area of the guaranty agency, including any timing constraints to such an expansion.
- How each guaranty agency will comply with FISMA.

Availability of Proposals

VFA proposals will generally be considered public documents and will be available to members of the public and to other guaranty agencies. However, the Secretary intends to exempt pricing and financing information included in the proposal from disclosure as confidential business information.

Selection

After reviewing and evaluating each VFA proposal received in response to this notice, the Secretary will decide whether to begin discussions with the guaranty agency or team of guaranty agencies that submitted the proposal to develop the VFAs. These discussions will address issues such as:

- The financing plan for the activities to be assumed by the guaranty agency or team of guaranty agencies.
- The budgets, allocation methods, and financing mechanisms (including performance-based financing mechanisms) that will be used to reimburse the guaranty agency for the activities it has assumed.
- Required reporting, including audit requirements.
- The standards by which each guaranty agency's performance of its responsibilities under the VFA will be assessed.
- The circumstances under which the VFA may be terminated by the Secretary.
- Other provisions that the Secretary may determine to be necessary to protect the United States from the risk of unreasonable loss and to promote the purpose of the Federal student aid programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Privacy Act of 1974, as Amended; Computer Matching Program

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (Privacy Act) (5 U.S.C. 552a), the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Final Guidance Interpreting the Provisions of Public Law 100-503, the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988*, 54 FR 25818 (June 19, 1989), and OMB Circular A-130, Appendix I, notice is hereby given of the renewal of the computer matching program between the U.S. Department of Education (ED) (the recipient agency) and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) (the source agency). After the ED and VA Data Integrity Boards approve a new computer matching agreement (CMA), the computer matching program will begin on the effective date as specified in the CMA and as indicated in paragraph 5 of this notice.

In accordance with the Privacy Act and applicable OMB guidance, the following information is provided:

1. Names of Participating Agencies

The U.S. Department of Education (ED) and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

2. Purpose of the Match

The purpose of this matching program between ED and VA is to verify the veteran's status of applicants for financial assistance under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, (HEA), who claim to be veterans.

The Secretary of Education is authorized by the HEA to administer the Title IV programs and to enforce the terms and conditions of the HEA.

Section 480(c)(1) of the HEA defines the term "veteran" to mean "any individual who (A) has engaged in the active duty in the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard; and (B) was released under a

condition other than dishonorable.” (20 U.S.C. 1087vv(c)(1)). Under section 480(d)(1)(D) of the HEA, an applicant who is a veteran (as defined in section 480(c)(1)) is considered an independent student for purposes of Title IV, HEA program assistance eligibility, and therefore does not have to provide parental income and asset information to apply for Title IV, HEA program assistance. (20 U.S.C. 1087vv(d)(1)(D)).

3. Authority for Conducting the Matching Program

ED is authorized to participate in the matching program under sections 480(c)(1) and 480(d)(1)(D) of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1087vv(c)(1) and (d)(1)(D)). VA is authorized to participate in the matching program under 38 U.S.C. 523.

4. Categories of Records and Individuals Covered by the Match

ED will provide the Social Security number and other identifying information of each applicant who indicates veteran status. This information will be disclosed from the Federal Student Aid Application File system of records (18–11–01), which was most recently published in the **Federal Register** on December 29, 2009 (74 FR 68802–68808). ED will disclose this information to VA under routine use No. 14. ED data will be matched against data in the Veterans and Beneficiaries Identification and Records Location Subsystem—VA (38VA21) system of records, under routine use No. 21, as added to that system of records by a notice published in the **Federal Register** on June 4, 2001 (66 FR 30049–50).

5. Effective Dates of the Matching Program

The matching program will be effective on the last of the following dates: (1) June 24, 2011, the day after the expiration of the current computer matching agreement; (2) 30 days after notice of the matching program described in the CMA has been published in the **Federal Register**; or (3) 40 days after a report concerning the matching program has been transmitted to OMB and transmitted to Congress along with a copy of the CMA, unless OMB waives 10 days of this 40-day period for compelling reasons shown, in which case 30 days after transmission of the report to OMB and Congress. The matching program will continue for 18 months after the effective date of the CMA and may be extended for an additional 12 months thereafter, if the conditions specified in 5 U.S.C. 552a(o)(2)(D) have been met.

6. Address for Receipt of Public Comments or Inquiries

Individuals wishing to comment on this matching program or obtain additional information about the program, including requesting a copy of the CMA between ED and VA, should contact Mr. Leroy Everett, Management and Program Analyst, U.S. Department of Education, Federal Student Aid, Union Center Plaza, 830 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: (202) 377–3265. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1–800–877–8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Secretary of Energy Advisory Board Natural Gas Subcommittee

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an open meeting of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (SEAB) Natural Gas Subcommittee. SEAB was reestablished pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 86 Stat. 770) (the Act). This notice is provided in accordance with the Act.

DATES:

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

10 a.m.–12 p.m.

1:30 p.m.–4 p.m.

Thursday, June 2, 2011

10 a.m.–12 p.m.

1 p.m.–4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Renee Stone, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585; *e-mail to:* shalegas@hq.doe.gov or at the following Web site: <http://www.shalegas.energy.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The SEAB was reestablished to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary on the Department's basic and applied research, economic and national security policy, educational issues, operational issues and other activities as directed by the Secretary. The Natural Gas Subcommittee was established to provide advice and recommendations to the Full Board on how to improve the safety and environmental performance of natural gas hydraulic fracturing from shale formations, thereby harnessing a vital domestic energy resource while ensuring the safety of citizen's drinking water and the health of the environment. President Obama directed Secretary Chu to convene this group as part of the President's “Blueprint for a Secure Energy Future”—a comprehensive plan to reduce America's oil dependence, save consumers money, and to make our country the leader in clean energy industries.

Purpose of the Meeting: The purpose of this meeting is to allow Subcommittee members to hear directly from natural gas stakeholders.

Tentative Agenda: The meeting will start at 10 a.m. on June 1, 2011. The tentative meeting agenda includes presentations from industry representative and environmental groups. From approximately 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., the Subcommittee will hear presentations from industry representatives. From 1:30 p.m. to 3:30